



# St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

We hope you have enjoyed the wonderful weather that we have had this week. The downside of the warmer weather however is that, unfortunately, the fields have been soft and muddy so students have had to play on the hardtop only. When the fields are not open, for safety reasons, students are only allowed to play with basketballs, if they are shooting on the nets, or with nerf type balls. Soccer and volleyballs are strictly prohibited.

We would like to extend a big congratulations to Isabel G, Massimo C, and Milena P for participating in the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest held by the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Women's League on February 4th. Our students placed first, second and third place respectively. We are extremely proud of them and wish Isabel luck as she moves on to represent St. Margaret Mary CES at the Toronto Regional level in the coming weeks.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

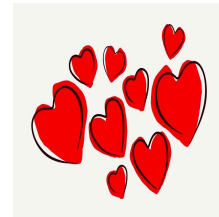
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### Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
and asked the Lord above  
to fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end.  
Amen.



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### Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	February 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anti-Racism presentations</li><li>• Robotics Club</li><li>• Pizza Lunch</li><li>• Int. Boys BB exhibition games after school</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	February 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Celebration of St. Valentine's Day</li><li>• Shrove Tuesday</li><li>• Hero Burger</li><li>• Report Cards via Parent Portal after 4 pm</li></ul>

<b>Wednesday</b>	February 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ash Wednesday- Ashes at 10</li> <li>• Quesada Lunch</li> <li>• 🍿🎉 <a href="#">Popcorn Wednesday</a></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robotics Club</li> <li>• Express Chicken</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	February 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Chocolate Money to be brought in</li> <li>• Spirit Council selling cookies in the foyer at lunch (\$2 each or \$3 for two cookies)</li> </ul>

### **Pancake Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday**

SMM will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on February 13th by firing up the griddles and treating all students to some delicious pancakes. Each student will receive two small pancakes as a special treat in the morning. We will be making the pancakes with the Pearl Milling Company Original Complete Mix. Please have a look at the [ingredients list](#) to ensure that this product is ok for your child. *Special thanks to our amazing Catholic School Council and volunteers for their time and dedication in organizing this for St. Margaret Mary CES!!*

### **Ash Wednesday**

Our Ash Wednesday faith celebration led by Father Rony will take place on February 14th in the gymnasium at 10:00 am. Students in JK to Grade 8 will receive the blessed ashes. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Anti-Racism Presentations: February 12th**

Aubrey Noronha (NA-ROW-NA) is a recognized Character Education and Safe Schools Speaker who believes in the possibility of a safer and more emotionally connected school culture. Through his Hello Hope Canada programs, Aubrey seeks to instill his hope for the future into the minds and hearts of youth and caring adults. As a child & youth counsellor and seasoned Restorative Practice facilitator, Aubrey has worked with youth, families and professionals in schools, prisons and treatment facilities for over 16 years. As a former crisis negotiator, and Critical Incident Stress Management facilitator Aubrey's expertise, passion, and candour flow through his workshops and will leave students and adults feeling encouraged and equipped to make their school and community safer one day and one decision at a time. Please read about the presentations that students will see below. If you would like to learn more about Aubrey, please visit his website [here](#).

**Stick with the Truth:** There will be one presentation for students in K-3 and another one for students in grades 4-6. This workshop focuses on the truth about skin colour, identifies the reality that lies will be told about skin colour, and that there is one thing that students can do and that is start on their journey of addressing racism in their lives and being the opposite of racist.

**Colour Blind? Why being “not racist” is not enough anymore:** This presentation will be for our grade 7-8 students. It focuses on why this issue is even worth our time and why it needs to be a matter of the heart before change can occur.

### **Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Contest**

The Ontario Traffic Council's School Crossing Programs Committee is excited to announce the expansion of the annual School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day into a week-long celebration, officially named School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. Running from June 3rd to June 7th, 2024, this initiative aims to shine a spotlight on the dedicated individuals who tirelessly ensure the safety of our children as they

journey to and from school. The Ontario School Crossing Programs Committee is excited to announce the province-wide **School Crossing Guard Appreciation Drawing Contest**. This contest aims to engage children aged 4 to 14 years in expressing their gratitude and appreciation for School Crossing Guards through art. The winning drawings will be featured on thank-you cards distributed during School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. The contest closes MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 2024. Each student may submit one drawing and should be emailed to [traffic@otc.org](mailto:traffic@otc.org) for consideration along with the child's first name, school, municipality and contact information.. [Full contest details are included here.](#)

**Upcoming:**

- Feb 13- Shrove Tuesday
- Feb 13- Early St. Valentine's Day Celebrations (No food treats please)
- Feb 13- Report Cards on Parent Portal @4pm
- Feb 14- Ash Wednesday
- Feb 19- Happy Family Day!
- Feb 23- Civvies Day.
- Feb 23- Grad Photos
- Feb 26- Intermediates to Snow Valley
- Feb 26- Scientist in the School- Grade 2 (Information on School Day)
- Feb 28- Scientist in the School- Grade 3 (Information on School Day)
- Feb 29- Virtue "mini" Assembly Large Gym (parents welcome) 9 am

