



St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,
Spring Break is finally here!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all school families for their continued support and encouragement. Our school is enjoying a successful year so far, with students engaged in their learning, playing and praying to God with energy and enthusiasm each and everyday. I would like to thank the teachers and staff for their wonderful contributions in and outside of their classrooms.

I would like to close by wishing staff, students and their families a wonderful, rejuvenating and safe March Break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, March 18th.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

A Prayer for March Break

God of peace,

Be with us as we prepare to set off on our separate journeys. Watch over us and protect us from harm. Rejuvenate our hearts and minds as we enjoy new experiences, new places, or simply take time to relax and re-energize. May we recognize your loving presence wherever we may find ourselves and may we return safe and sound with renewed dedication to all that we do. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Week at a Glance-March 18-22, 2024

Monday	March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity Safety & Conservation Presentations• Pizza Lunch
Tuesday	March 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hero Burger
Wednesday	March 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Achievement- Ms. Marini's class• Quesada Lunch• 🍿🎉 Popcorn Wednesday
Thursday	March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Wide Virtual Lenten Mass• Express Chicken
Friday	March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civvies Day• Spirit Council selling cookies in the foyer at lunch (\$2 each or \$3 for two cookies)• City of Vaughan Councilor to Visit Junior Division

Board Wide Lenten Mass

In anticipation of the opportunity to gather as a family of faith for our annual YCDSB board-wide Lenten Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Boissonneau as our celebrant on **March 21st at 1:15 pm**, we offer the following information:

- **ALL** members of the YCDSB community – students, staff, parents, volunteers, parish staff, community members, etc. – are invited to attend the Mass from any location by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Sharelife Campaign

At St. Margaret Mary it is our goal to grow students to become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Gospel values into their daily lives so they can become socially responsible citizens who demonstrate compassion, resilience, responsibility and hope. Charitable giving to help people who are less fortunate is one of the ways we can foster these values in our students.

ShareLife is the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Toronto. It supports more than 40 Catholic agencies that serve people who are poor and marginalized in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond.

ShareLife-funded agencies serve the entire community, regardless of religious affiliation. The YCDSB Charitable campaign for ShareLife is from March 18-22, 2024. *I am happy to share that our school donated \$821.00 to Sharelife with all proceeds raised at the CSC Family Skate night!* We are also encouraging all of our families to donate \$10.00 to Sharelife (on School-Day) for your child's participation in Civvie Days. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

Alectra Utilities-Electrical Safety and Conservation

On March 18th, presenters from Alectra Utilities will be at St. Margaret Mary.

Students in grades JK-3 will meet "Wires" the safety puppet and learn 15-20 safety & conservation messages that they are able to take home to their parents. The students will receive a visual of how electricity works and some hands-on activities to give them a better understanding of safety & conservation.

The grade 4-8 presentation will focus on electricity safety & conservation issues in more detail. Students will be shown different items in the home that consume energy when not in use, and how this can be avoided. The students will receive a visual of how electricity works and some hands-on activities to give them a better understanding of safety & conservation.

Kindergarten Registration Reminder

St. Margaret Mary C.E.S. offers Full Day Kindergarten. This means the Junior and Senior Kindergarten Programs run every day, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This program is called the Full Day Kindergarten Program by the Ministry of Education.

Please click on the link to access the [YCDSB Registration Page](#). We look forward to working with your child.

- Junior Kindergarten (JK) children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2024 (born in 2020).
- Senior Kindergarten (SK) children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 (born in 2019).

The following original documents are required:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate;
- Birth Certificate;
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status or other valid Legal Status if not born in Canada (with entry date into Canada);
- Proof of Residency (3 pieces). Two utility bills and one tax bill or purchase/lease agreement.

If you have any questions about Full Day Kindergarten for your child, please contact the office.

Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)

Spring into the latest updates with the March newsletter! Packed with inspiring stories, essential resources, and exciting events, it's your go-to guide for everything happening in the world of Catholic education. Don't miss out on this month's insights and inspiration. [OAPCE Newsletter](#)

Upcoming

- March 25- Holy Week begins
- March 25- Grad Photo Retake Day
- March 27- Ms. Iaccino's class visit to the STREAM Centre
- March 28- Virtue Assembly 10am
- March 28- Stations of the Cross 2pm
- March 29- Good Friday
- April 1- Easter Monday
- April 2- Film in a Day (Vono)- information on School Day
- April 2- World Autism Day
- April 2- CSC Meeting at 7pm in the Library
- April 3- Film in a Day (Febrarro)-information on School Day
- April 4- Film in a Day (Fiorucci)-information on School Day
- April 8- Solar Eclipse Early Dismissal
- April 8- Confirmation at 7 pm
- April 9- BRAVE workshops K-8 (information and schedule to follow)
- April 11- CSC Bingo Evening SAVE THE DATE
- April 20- First Communion at 11 am

