



St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

We would like to thank all students, parents, and staff for their support towards our September 26th Terry Fox Walk. This year, we once again kept Terry Fox's dream alive by participating in a walk around the school and community. We hope that the students will be inspired by Terry's resilience in the face of challenges during the Marathon of Hope. As a community, we raised **\$2,475.00**, which was donated directly to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. May we always find strength and inspiration in one another, and may our collective efforts continue to make a difference. Together, let us carry forward the spirit of hope and perseverance that Terry embodied.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Prayer

God our Creator, you heal broken hearts with your love, and call us to share this love with one another. Open our hearts, that we might learn to walk with one another -- as Indigenous peoples, peoples of settler origin and newcomers -- along your healing path.

Give us the courage to see you...in every human face, in every language and culture, in every gift of creation.

Make us stewards...of one another's dignity, of one another's safety, of one another's lands, of one another's rights to a cultural identity, as unique peoples...as gifts to the human family...as your beloved children.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week at a Glance- September 30-October 4, 2024

YCDSB School Safety Week

Monday	Sept. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- Wear Orange• Liturgy at 10 am in the large gym (Ms. Vono's class to lead). All are welcome.• Pizza Lunch
Tuesday	Oct. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Day • Bar Burrito Lunch
Wednesday	Oct 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Custodian Day: Thank you Mr. Crispo and Ms. Ana for all that you do!• Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill (Bus students, please come straight to the gym upon arrival).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvey's Lunch
Thursday	Oct 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Snack Program Starts (Apple slices) X-Press Chicken
Friday	Oct 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Connelly with his RaceCar visiting SMM Cookie Sales Join us at Fortino's for our FUEL FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER (4pm-6:30pm). The RaceCar will be there!



Monday, September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which coincides with Orange Shirt Day. On September 30, all Canadians are invited to wear an orange shirt to honour Indigenous peoples and to show a commitment to the idea that every child matters. This day is a time for remembering -- to recall Canada's Residential Schools and their sad effects on Indigenous families and cultures. It is a time for healing -- to celebrate the beautiful gifts of Indigenous cultures. It is a time for hope -- for us to all walk forward together as children of God's loving family.

Every year on September 30th, we focus on healing. Every time we welcome someone as they are, we are helping to heal. Every time we show friendship, inclusion and kindness, we are helping to heal. Every time we stand up for the dignity of someone's culture and identity, we are helping to heal.

PICTURE DAY: Tuesday, October 1st will be picture day. Students, bring your smile!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL: On September 26th, the St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Council for the 2024-2025 school year was formed. A sincere thank you to last year's council for all their hard work. We look forward to the engaging and important work with this year's council. We encourage all parents and guardians to join us for our Catholic School Council meetings as your voices are vital in influencing our work. Our next CSC meeting will take place on October 17th at 6:30 pm in our library. Future meeting dates are: December 5th, January 16th, March 27th and May 8th.

2024-2025 St. Margaret Mary Catholic School Council

Name	Position	Name	Position
Sarah Nazzarro	Co-Chair	Susy Profenna	Parent Rep
Tania Marinnelli-Crawford	Co-Chair	Melissa Viggiani	Parent Rep
Ashley Russo	Secretary	Daniela Salerno	Parent Rep
Lisa Mandolfo	Treasurer	Laura Montemarano	Parent Rep
Sonia Fiorucci	Teacher Rep	Stefanie Nigro	Parent Rep
Tara Ferguson	Non-Teacher Staff Rep	Stefanie Kranjec	Parent Rep
Matthew Ramundi Massimo Capozzi	Student Reps	Carmine Tremamunno	Parent Rep

OFFICE STAFF UPDATE

We welcome Ms. DeAngelis who will be working with us, two days a week, and Ms. Belo who will be here over the lunchtime period daily, until further notice.

OCTOBER is INTERNATIONAL WALK to SCHOOL DAY and MONTH (iwalk): It's an annual global celebration of active transportation. Students, parents, teachers, and the school community are encouraged to get walking or wheeling on the journey to and from school. October is a great month to spend time outdoors while the seasons change. Students will get the health benefits that time in nature provides, while also enjoying the beautiful autumn leaves. Any amount of physical activity is good for your health.

HEALTHY SNACK PROGRAM: St. Margaret Mary supports student learning and health by participating in a Student Nutrition Program. This is sponsored, in part, by Student Nutrition Ontario and York Regions Food for Learning program. We receive support, resources and funding and are able to offer a healthy snack that follows Nutrition Guidelines. We will strive to offer these healthy snack options once per week. This week, apple slices will be delivered to all classrooms on Thursday. *If you do not want your child to participate in this week's snack program, please let their teacher know.*



Nutrition Facts	
1 serving per container	
Serving size 1 package (56g)	
Amount per serving	
Calories	30
	% DV*
Total Fat 0g	0%
Sodium 0mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 7g	3%
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%
Total Sugars 6g	
Protein 0g	
Calcium 25mg	2%
Iron 0.2mg	2%
Potassium 60mg	2%
<small>Not a significant source of saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, added sugars, vitamin D.</small>	
<small>*%DV = %Daily Value</small>	



UPCOMING SCHOOL FUNDRAISING REMINDERS:

FRESH FROM THE FARM: Orders can be placed via [School Day](#) and are due on October 15th. Orders will arrive sometime between November 4 and December 5, with the delivery date being confirmed at least 10 days in advance. Thank you for your support! This small fundraiser is to support the continued Healthy Snack program that we offer to all of our students.

FUNDRAISER ALERT: FUEL FOR KIDS in PARTNERSHIP WITH FORTINOS: Our school will be "adopted" by Fortinos' at **8585 Hwy 27 on Friday, October 4th, 2024**. Between 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm on that evening, Fortinos' will be donating all food and supplies needed to host a Barbecue outside of their store. For \$5.00 you can purchase a hotdog, snack and drink. 100 percent of the proceeds made at the Fortinos' Barbecue will be donated directly to St. Margaret Mary CES. Money raised will be used to replace some of the older classroom whiteboards and laptops.

The event is in partnership with professional race car driver Dave Connelly. Mr. Connelly will attend the event with his team. He will bring his race car and park it at the event for children to see and take a picture with. In the afternoon, before heading to the Fortinos' Barbecue, Mr. Connelly will make a special guest appearance at our school. He will speak for about 20 minutes on driving safety and the importance of using safety equipment in sports, this is a great connection to our Health and Physical Education curriculum.

UPCOMING: (all important dates can be found on [the SMM website](#))

- October 7-9- Grade 4 PACE testing (more information to come for grade 4 parents)
- October 7- Lego club begins
- October 10- Ms. DiBiase's class to STREAM centre
- October 14- Happy Thanksgiving! No school.
- October 15- Fresh from the Farm Orders Due via School Day
- October 15- Thanksgiving Mass with Father Jude at 9:30am
- October 21- Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation due to the parish
- October 21- PA Day
- October 22- Int. Girls VB Tournament at Woodbridge Sports Dome
- October 23- Int. Boys VB Tournament at Woodbridge Sports Dome
- October 25- CIVVIES Day
- October 29- Grade 7 and 8 Immunization Clinic (Details to follow)
- October 31- Halloween Dance

