

# A Note from Ms. Bortolussi

## Week of October 16- 19 th



Dear Parent(s)/Guardians):

As we continue to embrace the Autumn season we remind all students to dress appropriately for outside conditions. We are also happy to announce the launch of our school fundraiser commencing October 13th running until October 31st . Pledge sheets and envelopes will be sent home with students on Monday, October 16, 2023. This fundraiser will be in the form of a Spook-a-thon Dance scheduled for October 31st. Students are encouraged to dress in appropriate costumes for the dance! Please keep the following in mind when planning and preparing Halloween costumes for wear at school: **no weapons, no masks, no inappropriately themed costumes (i.e., killer clowns, gangs, adult version costumes)** and **no costumes that are disrespectful to any cultural or ethnic groups** . Funds raised will be used to directly benefit our students and help support school initiatives/enhancements and enable St. Margaret Mary to purchase technology and/or non-essential classroom/school materials to support and enrich active learning. We thank you in advance for your support and partnership in creating the ideal learning environment for our students.

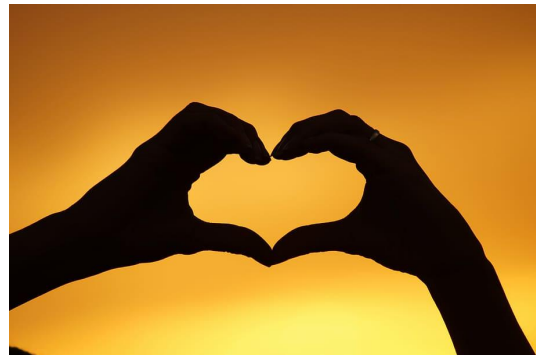
**Loving God,**

**As we come to the end of this week, let us pause to reflect on the virtue we celebrate this month, the virtue of Compassion.**

**Lord, you are the source of all compassion and we are grateful for the example your son Jesus Christ showed us on how to love and care for one another with open hearts. We pray that we can be compassionate role models for our children. Help us to teach them, not only with words but also through our actions, showing them the beauty of love and mercy.**

**May the virtue of compassion guide our thoughts, words and deeds. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who taught us to love one another as He loved us.**

**Amen**



**Please review the upcoming events:**

Monday, October 16	<b>Feast Mass 9:00 a.m. GYM</b> <b>Pizza Lunch</b> <b>PACE TESTING GRADE 4s</b>
Tuesday, October 17	<b>PACE TESTING GRADE 4s</b>
Wednesday, October 18	<b>PACE TESTING GRADE 4s</b>
Thursday, October 19	Portuguese Chicken Hot Lunch Board Cross Country Finals @ Bruce's Mill <b>PACE TESTING GRADE 4s</b>
Friday, October 20	PA DAY - No school



## **Reminders**

**Feast Day Mass** : October 16th at 9:00 am school gym. Please join us, all are welcome!

**Grade 4 Pace Testing** : October 16-19

**PA Day** - Friday, October 20th NO SCHOOL

**Inclement Weather** : Extreme cold set temperature for SMM will be **-18 degrees Celsius**. Students may go outside for a shortened recess for some fresh air and exercise at the discretion of the administration. The principal will monitor windchill effects and other factors when determining a change in recess routines. Extreme high heat temperature of 32 degrees Celsius may also trigger a change in recess routines. Humidex and UV guidelines will be considered when making this school level decision . For further information you can review Policy 221 Extreme Temperature found on the YCDSB website.

**Spook-a- thon:** [Letter and Pledge Sheet](#)

**HALLOWEEN TREATS:** Kindly refrain from sending Halloween treats to school, before or after Halloween, that do not adhere to our Allergy Safety Plan. For more information on our Allergy Safety Plan, please visit our school website at <http://smal.ycdsb.ca>.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Regards,

J. Bortolussi - Acting Principal

**M Y S P**  
**Multi-Year Strategic Plan**

**Mission**  
With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.

**Core Values**  
Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect

**Vision**  
A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.

**Strategic Commitments**  
Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Student Achievement, Well-Being

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