



St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

This week, I received a letter from the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. His letter was one of congratulations to our St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School community for responding to God's call with compassion, selflessness and love. We are recognized as being among the top supporters of ShareLife with a generous contribution of \$1189.60 in the 2023/2024 school year. This makes a profound impact in the lives of so many individuals and families who are facing challenging times.

We are well on our way to surpassing last year's donation through the generosity of so many of you who contribute, on behalf of their children participating in CIVVIES Days, via our [School Day CIVVIES Donation link](#). The link will remain live until the end of the school year for you to make a contribution should you wish to and are able to.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Prayer

Loving God,

As we have now returned to school and settled into our routines,
We thank You for the joy of learning and the friendships we have rekindled.

We ask for Your guidance as we continue this journey together.

May our hearts be open to knowledge, our minds be curious, and our spirits be filled with kindness.

Help us to support one another and grow in faith and understanding.

May we always reflect Your love in our actions and words.

In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

Week at a Glance- September 23-28, 2024

Monday	Sept. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great day for learning at SMM!
Tuesday	Sept. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great day for learning at SMM!
Wednesday	Sept. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvey's Lunch via Lunchbox Program Terry Fox Walk (Wear Red and/or White)
Thursday	Sept. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSC Election/First Meeting 7pm Library Cookies on Sale at lunch (\$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00)
Friday	Sept. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA DAY- No School for Students. Faith Day for Staff.

PARKING LOT SAFETY: Everyone must feel safe and welcome when they come to our school, and that begins in the parking lot. By law, accessible parking spots are designated for those who have licensed permission.



Many families and staff members require those spots, and they must remain available for those with an accessible parking permit. We are grateful for the support and cooperation of the St. Margaret Mary community

KISS 'n RIDE: Thank you to all the families who are following the guidelines for our Kiss 'n Ride. It's going very well this school year, and I appreciate your cooperation and vigilance. Please remember that the Kiss 'n Ride is designated for quick drop-offs only. Students should be ready with their bags in their laps to ensure a swift and safe exit. Parents are kindly asked not to leave their vehicles when in the Kiss 'n Ride area. If you need to park, please use a designated parking space. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our students safe.

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!

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR: There is an e-store which you can access at any time of the year to purchase School Spirit Wear. There are no deadlines and items will be delivered approximately every three weeks directly to the school. [HAPPY SHOPPING!](#)

TERRY FOX WALK: The 2024 Terry Fox School Walk at SMM will be taking place on Wednesday September 25th (September 26th rain date).. This event supports vital cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. Let's all show how incredible and generous our school community is and work to reach the fundraising goal of \$1500. On the day of the walk students are encouraged to wear Red and/or White. The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page customized for our school. Don't delay, let's start fundraising today! **You can donate online at: [St. Margaret Mary Donation Link](#)**

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.

SAFE DISMISSAL: As per policy 228A: Safe Arrival, Safe Dismissal and Attendance-Elementary,

It is the responsibility of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s):

4.4.2 To inform the school through the "Safe Arrival Parent Portal Website/ SafeArrival App" or by calling the "Parent Toll Free Safe Arrival Phone Number" when their child will be absent or late or in need of early dismissal.

4.4.3 To provide the school with a reason for their child's absence, lateness or early dismissal through the Safe Arrival program or a written note.

4.4.5 To provide a signature for their child's early dismissal for students in Grades JK-8 in the School Student Attendance Log available in the main office.

In order to keep all of our students safe, we will no longer accept a phone call to indicate that a parent has arrived. All parents must come into the office and sign their child out.

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

- 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 4- Fuel for Kids Fortino's Fundraiser BBQ
- October 7-9- Grade 4 PACE testing (more information to come)
- October 7- Lego club begins
- October 10- Ms. DiBiase's class to STREAM centre
- October 15- Fresh from the Farm Orders Due via School Day
- October 21- Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation due to the parish
- October 21- PA Day
- October 25- CIVVIES Day
- October 29- Grade 7 and 8 Immunization Clinic (Details to follow)
- October 31- Halloween Dance

