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Dear Families,

This Saturday, October 5th is World Teachers Day. Around the world the United Nations acknowledges this day and recognizes teachers for the good that they do. This year's theme is "Valuing teacher voices: Towards a new social contract for education." We are grateful to be blessed with wonderful teachers here at St. Margaret Mary. Let us remember to be grateful for our teachers not just on World Teachers Day but every day.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Prayer

Lord, bless the teachers who give their heart to teaching.
Thank you for the special gifts that you have given them and for giving them
a spirit of grace and compassion.

May they have strength and endurance to perform their many tasks,
and may they know and feel the deep gratitude of those whom they teach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Week at a Glance- October 7-11, 2024

Monday	Oct 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 4 PACE Screening• Lego Club at 11:15am• Int Boys VB Try-Outs at lunch• Pizza Lunch 🍕
Tuesday	Oct. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 4 PACE Screening• Bar Burrito Lunch 🌮
Wednesday	Oct 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 4 PACE Screening• Int Boys VB Try-Outs at lunch• Harvey's Lunch 🍔
Thursday	Oct 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. DiBiases class to STREAM Centre• Fire Safety with Vaughan Fire Dept and Sparky (Grade 1s)• X-Press Chicken 🍗
Friday	Oct 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cookie Sales 🍪

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: This month we celebrate the virtue of compassion. In Luke’s Gospel we read, “Be compassionate as God is compassionate.” (Luke 6:17) Although we might first think of gratitude and thanksgiving as being most clearly important to recognize in October, compassion is also an associated virtue. We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another person but also to act on behalf of that person. If we are truly compassionate then we will be able to express thanks or gratitude more genuinely for others because we truly care about them.

- I will seek to understand others by listening.
- I will be willing to forgive others
- I will give of my resources to help those in need.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET: On Wednesday, October 2nd, many students from grades 4 through 8 participated in the area cross country meet at Bruce’s Mill. We are incredibly proud of all our students for showing up to practice each day and giving their best on race day. A special congratulations to Samuel and Jaxon for qualifying to participate in the board finals! Great job, everyone! Thank you to Ms. Rupa, Ms. Vodo, and Ms. Surdo for your commitment and dedication to the Cross Country Team!

HEALTHY SNACK PROGRAM: This week, individually wrapped carrot sticks 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.*



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.

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

- 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



