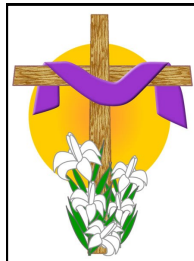


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FAITH



This month we are in Lenten Season as we prepare to celebrate the Holy Feast of Easter and we enter a time of new beginnings. Through the resurrection of Jesus we are given new hope in our daily lives and new paths for peace and justice in our world. We give great thanks and praise Jesus for the fullness of new life within ourselves and the world.

Spring will soon arrive where we witness the blossoming of new life all around us, and it provides us further opportunity to pray for the many blessings that we have.

Holy Thursday March 29, 2018	Good Friday March 30, 2018	Holy Saturday March 31, 2018	Easter Sunday April 1, 2018
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On Friday February 9, 2018 our Grade 7 Confirmandi received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Crosbie. We joined St. Anthony Daniel and St. Kateri Catholic Elementary Schools. Thank you to our parish team for their time and support in preparing the students. Thank you to Mrs. Czajkowski and our Choir.



RECONCILIATION

On Thursday February 22, 2018 our Grade 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Margaret Mary Church. Father Bergsma, The Parish Team and many families in attendance celebrated this milestone on the Faith Journey of our Grade 2 students.

Mr. Coons and Mrs. Piro-Cinelli thank the staff (Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fidanza, Mrs. Matozzo and Mrs. Molinaro) and celebrate the love of the families who have made their children's Faith a priority.

**P.A. Day
THIS Friday March 2, 2018**

FAITH TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE

We are blessed to have the support of our Board, Parish, CSC, Staff and Students willing to come together to support our Spiritual Well-Being.

We are pleased to invite all families to an evening of Spiritual Wellness on **Wednesday March 21, 2018** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in our School Gymnasium.

Our School Choir will sing at a liturgy to begin the evening.

The Diocese of Hamilton is bringing the St. John's Bible. Families will have an opportunity for to create a work of art to take home based on the Bible.

Andy Burns, Religion and Family Life Consultant with the HWCDSSBoard will teach all about Christian Meditation.

A note will be home soon to sign up.

March 2018

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

BEFORE AND AFTER

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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 ourselves 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

Our Catholic School Council has secured a grant to host a series of evenings to promote Mental and Physical Well-Being for families. As we continue to provide events to support our motto of FAITH, TEAMWORK and EXCELLENCE we turn our attention to our Spiritual Well-Being as we host a night of Christian Meditation and Bible Study.

On **Wednesday March 21, 2018 from 6:00—7:30 pm** we have invited staff from the Diocese of Hamilton to bring a copy of the St. John Bible to share with our students and families. This version of the Bible is of great size, beautifully calligraphied and illustrated and presented so that it can be seen ,and touched, by all under the direction of the Staff of the Diocese of Hamilton.

We are also blessed to have Andy Burns, Religion and Family Life Consultant from the H.W.C.D.S.Board, lead us in Christian Meditation. This is an opportunity to extend your understanding of a practice your children take part in every day at school.



We hope to see many families here that evening.

Student Attendance

Of increasing concern is the number of students who are **arriving to school late in the mornings**. Any student who arrives to school following the bell which is rung at **8:30 a.m.** will be marked late.

We understand that mornings are hectic and running late may happen because of unforeseen circumstances, however, it's very important that good routines be set and maintained with students. There are some students who are late on a consistent basis. Instructional time begins immediately. Arriving late causes disruptions for the other students in the class and the teacher who needs to get the day's activities underway.

It also leads to unnecessary calls having to be made home as students are marked initially absent.

Please make every effort to get your child to school on time in the morning.

Punctuality and **responsibility** are key skills that we need to instill in our children in all aspects of life.

Notes go home to remind those who need our help in having arrive on time and attend school regularly.

BEFORE WE “MARCH FORTH” into another Month some reminders :
Some parents are finding their children are getting more and more sick .
We remind all parents and students at our school to wash hands regularly,
use proper cough etiquette and stay home when necessary to keep others healthy.
Public Health is contacted when large number of students are away.



CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES TO THE **BEFORE AND AFTER** PROGRAM AND THE **PARENT AND FAMILY LITERACY CENTRE**. Find them on our website under the heading SUPPORT

EXCELLENCE

SCIENCE FAIR 2018

Thank you to all participants for helping to make this year's School Science Fair a success. We would like to acknowledge everyone that volunteered to help set up and judge the fair. Without your assistance, this event would not have been possible. We are proud of everyone's efforts and would like to congratulate the students involved, that will represent St. Margaret Mary Catholic School at the System Science Fair held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday March 4 2018.

Thank you to Mme. DiSalvia and staff for supporting those interested in this event. Representing our school will be:

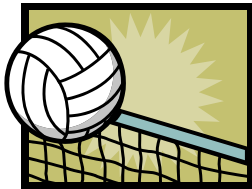
Isabella D. and Callie S.
Grayce K.
Christopher L.
Mary O. and Leah F.
Monique R.
Anthony S.



In Athletics, We were proud to have a number of teams participate in C.Y.O. Sports this winter. Each coach reported that our teams represented our school well both in terms of level of competition and sportsmanship.

New this year we participated in an Indoor track and Field Meet at First Ontario Credit Union Centre. Mrs. Townsend and Mme. DiSalvia congratulate Lucas Y. (Bronze-long jump and Triple Jump), Anthony S. (Silver: Long Jump) and Christopher L. (First in his heat in the 300m).

Grade 7&8 athletes represented our school well at this Indoor Meet. Good luck in June at the CYO Track and Field Meet..



Our school once again supported the Catholic Youth Organization's Annual C.Y.O. Golden Horseshoe Celebrity Sports Dinner and Gala at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Thursday February 22, 2018. Thank you to Mrs. Ippolito, our CYO Rep. and all the many staff and parent coaches.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL
Mr. Saturnino, Mr. DeGregorio,
Mr. McMurray, Mr. Ham (Coaches)

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL
Mrs. Townsend (Coach)

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL
Mrs. Pendlebury (Coach)

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL
Mrs. Ippolito (Coach)

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
(City Finalists)
Mrs. Pitura-Salerno (Coach)

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Mme. McMurrich, Mr. McQuaid (Coaches)



ENJOY THE MARCH BREAK
(March 12-16, 2018)
Happy St. Patrick's Day March 17

