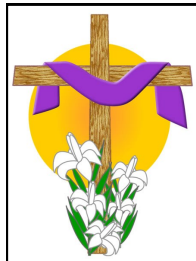


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FAITH



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.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary wishes **Mr. Kelly**, Custodian, the very best as he begins his **retirement** starting after the March Break. You will be missed. We wish you and your family Irish Blessings: The hope of a childlike heart to you. The joy of a thousand angels to you, The love of the Son and God's peace to you.



On March 5, 2019 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 Mrs. Salerno and our parish team for their time and support in preparing the students. Thank you to staff who attended the Mass. Thank you to Mrs. Czajkowski and our Choir.



RECONCILIATION

Throughout February, our Grade 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Margaret Mary Church. Father Oehring and the Parish Team worked to include our parish Community in witnessing this Sacrament with our students and families..

Mr. Coons , Principal and Mr. McQuaid, Principal Intern, thank Mr. Dvilaitis and Mrs. Matozzo and celebrate the love of the families who have made their children's Faith a priority.

Mr. Coons, Principal, is joining a group of ten Principals and Teachers on a D.R.E.A.M.S. Project in the Dominican Republic. over the March Break. All staff have to entirely pay their cost all by themselves. No funds accepted.

However, to pay for the materials and support the agency in charge, there have been generous contributions from the Catholic School Council (\$800), a large number of unused SMM School Gym uniforms donated and our School Choir performed in a Talent Show to raise funds. Our school is very generous.

All in all, over \$10, 000 was raised by all schools involved toward construction of buildings for Elementary D.R.E.A.M.S 2019.

March 2019

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Weekend Masses
Sat. 5:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 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

Your Catholic School Council works very hard to support activities that build community and provide the best for all students using our motto of FAITH, TEAMWORK and EXCELLENCE. Using that model we can update that fundraising has been completed for the year with a successful Pointsetta Sale and February Valentine Move-A-Thon raising funds for the school. FAITH projects will include supporting the Elementary DREAMS project and promoting prayer. TEAMWORK projects include: community celebrations such as Shrove Tuesday pancakes for all, Purchasing Agendas and supporting class trips. EXCELLENCE projects include sharing Parent Voice to improve the school and offering input on topics and Supporting the School Improvement initiatives.



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.



EXCELLENCE

SCIENCE FAIR 2019

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 that represented St. Margaret Mary Catholic School at the System Science Fair held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday March 2, 2019.

Thank you to Mme. DiSalvia and staff for supporting those interested in this event.

Final results include:

SCHOOL OVERALL Awarded SILVER

Anthony S. (Gold) = BASEF Award

Julian A. and Christopher L. (Gold)

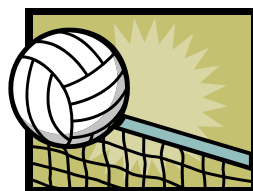
Grayce K. (Silver)

Nahor D. and Matt F. (Bronze)

Seamus B. and Xavier C. (Honorable Mention)



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.



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 28, 2019. Thank you to Mrs. Ippolito, our CYO Rep. and all the many staff and parent coaches of all our teams.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Mr. Dvilaitis

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Mrs. Ippolito (Coach)

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mrs. Pendlebury (Coach)

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mrs. Ippolito (Coach)

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

(Ms. Fortino Coach)

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mme. McMurrich, Mr. McQuaid (Coaches)



ENJOY THE MARCH BREAK
(March 9-17, 2019)
Happy St. Patrick's Day March 17

