



St. Margaret Mary CES

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Dear Families,

Sunday will begin the second week of Advent. The purple candle for this week is sometimes called the "love" candle. The light of this candle reminds us of the coming of Jesus, the light of our world who brings us hope and fills us with God's love. Today is the Feast of St. Nicholas, who was a much-admired bishop who lived in the 4th century. St. Nicholas lived like Jesus and St. Francis: He sold what he owned and gave all his money to the poor. He dedicated his life to serving God and was known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his love of children. As we celebrate his feast day, let us remember that his example of love and service is a model for us all in our school community. Just as St. Nicholas cared for others, we can show kindness, generosity, and love to those around us.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Our Advent Prayer 🗨️

God of Hope;
We praise you during this season
of Advent and always.
Draw us into your light as we journey.
May we be filled with trust.
May our anticipation of the joyful coming
Of your Son ever increase.
May our hope grow with each passing moment.
We ask this through your Son,
Who was born in a stable in Bethlehem.
Amen



Week at a Glance-December 9-13, 2024

Monday	December 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza Lunch 🍕• World of Robotics 11:15 am -12:15 pm
Tuesday	December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bar Burrito Lunch 🌮
Wednesday	December 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvey's Lunch 🍔

Thursday	December 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Mass- 9:30 am in the large gym • X-Press Chicken 🍗
Friday	December 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookie Sales 🍪

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Margaret Mary. offers Full Day Kindergarten for all of our Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes. This means the Junior and Senior Kindergarten Programs run every day, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The full day Kindergarten class has a Kindergarten teacher and an Early Childhood Educator, administering a play-based learning program.

Registration begins in January 2025. Junior Kindergarten (JK) children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2025 (born in 2021). Senior Kindergarten (SK) children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 (born in 2020). The following original documents are required: Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate; Birth Certificate; Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status or other valid Legal Status if not born in Canada (with entry date into Canada); Proof of Residency (3 pieces). Two utility bills and one tax bill or purchase/lease agreement. If you have any questions about Full Day Kindergarten for your child, please contact the school office.

PARKING LOT SAFETY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS As the winter months are upon us, a reminder to all parents/guardians to take extra precaution when driving in/out and through the school parking lot. Please be courteous and patient as wait times may be increased due to the weather and driving conditions.

YCDSB CHRISTMAS CARD

I am sharing an article that was written by a reporter from the Vaughan Citizen about the YCDSB Christmas Card Winners.

[Thornhill, Woodbridge students create winning Christmas cards for YCDSB contest](#)

SNOW PANTS

Please ensure that your child(ren) are equipped with weather appropriate apparel (e.g. boots, winter jacket, snow pants and hats/gloves) so they can enjoy our Canadian winter. A best practice is also to have them pack an extra pair of socks/pants as a backup, should these specific items become wet from snow. Students must also have a pair of non-marking indoor Shoes. Please note that students are required to wear snow pants and boots if they want to be able to enjoy all of our wonderful Canadian snow.

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

- December 16- Primary Christmas Concert (Details to follow, but it will be during the school day)
- December 16- Red, Green and White Day
- December 17- PJs and a Movie Day
- December 18-Hat Day
- December 19- Wear holiday Bells Day
- December 20- Festive Sweater/Civvies Day
- December 20- Last day before the Christmas Break!



