

# Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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**October 2018**

## 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. Awards Assembly is Oct. 30, 2018. 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 2018**

On **Sunday October 14, 2018** 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 Mr. McQuaid 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  
Mr. K. McQuaid

St. Margaret Mary Par-  
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Fr. Jeffrey Oerhing  
(905) 388 - 2200

Weekend Masses  
Sat. 7:00 pm  
Sunday 9 and 11am

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  
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*

## Safe drinking water

Results from 2018 water testing for schools of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are now available. We are happy to report that lead testing results for St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School have met the Ontario drinking water quality lead standard of 10 micrograms per litre (10 µg/L) or below.

Since 2007, Ontario law has required Child Care Centres and schools to flush their plumbing and test their drinking water for lead.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018—2019

Elections were held on Wed. September 26, 2018 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 2018—2019 Catholic School Council Executive

<b>Parent (Voting) Members</b>	<b><u>Co-Chair:</u></b>	<b>Mrs. DeGregorio</b>
	<b><u>Co-Chair</u></b>	<b>Mrs. Graham</b>
	<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	<b>Mrs. Lauricella</b>
	<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	<b>Mrs. Ammendolia</b>
	<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b>Mrs. Janssen</b>



<b>Non-Parent Members</b>	<b><u>Principal:</u></b>	<b>Mr. Coons</b>
	<b><u>Principal Intern:</u></b>	<b>Mr. McQuaid</b>
	<b><u>Staff Rep.</u></b>	<b>Madame DiSalvia</b>

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

St. Margaret Mary has a proud tradition of having an active and supportive CSC.

We look forward to another year supporting this great Catholic School community.

Please come out and support us whenever you can. **NEXT MEETING: Monday October 29, 2018**

## STUDENT COUNCIL 2018-2019

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:	<b><u>President :</u></b>	<b>Anthony S.</b>
	<b><u>Vice-Presidents</u></b>	<b>Julian A.</b>
	<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	<b>Lucas H.</b>
	<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	<b>Sarah Z.</b>
	<b><u>Media Reps:</u></b>	<b>Mirella C., Alicia K., Megan H., Abigail H.</b>
	<b><u>ECO Rep.</u></b>	<b>Natalie M.</b>
	<b>Class Representatives to be selected the first week of October</b>	

## 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.





Our School now uses School Messenger as our attendance contact source for Parents and Guardians. Families are to sign up and use this to APP to contact the school for attendance and to receive school updates electronically.  
See the website for more information.

## **PARENT CONFERENCE 2018**

**A reminder that our Board hosts its Annual Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Sunday November 3, 2018. Admission is free and there are great**

***St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School*** is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;

Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)

Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

**Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:**

There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items:  
nuts, tree nuts, red dye, egg, shellfish

## **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.

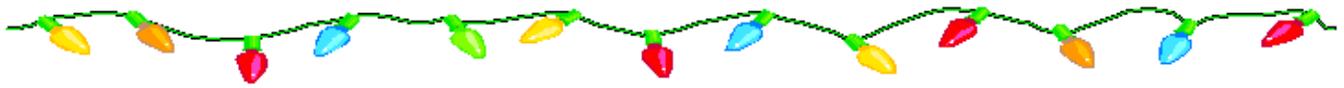
**FIRE DRILLS** are practiced 3 times (from Sept. to the end of Dec.) and 3 times (from Jan. to end of June)

**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.

**BOMB THREAT:** Drills practiced with students evacuating the school. This Drill involves going off-site. Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Coons, Principal



Come to the St. Margaret Mary Parish Annual Bazaar  
in the school gym at  
25 Brentwood Drive, Hamilton  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
November 3, 2018



Fish Pond,  
Face Painting  
How many jelly beans in the jar



Pictures  
with Santa  
11 am to 1 pm



Breakfast  
9 am - 11 am  
Lunch  
11 am to 1:30 pm



Parents, search out finds at the White Elephant Shop  
Crafts and Bake Sales. Remember there are many  
chances to win prizes.....Penny Sale  
Turkey Draw, Big Screen TV Draw  
Capital Prize Draw  
50/50 Draw  
Gift Card Wreath