



St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

As the year comes to an end and a new one begins, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our community for all of your support. We thank the students for their enthusiasm and hard work, the staff for their expertise and caring regard for our students. We thank you, the parents and guardians, for your partnership and support in everything that we do. On behalf of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and we hope the New Year brings you the very best it has to offer.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Third Week of Advent

Christ Our Light,

Shine in our lives in hope and promise.

Give us the right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.

Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.

We await your coming with wonder and awe.....

Amen



School-Day (Cashless payments and online permission forms)

We are excited to announce that in January 2024, we will be launching School-Day, an online portal that lets us complete permission forms and make payments. This is a tool that most YCDSB schools are already using.

With School-Day, you will be able to complete permission forms, and pay for any school service, product or event all online. We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes. We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful.

For more information about School-Day, please view the information video (this video is lengthy, I will be sending home a one page information sheet closer to our launch date).

<https://youtu.be/0ZTvnyMdmY>

Food Reminders

The York Catholic District School Board has a comprehensive policy to help protect students with life threatening allergies. In a classroom setting, cross-contamination is one of the greatest risks from this type of allergy. As a result, students ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SHARE food during lunch or snack times. Also students/parents are not to bring in foods to be shared for birthdays (i.e., cupcakes, Timbits, etc.). As ingredients can change, please check the labels before buying any snacks. We also ask that parents do not send in McDonald's, Tim Horton's or other fast food lunches since most cannot guarantee cross contamination of peanuts/nuts. We would like to thank all parents/guardians for your continued support in keeping all of our students safe.

Thank you

We appreciate all of your generous support of our Christmas Drive. We are able to support families within our own community and gift them with a wonderful Christmas morning.\

Message from your SMM Catholic School Council:

SAVE THE DATE! SMM CSC Family Skate Night will be hosted on Saturday, January 27 at 7:00 pm at Woodbridge Memorial Arena. An event flyer with full details, along with waivers, will be sent home with students in January. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and having another wonderful evening bringing the SMM CES community together.

Until then, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe holiday break.

Week at a Glance

Monday	December 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Advent Mass at 10:00 am (All welcome)• Pizza lunch
Tuesday	December 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holly Jolly or Warm PJ Day• Story Time with Santa (Primary Classes Only)• Hero Burger
Wednesday	December 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday or Winter Hat Day• Jingle Bell Christmas Sing Along at 10:00 am• Santa Grams Delivered• Quesada Lunch
Thursday	December 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas or Warm Sweater Day• Movie Day• Express Chicken
Friday	December 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Dance (grades 6-8)• Spirit Council selling cookies in the foyer (\$2 each or \$3 for two cookies)

Upcoming:

- December 18th: School Advent Mass at 10:00 am in the large gym
- December 18th-22nd: Please see attached schedule of events
- December 22: Last Day of School before the break
- January 8th: Welcome Back!
- January 27th: Save the Date for Catholic School Councils Skate Night (More information to come).