

# Faith, Teamwork, Excellence



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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2019 May 5th - May 10th—Living as Faithful Disciples

We celebrate the gift of Catholic Education and thank you for choosing to send your children to a Catholic School. We walk forward together as parish, family and school to support all children  
**Reminder that Food donations can be dropped off at the school**  
We highlight the following themes celebrated throughout the Province and major events to be celebrated here at our school:

### Monday May 6, 2019

**Theme:** Rooted in Prayer

**Event :** Mass at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School (Gr. 6s)  
Student Council -Food Drive for non perishable donations  
Opening Liturgy for students at 9:00 a.m. (Gym)  
Grades 7 and 8 classes to Toronto for Career Day

### Tuesday May 7, 2019

**Theme:** Living in Community

**Event:** 12:10 –1:20 pm Volunteer Tea in the Learning Commons

### Wednesday May 8, 2019

**Theme:** Doing Justice and Creating Hope

**Event :** Civvies' Day “Wear Green for Wellness” (no uniform)  
10:00—11:00 am and 1:45—2:45 pm Open House  
6:30 pm Scripture Reading at Bishop Ryan Catholic School

### Thursday May 9, 2019

**Theme:** Journeying Together in Faith

**Event:** 2:30 pm Director’s Awards of Excellence for Students at the Board office for St. MM recipients

### Friday May 10, 2019

**Theme:** Sharing the Good News

**Event** 12:30 pm—May Crowning at the Church  
1:45 pm—Closing Liturgy in our Gymnasium  
Food Drive ends today



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## May 2019

Director of Education  
Mr. D. Hansen

Superintendent  
Mrs. S. Pizzuti

Trustee  
Mr. J. Baiardo

Principal  
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Intern

Mr. Kevin McQuaid

St. Margaret Mary Parish Fr. Bergsma  
(905) 388 - 2200

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*

Parents / Guardians,  
 The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary began at the beginning of the 18th century. The first book of May devotions, published in 1726 said, " When we make an offering we ought to give our best, so that among all of the months of the year we choose the most beautiful, May, the season of flowers, which invites us to crown Mary with blossoms of good deeds."  
 Please take some time to honour Our Lady through prayer and good deeds. Make it a family affair.  
**PLEASE DONATE FLOWERS AND PLANTS FOR OUR MAY 9th CROWNING.**  
*Fresh flowers and potted plants may be brought to the school in the morning of May 9th.*



**Important Dates to Remember for May**

- **Monday May 13th @ 6:30 pm—Catholic School Council Meeting in the Learning Commons**
- **Wednesday May 15th—Precious Moments Boutique at St. Mary Learning Centre—Mulberry St. (Gently used First Communion and Graduation attire available at no charge)**
- **Wednesday May 15th—CYO Cross Country event at Camp Marydale (Gr. 1-8)**
- **Wednesday May 15th—Director’s Award for Staff Recognition—Congratulations Mr. Coons for this honour**
- **Friday May 17th—Pizza Day**
- **Friday May 17th—Outdoor Soccer Tournament at St. Jean de Brebeuf High School**
- **Monday May 20th—Victoria Day—no school**
- **Wednesday May 22nd—Grade 6—Junior Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**
- **Thursday May 23rd—Grade 6—Junior Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**
- **Thursday May 23rd—6:30-7:30 pm “Welcome to Kindergarten Parent and Child Event at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School**
- **Friday May 24th—Grade 6—Junior Provincial Assessment of Reading ,Writing and Mathematics**
- **Friday May 24th—Pizza Day**
- **Tuesday May 28th—Grade 3 Primary Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**
- **Wednesday May 29th—Grade 3 Primary Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**
- **Thursday May 30th—Grade 3 Primary Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**
- **Friday May 31st—Pizza Day**

**Congratulations Student Council**



**We wish to recognize and acknowledge all those who generously donated funds to the school in Haiti as part of the school’s outreach to support and sponsor those in need. Through the recent “Wear Purple Day” the total monies raised reached \$479.05. What a wonderful testament to the spirit of giving within the St. Margaret Mary CES community!**

# Excellence

## DIRECTOR'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS

The Director's Awards of Excellence for students will be presented again this year on Thursday May 9th, 2019 at the Board Office. Congratulations to the following recipients:

The following students were nominated:

- Catholic School Mission/Vision Award  
**Simun D.**
- Academic Excellence Award  
**Lucas Y.**
- Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award  
**Alison C.**
- Environmental Stewardship  
**Julia D.**
- Religion & Family Life  
**Jenaro N.**
- Language  
**Alicia K.**
- Science/Technology  
**Anthony S.**
- Mathematics  
**Jill F.**
- Social Studies/History/Geography  
**Jack G.**
- Arts  
Health & Physical Education  
**Isabella D.**
- French as a Second Language  
**Nicole E.**



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## SCRIPTURE READING

Congratulations to our students who are participating in the O.E.C.T.A.- Trustee Intermediate Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Representing our school are:

**Grade 7: Natalie M. and Alicia K.**

**Grade 8: Mary O. and Abigail H.**

The Intermediate Scripture Reading Event enhances the children's celebration of the Word of God in a visible, active manner. The event provides an opportunity for Intermediate students to become more familiar with Scripture and more comfortable proclaiming the Word of God in a public forum.

## Yes I Can Awards!

We wish to congratulate **Douglas S.** and **Mason L.** for their recognition from our school for the Yes I Can Awards which will be presented at a special dinner and celebration on **Thursday May 9th** at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre.

We are very proud of your accomplishments and know that your families are beaming with pride as well. Enjoy the gathering with all of the award winners and the staff celebrating with you!

Well Done!

## SPRING CROSS COUNTRY on Wednesday May 15th, 2019

This year we are continue sending our whole school ( Grades 1-8) to the Spring Cross Country Meet at Marydale Park. It does promote fitness and participation. Some go to cheer on their class.

All athletes are required to have signed permission forms and return them to the school prior to the event. The route has been prepared but can be muddy so students are reminded to dress appropriately for the conditions. Should you have questions speak with your teacher. Due to the cancellation of the fall cross country event the funds that were paid in the fall will be used to cover the spring event.

**GO MARAUDERS GO!**

# Excellence

## Provincial Assessment for Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

Under the supervision of their respective teachers and the EQAO (Education, Quality and Assessment Office) students will be participating in assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics on the following dates:

**Grade 3:** Tuesday May 28, 2019  
Wednesday May 29, 2019  
Thursday May 30, 2019  
Friday May 31, 2019

**Grade 6:** Wednesday May 22nd, 2019  
Thursday May 23rd, 2019  
Friday May 24, 2019  
Monday May 27, 2019

The Assessments are based on Ontario Curriculum for the respective grades. To help our students demonstrate their best work the following reminders are highly appreciated by all parents:

- Regular attendance on the assessment dates
- Well rested students who have enjoyed a hearty breakfast
- Appointments are scheduled outside of the assessment dates
- Prompt arrival at school each day

A separate letter will be sent to all parents of children in Grades 3 and 6 with more detailed information and a link to the EQAO website. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Public Speaking Honours....

We congratulate **Sebastian A.** in Grade 4 who participated in the O.E.C.T.A. –Trustee Public Speaking event as a representative of our school at the Regional Finals. He proceeded to the City Finals where he was awarded Gold for his efforts. Way to go Sebastian!

## New to St. Margaret Mary CES

We are pleased to announce that the Coding Club has begun at our school with enthusiastic members from Grades 5 and 6 joining in on Mondays at lunch time.

We are fortunate to have a representative from the Industry Education Council (IEC) who will be helping to lead this initiative each week until June 17th. (Victoria Day excluded). A great opportunity for our students to gain new knowledge and skills in technology.

## Food Purchase Reminders

We continue to offer TCBY yogurt on at a cost of \$ 2.50 on Fridays.

In addition, we sell popcorn for \$2.00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays with proceeds going to help offset Grade 8 graduation expenses.

Food purchases meet the requirements under the Food and Beverage Policy.

## Clothes Closet

A reminder to parents that we have accumulated a generous selection of donated school uniform items at the school for your choosing. We invite parents to come to the school and take advantage of the opportunity to select items that are suitable for your child/children.

# Excellence

## Share Your Input Into Special Education Programs and Services

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is seeking your input into Special Education programs and services. The annual survey is an opportunity for parents/guardians to share their thoughts and views on current practices and areas of improvement.

Your input is a valued part of our annual review, and helps us to better serve our special education students.

To participate, please visit the board website at [hwcdsb.ca](http://hwcdsb.ca) to access the survey.

### **Special Education Survey**

## School Cash OnLine

School records indicate that St. Margaret Mary CES has 394 registered students. 302 students have signed up for Cash On Line for an "adoption rate" of 76%.

However, when we look at the actual "usage rate" it is only 48.3%. Our goal is to increase the usage rate for the school to reduce the amount of cash entering the school and having to be counted. Please help us by using Cash On Line for your school purchases.

Mrs. Walton, our School Secretary would be happy to assist with guiding parents through the process if assistance is needed.

## Journey With Us

Participate in the HWCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Planning (MYSP) Consultation

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is seeking your input into its Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The plan identifies strategic priorities that will guide board operations over the next three years.

As with our previous Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the consultation invites stakeholder input into the core areas of Catholic Community (Believing), Student Achievement & Well-Being (Achieving), and Effective Management of Resources (Serving).

The online survey is now open! Please visit the board website [hwcdsb.ca](http://hwcdsb.ca) to access the consultation. The survey was open on May 6th and can be accessed in different languages.



*We extend our prayerful best wishes to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Mother Figures as we celebrate and honour you on Mother's Day—Sunday May 12th, 2019.*

*May God continue to bless you with good health, happiness and the love of your families. Thank you for everything you do each and every day.*