

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin a new month we build on our award celebrations that pay special attention to our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations and our school motto of FAITH, EXCELLENCE and TEAMWORK. Each month we celebrate a boy and a girl in each class who model this expectation.

This month we celebrate being , “ An Effective Communicator.”

Pope Francis has invited us all to make a deeper connection in a Year Of Mercy.

On the topic of Communication he writes, “The theme highlights the capacity of good communication to open up a space for dialogue, mutual understanding and reconciliation, thereby allowing fruitful human encounters to flourish.

Later he states, “At a time when our attention is often drawn to the polarized and judgmental nature of much commentary on social networks, the theme invokes the power of words and gestures to overcome misunderstandings, to heal memories and to build peace and harmony.” We begin a new year at this school with plans to support our students, our staff and our parents/guardians to better communicate(Talk/Listen/Act) so we can be more merciful to all.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

All families received our first newsletter. We post ours electronically.

The monthly newsletter is available on-line through our website:

<http://stmm.hwcdsb.ca/>

If you do require a hard copy, please have your child pick up a copy at the office at the beginning of the month. A note to the Main Office will help us keep track.

Also, feel free to look up our Board's website, it is very informative and interactive. Go to:

<http://www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca/>

Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor 2017

On **Sunday October 15, 2017** our Intermediate students are invited to participate in a Pilgrimage “Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor” which will raise money to support projects in Third World countries.

Buses will leave our school close to 9:00 a.m. and will return to the school after the event. (more details to come closer to the event).

The Opening Liturgy and Walk will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School and finishing at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School.

Forms will be going home with the participating students.

We ask your support in encouraging your child to participate in this event. Thanks to Mrs. Piro-Cinelli for co-ordinating this event for our school this year! We are encouraged by the strong numbers attending this year.

“Unite yourself with Jesus
... in all that you do”
St. Margaret Mary

Director of Education
Mr. D. Hansen

Superintendent
Mrs. S. Pizzuti

Trustee
Mr. J. Baiardo

Principal
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Assistant
Mrs. L. Piro-Cinelli

St. Margaret Mary Parish

Fr. Jeffrey Oerhing
(905) 388 - 2200

Weekend Masses
Sat. 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am /
10:15 am / 12:00 noon

BEFORE AND AFTER
Contact Miss Davies at
(c) 289 776 7690 for any
questions you may have.

*St. Margaret Mary Prayer
Eternal Father,*

*You entrusted St. Margaret Mary
with the grace to spread devotion to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

*Help us embrace the love of Christ
by following Saint Margaret Mary's
loving example.*

*Guide us along the right path and
bless us as we seek to unite our-
selves to You in all our thoughts,
our words and our actions.*

*May we, like Saint Margaret Mary,
always find lasting strength,
courage and peace in You.*

*We ask this through the Sacred
Heart of Jesus, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, forever and ever.*

Amen

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017—2018

Elections were held on Wed. September 27, 2017 for selecting our voting members on the Catholic School Council. Thank you to all parents and guardians who put forth their name for nomination.

We are pleased to announce the 2017—2018 Catholic School Council Executive
Parent (Voting) Members

<u>Chair:</u>	Mrs. Ammendolia
<u>Co-Chair</u>	Mrs. Impagliatelli
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs. Gambale
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs. Casey
<u>Councillor :</u>	Mrs. DeGregorio
<u>Councillor</u>	Mrs. Graham
<u>Councillor</u>	Mr. Janssen
<u>Councillor</u>	Mrs. Lauricella
<u>Councillor</u>	Mrs. Panacci



Non-Parent Members	<u>Principal:</u>	Mr. J. Coons
	<u>Principal Intern:</u>	Mrs. Piro-Cinelli

We invite all to view CSC minutes, CSC Newsletters and updates on School Events. Come out to meetings

STUDENT COUNCIL 2016-2017

The Student Council provides an opportunity for Student Voice and leadership at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School.

A sincere thank you to all the students who ran for Student Council.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Di Salvia and Mme. Mc Murrich who will be the Student Council Advisors for this year).

Your Student Council Executive is:	<u>President :</u>	Lucas Yachouh
	<u>Vice-Presidents</u>	Jake Casey
	<u>Treasurer:</u>	Zachary Paolini
	<u>Secretary:</u>	Sarah Zavitz
	<u>Media Reps:</u>	Megan Huskic, Olivia Janssen, Jeremiah John, Naveen Tagarino
		Class Representatives to be selected the first week of October

PARISH PASTA DINNER Sunday November 12, 2017

St. Margaret Mary parish invites all parishioners, for Sunday Pasta Supper at Michelangelo Banquet Centre, Sunday, November 12th at 5:30 pm SHARP! Purchase your tickets before 1:30pm Sunday, October 22nd and your name will be entered into an early bird draw for a chance to win a Chauffeured limousine ride to and from the supper. ticket sales begin, September 30th – October 1st in the Hearth Room, before and after weekend Mass. Ticket price Adult \$15.00 children 4-10 years \$7.00. Tickets will not be NOT SOLD at the door.

CYO Sports (Visit the website...go to Participate link)



CYO sports are well underway. Currently in progress we have Junior and Senior Flag Football, Senior Girls Basketball and Fall Cross Country. We would like to thank the coaches for volunteering their time to work with the students.





Please follow the NEW Board system for reporting LATES and ABSENCES. This system is to support the SAFE ARRIVAL of all students.

See the Web Site and Board link for more details. GET THE APP.

PARENT CONFERENCE 2017

A reminder that our Board hosts its Annual Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Sunday November 12, 2017.

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School is a NUT SENSITIVE site.

We request the co-operation of parents in not sending foods with peanut products to school. Several of our students are highly allergic and we ask for your help in ensuring that risk of a life-threatening illness is kept to a minimum.

SCHOOL SECURITY: VISITORS AND APPOINTMENTS

To maintain a safe school, it is imperative **all** visitors report to the school office, including parents dropping off lunches and other items. The students will be notified of the items by the Main Office.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment please report to the Main Office.

Contact by a written note or phone call must be made to the school informing of the necessary arrangements. The classroom teacher will send the student to the Main Office at the appropriate time and the parent/guardian will meet the child at the Main Office.

If you are volunteering please sign in at the Main Office.

If you are having a scheduled interview with a teacher, please sign in and notify the Main Office.

Emergency Drills

It is important for Parents and Guardians to know that our school practices a series of Emergency Drills. We work with our Board, Police, and Fire Departments to ensure safety and consistency with these procedures. Our staff and our students demonstrate that they take these practices seriously.

FIRE DRILLS are practiced 3 times (from Sept. to the end of Dec.) and 3 times (from Jan. to end of June)

LOCKDOWN Drills are practiced once from Sept. to the end of Dec.) and once (from Jan. to end of June)

These vary in levels from a Full Lockdown to Hold and Secure to Shelter in Place.

Students and staff continue to be familiar with these terms and we seek to improve on all.

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Coons, Principal

Come to the St. Margaret Mary Parish Annual Bazaar
in the school gym

25 Brentwood Drive, Hamilton

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 4, 2017



Plenty to find at the White Elephant Shop
Crafts and Bake Sales



Win prizes at the Penny Sale



Turkey Draw

Big Screen TV Draw

Capital Prize Draw



Pictures
with Santa
11 am to 1 pm



Breakfast 9 to 11 am
Lunch 11 to 2:30 pm



Kids will enjoy
Face Painting, Fish Pond and
Colouring Contest for
Ages 3 to 8

