

Faith, Excellence, Teamwork



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome here at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School. From Day one to our Open House and in our "Depave Paradise " project that the school community has embraced, we have started the new school year off in a happy and positive manner.

As we begin a new month we build on our award celebrations that pay special attention to our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations and our school motto of FAITH, EXCELLENCE and TEAMWORK.

Each month we celebrate a boy and a girl in each class.

In September we drew attention to being a "Discerning Believer in a Catholic Faith Community." (Ask your child and teacher what this means to them).

This month we celebrate being , " An Effective Communicator." in this month of Thanksgiving we count our blessings and help those in need.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

All families received our first newsletter. We post ours electronically. The monthly newsletter is available on-line through our website:

<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:

<http://www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca/>

Contact Mr. Coons if you have suggestions or questions about newsletters.

Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor 2014

On **Sunday October 19, 2014** our Intermediate students are invited to participate in a Pilgrimage "Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor" which will raise money to support projects in Third World countries.

Buses will leave our school close to 9:00 a.m. and will return to the school after the event. (more details to come closer to the event).

The Opening Liturgy and Walk will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School and finishing at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School.

Forms will be going home with the participating students.

We ask your support in encouraging your child to participate in this event. Thanks to Miss Iacozza, Miss Smith and Mr. Iason for co-ordinating this event for our school once again this year!

"Unite yourself with Jesus
... in all that you do"
St. Margaret Mary

Director of Education
Mrs. P. Amos

Superintendent
Mrs. I. Fortino

Trustee
Mr. R. Bartolotti

Principal
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Assistant
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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014—2015

Elections were held on Wednesday October 1, 2014 for selecting our voting members on the Catholic School Council. Thank you to all parents and guardians who put forth their name for nomination.

I am pleased to announce the 2014—2015 Catholic School Council Executive

Parent (Voting) Members
Chair: Mrs. Saturnino
Co-Chair/Vice-Chair: Mrs. Almeida
Fundraising: Mrs. DeGregorio
Secretary: Mrs. Allen
Treasurer: Mrs. Ammendolia
Councillor : Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Horvath, Mrs. Impagliatelli, Mrs. Panacci

Non-parent Members (Non Voting)
Principal: Mr. J. Coons
Principal Intern: Miss J. Iacozza
Staff Representative: Mr. Curto
Parish/Community Representative: To Be Determined

St. Margaret Mary has a proud tradition of having an active and supportive CSC. We look forward to another year supporting this great Catholic School community. Please come out and support us whenever you can.

Our next meeting is: Tuesday October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2014-2015

The Student Council provides an opportunity for Student Voice and leadership at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School.

A sincere thank you to all the students who ran for Student Council.

We would also like to thank Mrs. DiSalvia, Mrs Ciarmoli., Mrs. McKenna, and Ms. Smith, the staff who will be the Student Council Advisors for this year.

Your Student Council Executive is:

President : E.J.
Vice - President: M.ary-Elizabeth A.
Secretary: Vanessa P.
Treasurer: Sameer Y.
Media Rep: Serena M. Nikki D., Brittney B.

Each classroom has a class Representative who will support the Student Council in developing and supporting these student led initiatives in the school.

CYO Sports

CYO sports are well underway. Currently in progress we have Junior and Senior Flag Football, Junior Girls Basketball and Fall Cross Country. We would like to thank the coaches for volunteering their time to work with the students.



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 Mr. Coons, Principal.



A Police Criminal Background check (aka. Police Check) is required to volunteer in the school or attend any school trips. Please help out when you can.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

October is a perfect month to take the time to sit with your children and talk about the many people and areas in their lives for which they can be thankful. Help them to acknowledge and give thanks to God, family members, priests, teachers, coaches, neighbours, and the many other people that touch their lives with goodness. Recognizing the bounty in their lives will help accentuate the positive and remind them of the abundance of God's creation!

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

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't miss out on words of encouragement, compliments and/or gratitude that your spouse speaks to you by putting up blocks to accepting these moments of emotional connection. Let down your shield and receive the caring words as they are intended and watch the closeness between the two of you grow.

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PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School is a NUT SENSITIVE site.

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.

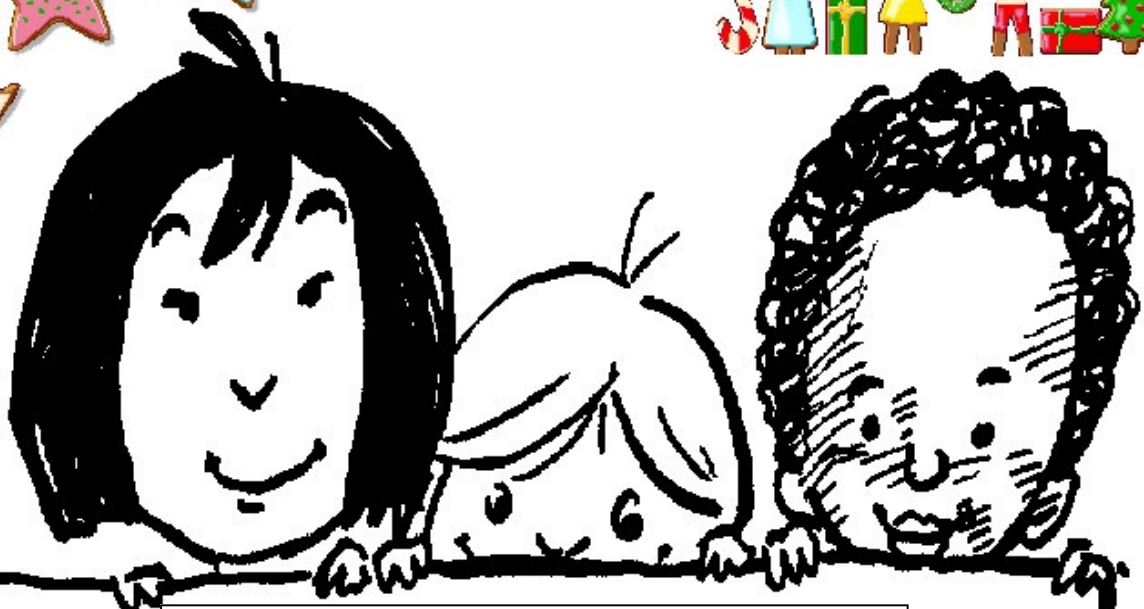
If you are having a scheduled interview with a teacher, please sign in and notify the office.

The St. Margaret Mary Parish invites all parishioners, for Sunday Pasta Supper at Michelangelo Banquet Centre, Sunday, November 16th at 5:30 pm SHARP!

Purchase your tickets before 1:30 pm. Sunday, NOVEMBER 2nd and your name will be entered into an Early Bird draw for a chance to win a Chauffeured limousine ride to and from the supper. Ticket sales begin October 18th/19th in the Hearth Room, before and after the weekend Masses.

Ticket prices Adult \$12.00 children 4-10 yrs. \$7.00.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.



Saturday November 8, 2014

St. Margaret Mary Parish Annual Bazaar
in the school gym at 25 Brentwood Dr.
There will be baked goods, crafts and
prizes to be won. Pictures with Santa and
face painting/tatoos, colouring contest.



9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

