St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

Although the weather outside doesn't currently reflect it, Spring arrived this week! Spring brings with it the promise of new life and spiritual renewal! As we prepare to celebrate the highpoint of the Church calendar with the celebrations of Easter, we will soon be surrounded by signs of new life.

Next week is Holy Week which is a celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the salvation offered to us because of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. The rituals, prayers, and Sacred Tradition of the Church guide and inspire us to follow Jesus' example of love and service. As we journey through these final days of the Lenten season, we are invited to reflect on Jesus' suffering, and to draw comfort and strength from the ways He has shown His great love for us.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

A Prayer

This Sunday will be Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent. This day celebrates Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem. It is said that Jesus arrived while riding a young donkey, and that the townspeople waved or threw palms or small branches to show praise and great respect.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' Passion and death. It is a holy time in which we can pray reverently and reflect on our faith and on our love for Jesus.

God of the Journey, walk with us this Lent.
Teach us to pray, fast, and give in ways that
bring us closer to you.
Help us to **persevere** in staying with you
on the journey through Lent to Easter. Amen.

Week at a Glance-March 25-29, 2024

Monday	March 25	• Grade 8 Grad Photo Retakes • Pizza Lunch
Tuesday	March 26	• Hero Burger
Wednesday	March 27	• Ms. Iaocinno's Class to STREAM Centre • Quesada Lunch • 🍿🎉 Popcorn Wednesday
Thursday	March 28	• Virtue Assembly 10 am • Express Chicken
Friday	March 29	• GOOD FRIDAY- No School

Healthy Snack Program

At St. Margaret Mary, we are working with the York Region Public Health department to encourage healthy eating and activities. We are very grateful for their contributions to help us achieve our goals in providing healthy grab and go snacks for students. We have been able to provide students with healthy snacks as they need them. To continue to encourage healthy snack options, we will now be offering fresh fruit or vegetables once per week to all students. Pre-packaged snacks will be organized into classroom bins and delivered to your child's classroom. Next week's snack will be apple slices and will be handed out on Tuesday. Thank you to our Room 6 students and staff who will be helping to run this program.

Brave Education

On April 9th, Brave Education will be working with our grade K-3 students on Setting Healthy Boundaries, grade 4-8 students on Bullying, Conflict, and Relationships. Please see these links for information: Brave K-3 Brave 4-8. Brave also has a parent resource page with additional information that you can use with your child at home. We are grateful to our Catholic School Council for providing us the monetary funds to welcome this program to St. Margaret Mary.

Spring Weather Reminders

Hopefully the lovely warm Spring weather arrives soon. We kindly ask parents to continue dressing their children appropriately. Proper outdoor shoes that are water resistant are a must. As well, we strongly suggest that you continue to provide your children with a change of clothing in case of muddy or wet clothes.

CSC Bingo Night

The St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Council is happy to announce that our 6th Annual Bingo Night will be held on Thursday, April 11th from 6:30-8:30pm.
We hope to see you there for a wonderful night of community building and fun!

Upcoming

- 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 5- Students in Grade 6-8 complete Student Census
- April 8- Solar Eclipse Early Dismissal
- April 8- Confirmation at 7 pm
- April 9- BRAVE workshops K-8
- April 11- CSC Bingo Evening SAVE THE DATE
- April 20- First Communion at 11 am