

# Faith, Teamwork, Excellence

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**November 2018**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is such an important month. It is a time for remembering. We remember and pray for the living and the dead. We pray for the people we care for and those who we love and have lost.

We pray for all soldiers, past and present. We pray for their brave acts of courage and for all they have done to protect us, to give us freedoms we may have never known. We pray to God for the gift of life that he has blessed each one of us with so graciously.

In our community we have families who feel the loss of their family members in our Armed forces and in past wars around the globe. For all the Saints, For all the Souls of the Faithfully Departed, We pray:

Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let Perpetual Light shine upon them.  
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,  
Rest in Peace,  
Amen.



## NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NEWS

All families received our September newsletter. We post ours electronically. The monthly newsletter AND CALENDAR are available on-line through our website:

[stmm.hwcdsb.ca](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:

[hwcdsb.edu.on.ca/](http://hwcdsb.edu.on.ca/)

## ONTARIO GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS FOR NOVEMBER A Reflective , Creative , Holistic Thinker

**This month we invite you to help your child become a reflective and creative thinker. Provide opportunities for you and your family to discuss important matters that invite each one to stop, think and offer thoughts.**

**In your home, in our school community and our world we need to value all opinions and consider solutions from everyone. Truly listen.**

**As you do so remember that St. Margaret Mary invites us to "Unite yourself with Jesus...in all that you do."**

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... in all that you do"  
St. Margaret Mary

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

*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*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Christmas is just around the corner and it's time to embrace the festive spirit with a beautiful poinsettia for your home, office or to give as a gift. To help kick off the Christmas season, your St Margaret Mary CSC will be selling Christmas Wreaths, poinsettias and planters this year. Order forms are due Friday Nov. 16, 2018 with guaranteed delivery date on Thursday Dec. 6, 2018. Cheques must be made payable to St. Margaret Mary School but will also be accepting cash. Poinsettia orders will be available for pick up on Thurs. Dec. 6 from 3 pm to 8 pm. in our School Gymnasium. We thank you for your ongoing support.

### **ANAPHYLAXIS At St. Margaret Mary**

**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: Nut Products , peanuts (ingested), Tree Nuts (ingested)  
: Egg Products  
: Shrimp (ingested)  
: Sunflowers

Parents will be advised of allergens specific to a classroom; please avoid bringing these allergens into the designated classroom.

Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.

Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.

Please do NOT bring any home-made food products into the school; with permission, non-food items are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.

**Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.**

#### **TASR CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Our school continues a School –wide initiative to support conflict resolution for all students in all grades. TASR stands for:  
**T HINK** before you act and recognize consequences  
**A SK** people to STOP and seek answers to understand them  
**S TATE YOUR FEELINGS** so they stop. Apologize if necessary  
**R ESOLVE THE CONFLICT** so all agree  
You may still need Staff help

Our students have a Conflict Resolution model that can help them today and throughout their school years.

#### **EMERGENCY DRILLS**

We conduct three kinds of Emergency Drills at our school: Bomb Threat, Fire Drills, Lockdowns. Students are trained and practice how to respond to a Fire by attending to bells and safely exiting the building. Bomb Threats result in an immediate evacuation. Lockdowns can be of varying degrees;  
Lockdown secures the building. No entry. Staff and Students in safe places.  
Hold and Secure: No entry. School continues  
Shelter In Place: No exit until safe (ex. weather)  
We train so we are ready for emergencies.  
Ask your child how they have already prepared for these.

## Progress Reports and Parent/Guardian Interviews (Thursday November 15, 2018 3- 8:30 p.m.)

Parents/Guardian will be receiving Progress reports from classroom teachers on Tuesday November, 13, 2018. Interviews will be scheduled by the teachers as per times provided by the families. We do our best to accommodate requests and support that many of these interviews will take place at other dates and times that work for families and staff. This is the first report on progress for the year. Contact your child's teacher to set alternative arrangements. Celebrate strengths and support some next steps to help students do their best.



We appreciate that students like to play with toys and gaming cards for fun. They can be instructional and can teach co-operation and fair trade. **However, too often these toys (ex. Fidget Spinners, Pokemon Cards, etc.) are becoming distractions in class and leading to fights and even stealing!** To this end we are encouraging Parents/Guardians to NOT allow these toys to come to school. Classes have games available for free time in class. Lost or stolen toys are not the responsibility of the school. (similar to our Handheld Device Policy). We encourage students to find other activities at school for fun. Thank you for your support.

### November Eco News!

Did you know the average student's school lunch creates about 30 kilograms of waste per year?

In an effort to maintain our Eco Gold Status, starting next week - every Wednesday at St. Margaret Mary will be a Boomerang Lunch. This will continue throughout the year.

Boomerang Lunch means that there is absolutely no garbage put in the garbage cans on Wednesdays. Class Eco reps are reminded to move the classroom garbage can out of sight on these days. This is a good opportunity to bring a lunch packed in reusable containers because all wrappers must be brought home.



### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH Tip #82 –

Prayer and the education of children in the faith are seen as specific responsibilities of Christian parents, as well as grandparents. Our world is fast paced and we sometimes forget that our children need a place that will act as a cocoon, making them feel safe, loved and protected. We need to create purposeful moments when we gather as a family and share our values through conversations and family activities and where we share our faith through prayer and perhaps reading and discussing a passage from the Bible. Families build the foundation on which our children stand in the world – educating our children in their faith is a proven way to make that foundation solid enough to withstand anything.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### 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 office.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment please report to the 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 office at the appropriate time and the parent/guardian will meet the child at the office.

If you are visiting or volunteering please sign in at the office.

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



*November 1, 2018.*

*Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Margaret Mary Community, Christmas is just around the corner and it is time to embrace the festive spirit! As part of the Catholic School Council (CSC) fundraising efforts this year - and to help everyone get into the Christmas season spirit - your CSC will be selling beautiful poinsettias to add to your home, office and/or to give as a gift.*

*We are offering a variety of beautiful Christmas poinsettias. Please see the attached flyer and order form.*

*Orders forms and money must be returned to the school by:  
Friday November 16, 2018.*

*Payments can be made by cash or cheque made out to St. Margaret Mary School.*

*All poinsettias will be delivered to the school **Thursday December 6, 2018** All orders must be pick up at the school on that day. CSC Members will be present for pick up distribution between the hours of **3 p.m and 8 p.m .***

*Our school will receive money back for every item we sell. Please support our school. Our goal is to fundraise to provide fun events and promote Mental Well-being to our St. Margaret Mary community. We appreciate your support.*

*As always if you have any questions please contact a Catholic School Council member or email [stmmcsc@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcsc@gmail.com).*

*Thank you in advance,*

*St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Council*

