



St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

I hope everyone is settling into the new school year and routines smoothly. Tomorrow, we celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, honoring the cross on which Jesus was crucified. This day inspires us to reflect on how our values and dreams align with Jesus' teachings and to live courageously.

On Sunday, we also observe the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, remembering the deep sorrow Mary felt during Jesus' Passion. This feast, observed on September 15, highlights the profound connection between their experiences.

As we continue into September, I am grateful to be part of such an engaged and supportive community. Thank you for your ongoing involvement in our school. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to the school office.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Prayer

As we continue our journey this week, let us be thankful for the gift of education and the joy of learning together. May our teachers be blessed with wisdom and our children with curiosity. Let us always support each other with kindness and respect.

Amen

Week at a Glance- September 16-20, 2024

Monday	Sept. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A great day for learning at SMM!
Tuesday	Sept. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A great day for learning at SMM!
Wednesday	Sept. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvey's Lunch via Lunchbox Program• Open House/Meet the Teacher (6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)
Thursday	Sept. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A great day for learning at SMM!
Friday	Sept. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Friday of the month = CIVVIES DAY!

OUTSIDE FOOD: We ask that parents do not send in McDonald's, Tim Horton's or other fast food lunches since most cannot guarantee cross contamination of peanuts/nuts. We would like to thank all parents/guardians for your continued support in keeping all of our students safe.

FRESH FROM THE FARM: I'm excited to share that St. Margaret Mary is beginning our first fundraiser of the year! Our goal is to upgrade classroom technology, including replacing some of the older "Smart Boards" this school year. Fresh from the Farm provides a healthy fundraising program by selling fresh Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables. Some of the benefits of this fundraiser are:

- Schools keep 40% of sales
- Families enjoy fresh, Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables.
- Fresh from the Farm promotes a healthy school environment while providing an opportunity for students to raise money for school initiatives.
- Supports Ontario farmers and our local economy

Please see the flier provided with this week's Friday Flash for more information. 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!

MEET THE TEACHER/CURRICULUM NIGHT: We look forward to welcoming parents/guardians into our school for an opportunity to meet your child(ren)'s teacher and SMM staff members on Wednesday, September 16th! We thank you in advance for sharing your time equitably with other families. If you have specific questions that may require more attention or discussion with your child's teacher, there are many additional ways to communicate with your child's teacher (e.g. email, phone call, agenda, any communication platforms teachers offer etc.). Parent/teacher interviews take place in November after distribution of Progress Reports and this is an ideal time to have a more concentrated and private conference. To respect the space and intention being created for our upcoming Open House, we ask that all siblings/children be supervised at all times.

LEGO CLUB: We are pleased to let you know that "back by popular demand", Creative Club Global will be running their (parent paid) Lego and Robotics Clubs at lunchtime at St. Margaret Mary. Information is provided in the attachments.

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

- September 26- CSC Election and Meeting (7pm in the school library)
- September 25- Rowans Law Day (Concussion Awareness)
- September 25- Terry Fox Run/Walk (Rain date is the 26th). **Please Wear Red and White.**
- September 27- PA Day for Students; Faith Day for Staff
- September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. **Please wear Orange.**
- September 30- Liturgy at 9:45 am in the Large Gym (parents welcome)
- October 1- Picture Day
- October 2- Cross Country Meet
- October 7- Lego club begins

