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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE (from the new Principal) Welcome back to another school year

I am happy to begin a new school year here at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School. This community is known for its Faith, community involvement and success in and outside of the classroom. As our namesake, St. Margaret Mary, said, "Our hearts are made for God." We live that out everyday here in what we say and do as we come together as a catholic school community.

A new year brings together some new staff and new students. We respect the history of this school and offer our own gifts given to us. As part of respecting the history, and as I have done at my other schools, it is with care and consideration that I remind parents and guardians here that Mrs. Farkas and her staff spent many hours preparing all class lists.

Assigning students is a difficult task and we will not be able to change the classroom placements of your child.

We will begin the year in the Church, as we should, and Staff will bring students back to the school to announce their class assignments. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

As we come together this year, we can do as St. Margaret Mary did, and "Unite yourself with Jesus...in all that you do."

Mr. J. Coons, Principal

SCHOOL HOURS & ENTRY PROCEDURES

8:30 Morning Entry Bell
9:40am – 9:55 – Recess
11:15am – 12:10pm – Lunch
12:10 pm – Lunch Entry
1:30pm – 1:45pm – Recess
2:55 - Dismissal

PARENTING AND FAMILY LITERACY CENTRES

Please feel free to visit our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre. Our Centre is open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm every school day. Should you have any questions contact Mrs. Begon.

September 2014

Director of Education
Mrs. P. Amos

Superintendent
Mrs. I. Fortino

Trustee
Mr. R. Bartolotti

Principal
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Intern
Miss J. Iacozza

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 our-
selves to you in all our thoughts, our
words and our actions.*

*May we, like Saint Margaret Mary,
always find lasting strength, cour-
age 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

Staff List for 2014 –2015

Principal	Mr. J.Coons
Principal Intern	Miss Iacozza
Secretary	Mrs. Magliaro
JK / SK	Mrs. Alfano / Mrs. Peter (ECE)
JK / SK	Mrs. Czajkowsky / Mrs. Silva (ECE)
JK / SK	Mrs. Greco / Mrs. Ciarmoli (ECE)
Gr. 1	Mrs. Fidanza / Mrs. Molinaro
Gr. 1	Mss Iacozza
Gr. 1/2	Miss Sozio (LTO) for Mrs. Bierhuizen
Gr. 2	Mrs. Campbell
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Matozzo
Gr. 3	Mrs. McKenna–Fagundes
Gr. 3 / 4	Ms. McSweeney
Gr. 4	Mrs. Grunda
Gr. 4/5	Mr. Zivolak
Gr. 5/6	Mr. Tartaglia
Gr. 6	Mrs. Ippolito
Gr. 7	Mr. Curto
Gr. 7/8	Ms. Smith
Gr. 8	Mr. Iason
French/PPT	Mme Emili-McMurrich
	Mme DiSalvia
PPT	Mr. Taylor
AIT	Miss Rihar
Librarian	Mrs. Spasaro
Special Education	Mrs. Strabac
LRT/Reading Recovery	Mrs. Molinaro
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Costantini
	Mrs Masotti
	Mrs. Valerio
	Mrs. Tesone
Parenting Centre	Mrs. Begon
Caretaker	Mr. Kelly
Cleaners	Mrs. Sayegh

VOLUNTEERS

We welcome and encourage parent volunteers in our school. Parents are a very valuable resource and your involvement strengthens home-school co-operation and communication. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to contact Mrs. Strabac, our Special Resource Teacher. A criminal check is required to volunteer in the school or attend any school trips.

UNIIFORM POLICY

A reminder that our school board policy mandates that every student be in uniform. Please remember that all tops must have a school crest on them. As well, many students wear t-shirts/under shirts under their uniform tops. In keeping with the spirit of the uniform policy, the t-shirts/under shirts shall be either white or navy blue.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

The McCarthy Store is located at 125 Nebo Road.

Also, gym uniforms are mandatory for the grades 4-8 students.

These can be purchased at the office.

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

We are a NUT SENSITIVE School. Please help us keep EVERYONE safe.

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.

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

CLOTHES CLOSET

Thank you for all the nice donations that arrived the weeks before school started. If you have any clothes that can be donated please bring them in any time. For those wishing to use the clothes closet, it is opened during school hours. Thank you to Mrs. Danville for keeping our clothes closet going.

BUSSED STUDENTS

Students may not request to be dropped off at stops other than their regular drop-off point. Bussed students are to ride on their assigned bus. Bussed students are not to walk home unless they are picked up on that day by their parent/guardian. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated!



PARENT CONFERENCE (Saturday November 1, 2014)

The School Board's 22nd Annual Parent Conference is to be held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School . The School is located at 1824 Rymal Road East. More details to follow as we get closer to the date. All parents are invited to attend.

ABSENCES

In the event that your child(ren) will be absent or late from school, we would appreciate a telephone call before 8:00 a.m. The answering machine is on from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. for your convenience. Upon returning to school please present a note to the teacher explaining the reason for the absence.

Students who are late must report to Mrs. Magliaro and obtain a Late Slip before going to class.

COUNT YOURSELF IN

Did you know that every time you move to a new home, you must re-designate your Catholic school support? Otherwise the education portion of your property taxes will automatically default to the public school system.

The number of Catholic ratepayers is also a strong indicator of support for the Catholic school system.

To vote for Catholic Trustees you must be registered as a separate school rate-payer.

We urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. We also encourage you to share this information with family and friends who are Catholic but do not have children in the school system.

If you need help checking or changing your school support designation, please call the Assessment Department at 905-525-2930, Ext. 2188, or email webmaster@hwcdsb.ca

OPEN HOUSE Wednesday September 24, 2014

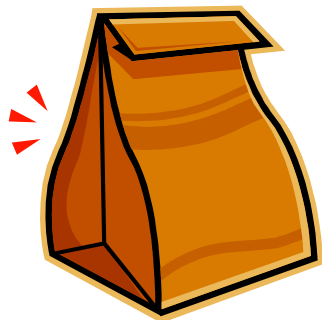
5:00—7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 24, 2014 from we will have our meet the teacher with a BBQ hosted by Harvey's. There is no need to pre order, all items can be bought that day. We hope to see everyone that day even if you are not ordering food.



LUNCH PROGRAM

Elementary schools are not physically structured to accommodate pupils for lunch. Also a lunch break at home can be very beneficial for students. We encourage as many students as possible to go home for lunch. Those students eating lunch at school must comply with the behaviour expectations by demonstrating courtesy, proper etiquette and respect.



Students can not leave the school property during the lunch hour to go to the store, a restaurant, or a friend's house, etc. The safety of our students is our primary concern and the principal is responsible for students during the lunch period. If you personally are taking your child out for lunch, please inform the school with a call or a note. Otherwise all students who normally eat lunch at school are considered lunch students and must abide by the lunch program expectations.

If you wish your child to remain at school for lunch, please fill out the lunch form and return the bottom portion with their names and signature as soon as possible. The consequences outlined on the form will be strictly implemented for students who do not follow the lunch rules and expectations.

ELECTIONS (Tentative Date)

Elections for CSC will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm in our Learning Commons (Library). Please feel free to attend and be part of this great group of parents.

