



# St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Margaret Mary CES,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at St. Margaret Mary CES. I am grateful to continue to serve this incredible community and your children as we embark on a new school year here at St. Margaret Mary. Staff have worked diligently to prepare for your child(ren) to return to school and are excited to welcome them. Tuesday, September 3rd is the first day of school for students. Please read this letter carefully for information on our entry and dismissal routines.

## **How will I know who my child's teacher is prior to the first day of school?**

Families will receive an email with the name of their child's teacher, so please look out for emails on Monday evening.

## **Bell Times**

Supervision begins at 8:05 am. Please do not drop off your child at school prior to this time. School starts promptly at 8:20 am.  
Morning Recess: 9:40 am to 9:55 am  
Lunch (Eating): 11:15 am to 11:35 am  
Lunch Recess: 11:35 am to 12:15 pm  
Afternoon Recess: 1:35 pm to 1:50 pm  
Dismissal: 3:10 pm

## **ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:**

### **Kindergarten Entry (FDK)**

Parents may enter the school yard and drop their child off at the kindergarten pen beginning at 8:05 am

Please let your child's teacher know how they will be getting home: bus, picked up by a grandparent, etc...

Once parents and caregivers drop off their children, please leave the area immediately.

### **Grade 1 - 8**

Primary (Grades 1 to 3)- Outside the first set of doors when you turn right into the school yard (just past the kindergarten fence) Ms. Ceresoli (Grade 1), Ms. Fuda (Grade 2), Ms. V DiBiase (Grade 3).

Outside the middle set of doors in the back: Ms. Monastero (Grade 1), Ms. Iacoucci (Grade 1/2)

Junior (Grades 3/4 to 6)- Outside the last set of doors behind the school. Ms. Marini (Grade 3/4), Ms. Loconte (Grade 4/5), Ms. O DiBiase (Grade 5/6), Ms. Masucci (Grade 6)

Intermediate (Grades 7 to 8)- Teachers will meet students at the basketball nets. Ms. Febraro (Grade 7), Ms. Fiorucci (Grade 7), Ms. Vono (Grade 8).

On the first day of school, teachers will show their students where to line up for all entries in the mornings and at recess.

**New Grade 1-8 Students to St. Margaret Mary:** For the first day of school, we are asking all NEW students to St. Margaret Mary to enter at the front of the building. There will be staff available to greet new students and walk them to their teachers/classes.

### **What happens if it is Inclement Weather on the First Day of School?**

In the case of inclement weather on the first day of school:

**FDK** students can go directly to the Kindergarten pen and enter their classroom.

**Grades 1-4/5** will enter through the main doors and go directly to the large gym.

**Grades 5/6-8** will enter through the main doors and go directly to the small gym.

There will be staff available to assist your child in connecting with their classroom teacher. Parents, we ask you to please refrain from entering the building.

**On the Second Day of School,** regular entry procedures will begin. While parents and guardians are welcome to the playground on the first day, effective Wednesday, September 4, parents and guardians are not permitted to enter the school yard before school. Parents, please do not pass the boulevard sign (unless you are an FDK parent bringing your child to the Kindergarten area).

### **Parking Lot Safety and Traffic**

We anticipate additional vehicular traffic on the first day of school, please remember to be courteous and respectful of one another in this regard. Vehicles are not to enter the bus loop, please park your car in a proper parking spot. Please be reminded that you are not able to park on Margaret Mary Road.

### **Important Points for DISMISSAL:**

Dismissal routines will also proceed from the same doors as entry (exception are bussed students).

**FDK students:** dismissal will commence at 3:00 p.m.

**Grades 1 to 3:** Students in grades 1 to 3 will be dismissed at the bell, at 3:10 pm. Dismissal routines will proceed from the north doors at the back of the building (same doors as the morning). Parents and Guardians of students in Grades 1 to 3, will be allowed to be in the school yard at the end of each school day for pick up.

**Grades 4 to 8:** Students in Grades 4-6 will be dismissed at the bell, at 3:10 p.m. from the North back doors.

**Bus Students:** All students who will ride the school bus will exit near the gym doors. This door goes directly to the yard where students will line up to get their bus. Staff will be on duty supervising the bus lines and walking students to the bus upon its arrival. For safety reasons, bus students are not to exit from the back of the school.

We look forward to seeing your children on Tuesday. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at the school. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to a great year together.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder