

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is such an important month. It is a time for remembering. We remember and pray for the living and the dead. We pray for the people we care for and those who we love and have lost. We pray for all soldiers, past and present. We pray for their brave acts of courage and for all they have done to protect us, to give us freedoms we may have never known. We pray to God for the gift of life that he has blessed each one of us with so graciously. Our school community wore red and white to remember Corporal Cirillo and his family this month. In our community we have families who feel the loss of their family members in our Armed forces and in past wars around the globe. For all the Saints, For all the Souls of the Faithfully Departed, We pray:

Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord.
And let Perpetual Light shine upon them.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
Rest in Peace,



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.

ONTARIO GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS FOR NOVEMBER A Reflective and Creative Thinker

This month we invite you to help your child become a reflective and creative thinker. Provide opportunities for you and your family to discuss important matters that invite each one to stop, think and offer thoughts. In your home, in our school community and our world we need to value all opinions and consider solutions from everyone. Truly listen.

As you do so remember that St. Margaret Mary invites us to "Unite yourself with Jesus...in all that you do."

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

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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

We would like to thank all families who supported our school's Chocolate bar Fundraiser this past month. Families were generous in their support and our children who participated are thanked for their efforts. We still have some chocolates and monies to be returned but we will provide a summary of money received, prizes given and plans for where to spend the proceeds at our next Catholic School Council Meeting.

We were very pleased at the turnout from our last meeting. Babysitting service is provided by students from St. Jean de Brebeuf catholic Secondary School.

The next meeting is Wednesday November 12, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons.



It is that time of year again....BOOK FAIR is coming!!!!!!

This year we are having a Scholastic Book Fair.

Details as follows:

Wednesday, November 19 – 8:45-2:30 (closed at lunch)

Thursday, November 20 – 8:45-2:30 (closed at lunch)

Friday, November 21 – 8:45-11:55

If there are any parents/guardians interested in helping out during the book fair with sales, please contact Mrs Spasaro at the school. Thank you very much!!!!!!

Volunteering is not all about trips or all day in the classrooms.

We DO need parents to support our Milk Program. It can be done around the Lunch Hour Responsibilities would include: Taking class orders

Stocking and distributing Milk

Assisting in counting money

Offering a Milk Program helps our students lead a healthy life and offers them a nutritious choice for lunch and snacks. Contact the main Office should you be able to help.



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.

CYO Sports

We continue to celebrate the success of our sports teams. Our Senior Flag Football team had their season come to an end but we continue to cheer for our Junior Girl's Basketball team and Junior Boys Flag Football teams in the play-offs. GO MARAUDERS.



GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend a Parent Information Night on **Wednesday November 26, 2014**. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m in the auditorium.

December 8-9, 2014 features the SJB Christmas Performances for feeder schools. Some of our St. Margaret Mary students will hopefully inspire present ones to consider the Arts program at SJB.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #82 –

Prayer and the education of children in the faith are seen as specific responsibilities of Christian parents, as well as grandparents. Our world is fast paced and we sometimes forget that our children need a place that will act as a cocoon, making them feel safe, loved and protected. We need to create purposeful moments when we gather as a family and share our values through conversations and family activities and where we share our faith through prayer and perhaps reading and discussing a passage from the Bible. Families build the foundation on which our children stand in the world – educating our children in their faith is a proven way to make that foundation solid enough to withstand anything.

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

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #62 – At the Synod in Rome, which wrapped up its deliberations on October 19, 2014, Pope Francis and more than 200 delegates discussed in detail the challenges faced by families in the world today. In their discussions they reminded us that we are not alone, that God is with us as we journey. Taking that message seriously can have a positive impact on your married relationship – attending Mass as a couple, praying together and even joining in parish events have proven benefits in producing happier marriages. God is with us – invite him in and see how his presence will have a constructive impact on your married life!

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Progress Reports and Parent/Guardian Interviews (Nov. 13, 2014) 3– 8 p.m.

Parents/Guardian will be receiving Progress reports from classroom teachers on Thursday November, 13, 2014. Interviews will be scheduled by the teachers as per times provided by the families. We do our best to accommodate requests and support that many of these interviews will take place at other dates and times that work for families and staff. This is the first report on progress for the year.

Celebrate strengths and support some next steps to help students do their best.

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.

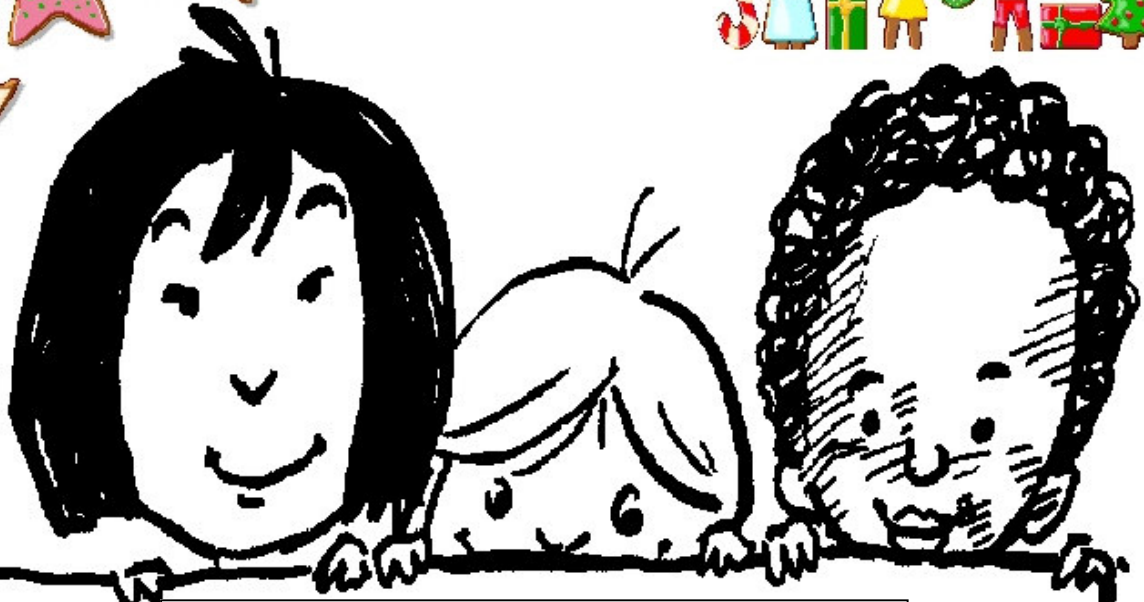
If you are having a scheduled interview with a teacher, please sign in and notify the office.

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.

