

Faith, Teamwork, Excellence



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JOY days at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School are based on two ways of understanding the word J O Y.

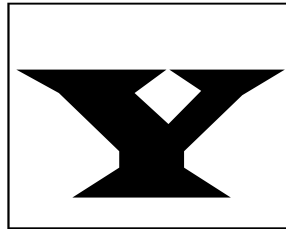
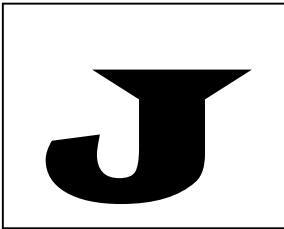
Taking each letter individually we place CHRIST at the heart of Christmas.

J = JESUS. The child Jesus, Our Saviour, Emmanuel. God first-Always
O= Others. We put others before ourselves in taking care, in finding a gift to share.
Y= You. Do not forget about you and your needs. You matter. But note the order.

This does not take away from JOY as we understand it. That feeling of awe and splendour. Laughter and excitement are best expression of JOY.
We do get JOY from presents and feasts together. These memories are what make the holidays so special.

But, when we seek how we celebrate the JOY of CHRISTmas it is the first version that matches best the words of St. Margaret Mary who reminds us to "unite yourself with Jesus..in all that you do."

We Do wish all J O Y. , good health and happiness this Christmas.



ONTARIO GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS FOR DECEMBER A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner

This month we invite you to help your child demonstrate initiative and take responsibility for his/her's Whole Self. 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 those who promote respect, dignity and the welfare of all.

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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Mrs. P. Amos

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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

Your Catholic School Council continues to support the school in a number of ways. The CSC responds to survey requests by the Board and Ministry and is supporting our families in need through donations and promotion of our Christmas Tree of Hope. Please find a family you can support and drop off items to the Main Office.

We continue to be 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 Tuesday January 13, 2015 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Anaphylaxis Awareness Caring For All

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;

Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)

Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items:

nuts, tree nuts, red dye, egg, shellfish

Parents will be advised of allergens specific to a classroom; please avoid bringing these allergens into the designated classroom.

Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.

Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.

MATH SURVEY

Parents or Guardians are invited to complete an online survey about their children's math learning needs and how the school and board can support those needs.

Please go to the following link

<http://goo.gl/forms/eduTG1yHwj>

Parents are asked to complete the survey by December 15, 2014.



A Message from the St.MM ECO TEAM

To avoid having garbage in the school on the weekends, and the possibility of ants and rodents, we are promoting Boomerang Fridays. This means that all garbage including containers, food waste, wrappers, drinking boxes etc. with the exception of paper recycling, will be brought back home to be disposed of. Your family's participation will be greatly appreciated.

We continue to collect empty ink cartridges at school, as we have done in the past. The collection box is in the front foyer outside of the principal's office.

Please be aware that St. Margaret Mary has a clothes closet that offers gently used uniforms and outerwear. It is open to everyone. Donations of clean uniforms and outerwear are always welcome.

THREE SCHOOL ADVENT MASS at St. Margaret Mary Church

On Tuesday December 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. our school joins the St. Anthony Daniel and St. Kateri Tekakwitha school communities to celebrate Advent. Mass at The Church will be followed by a reception in our Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing families gathered for this special community celebration.

SCIENCE FAIR CLUB at SMM

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This year we will be having a Science Fair Club. The HWCDSB Science Fair will be held on **February 28th, 2015**. Students interested in joining must commit to meeting, showing the progression of their work, taking suggestions from the teachers and applying them to their completed project. Students chosen will move forward to the System Science Fair and present their project. Students may work with a partner or may work alone on the project.

More details to follow.

We thank Mr. Iason (Gr. 8) and Mr. Zivolak (Gr. 4/5) for supporting the Science Club this year.



We are fortunate to have a number of teams coached by Staff and Parent Volunteers at our school. To date we have participated in Junior and Senior Flag Football, Junior Girls Volleyball and Co-Ed 3 on 3 Hockey.

Congratulations to all Marauder athletes for representing our school so well.

Each coaches report included mention of your determination and sportsmanship.

A special thank you to our coaches:



Mrs. Faustini and
Mrs. Saturnino



Mr. Iason and
Mr. Zivolak (Sr.)
Mr. Taylor, Mr. Saturnino (Jr)

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Curran,
Mr. Ruberto and
Mr. Seminuk

