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*“But above all preserve peace of heart. This is more valuable than any treasure.”
St. Margaret Mary*

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.

The reading cited is a very popular one. This past month readings spoke to, Beloved...”
At the Parish I attend Father recommended this to use each descriptor of love as a great checklist to examine our conscience.
“Actions speak louder than words” is another saying when speaking of Love but the reading reminds us of the need for both when required.
As parents, staff and students we have opportunity to show love to God and each other every day.
Do not hesitate to say and show love.
- The Bible : 1 Corinthians 13:4 -



Our Patron Saint, St. Margaret Mary, invites us to “unite ourselves to Jesus...in all you do.” That includes how we park and drive. I have received complaints and concerns from families who are concerned for the **safety of the children** and families on school property and on the roads crossing to get to school. I also receive calls from neighbours who are having driveways blocked by parked cars. **Please make safety of all a priority.**



St. Margaret Mary School JK/SK Registration

Registrations now use an electronic format. Call the Main Office for more details.

Parents are asked to call the school at 905-383-8122 to make an appointment
To be eligible for Jr. Kindergarten a child must be four years of age before Dec. 31, 2019. We require the following information to be provided at the time of registration:

- Birth Certificate**
- Baptismal Certificate**
- Immunization Record**
- Emergency Contact Name and Number**

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School wishes Mr. Tartaglia a happy retirement after over 30 years of teaching. An Assembly honored him with a loving tribute including praying a decade of the Rosary as a whole school.
God Bless You, Mr. Tartaglia

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Grade Seven Students will be Confirmed on Tuesday March 5, 2019 by Bishop Crosby at 7:00 p.m. at St.Margaret Mary Church.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On our Grade 2 students will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St. Margaret Mary Church at either the Feb. 9, 16 or 23 Mass at 5pm.

February 2018

Director of Education
Mr. D. Hansen

Superintendent
Mrs. S. Pizzuti

Trustee
Mr. J. Baiardo

Principal
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Intern
Mr. K. McQuaid

St. Margaret Mary Parish
Father Oehring
(905) 388 - 2200

Weekend Masses
Sat. 5 pm
Sunday
9am / 11 am

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*

DIVERSITY CORNER



We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull.

Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.



All people smile in the same language.

Anonymous

REPORT CARDS 2019

You will be receiving a copy of your child's Report Card for Term I (September to January) on Tuesday Feb.12, 2019 Four pages will come home.

Keep pages that do not require signatures
Please return the signed sections to the school.

I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the Heart of Jesus.

St. Margaret Mary

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

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.

We will have some treats at our school (ex. CSC Move-A-Thon). We will always encourage staff and families to also respect the Board's suggestions outlined in our Nutrition Policy.

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During the month of January, the ECO club has run a number of events and programs. We are now successfully running "Refuse the Spoon" every Friday encouraging own utensils in place of plastic spoons for treats. This program has helped reduce the overflow of green bin contents at our school.

The Book Swap went over very well with lots of donated books and lots of smiling faces going home with their choice of a gently used book. Thanks to all who donated!

The ECO Team would like to thank parents, students and staff for their continued support of our ECO initiatives.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

VALENTINE'S DAY MOVE-A-THON February 14, 2019

Our St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Council (CSC) is running a Valentine's Day Move-A-Thon as a major FUNdraiser. Sponsorship forms go home on February 1, 2019. Donations to be sent in by families using the envelope.

Classes will be invited down to the Gymnasium at a set time to move to music. Families can visit but must sign in at the Main Office. (No pictures of groups please as we respect the privacy of all).

Students will also have opportunities leading up to the event to purchase tickets to win raffle prizes with items donated by families. One basket per class to be raffled off.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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.



WE NEED LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS.

This is A PAID position for 1 hour (11:20 am - 12:20pm)
Please contact the school for details and availability.



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