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⚡ SMM FRIDAY FLASH- March 3-7, 2025 ⚡

Prayer🙏

Loving God,

Give us the strength to keep trying even when things are hard.

Remind us to never give up and always give the best we have so that we may succeed in all we do.

Amen.

Week at a Glance-March 3-7, 2025

Monday	March 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BricQ Stem Motion Building (parent paid lunch program)• Pizza Lunch 🍕
Tuesday	March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pancake/Shrove Tuesday 🥞• Pasta Tuesday 🍝
Wednesday	March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ash Wednesday ✝️• Harvey's Wednesday 🍔
Thursday	March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• X-Press Chicken 🍗• Lunchtime Art Class 🎨• The Great Big Crunch 🍎• DO Gibson presentation
Friday	March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cookie Sales 🍪

St. Margaret Mary is now on Instagram! 📸 Follow us at @smmces_ycdsb.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: PERSEVERANCE

This month we celebrate the virtue of perseverance, which is linked with the moral virtue of fortitude. It is this virtue that helps us through the dark and difficult days. It gives us the discipline that not only leads us through the Lenten moments in our lives but in the intellectually and morally trying times. This virtue carries with it the promise of God's loving presence that is always with us.

Students will be encouraged to persevere with the following "I will" statements:

- I will stick to the goals I have set for myself.
- I will always believe in myself and have faith in what I can accomplish.

PANCAKE TUESDAY/SHROVE TUESDAY

SMM will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on March 4, 2025 by firing up the griddles and treating all students to some delicious pancakes. Each student will receive two small pancakes as a special treat in the morning. We will be making the pancakes with the Pearl Milling Company Original Complete Mix. Please have a look at the [ingredients list](#) to ensure that this product is ok for your child. **Special thanks to our amazing**

Catholic School Council and volunteers for their time and dedication in organizing this for St. Margaret Mary CES!!

ASH WEDNESDAY



This year the Season of Lent begins on March 5th (Ash Wednesday). It is the time of year when our Catholic Church observes our forty-day journey toward Easter.

During Lent, we recall the time that Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert and we remember the ultimate sacrifice that he made by dying on the cross. We reflect on our lives and repent for the ways in which we may not have fully lived out the call of our Baptism. We may honour the season by giving something up and/or making a special effort to do good works or acts of charity, and by focusing on prayer as a means of deepening our relationship with God.

Our Ash Wednesday faith celebration led by Father Rony will take place on March 5th in the gymnasium at 10:00 am. Students in JK to Grade 8 will receive the blessed ashes. Parents are welcome to attend.

ATTENTION GRADE 3 AND GRADE 6 PARENTS

Webinar: EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Register for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

Choose one of the following webinar dates:

- March 6, 2025 @ 12:00 pm
- March 26, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Click [here](#) for registration

RECESS: HARD TOP ONLY

Unfortunately, with the fluctuation with weather, the fields have been icy or soft and muddy so students have had to play on the hardtop only. When the fields are not open, for safety reasons, balls are strictly prohibited

GREAT BIG CRUNCH

On March 6, 2025, St. Margaret Mary is taking a #GreatBigCrunch to make some noise for healthy school food! Every student and staff member will receive an apple, and we will all take our first crunchy bite at the same time.

DO GIBSON: PRESENTATION

Duane Gibson, aka D.O., is a two-time Guinness World Record-setting rapper, author, and University graduate that has been inspiring hundreds of thousands of youth since 2001. Gibson has spoken at

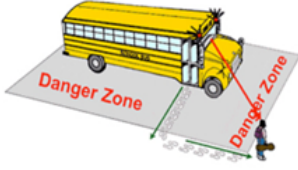
more than 3000 schools focusing on anti-bullying, literacy, and Black Canadian history. As a rapper, his songs have hit #1 on the US college charts, he's had Snoop Dogg provide him with freestyle topics, and Drake appeared in one of his videos. Gibson has performed worldwide in places such as Taiwan, Japan, England, France, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. We are excited to welcome him to St. Margaret Mary on March 6, 2025. You can read more about him at <https://staydriven.com/about-d-o/>

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL MARCH NEWSLETTER

“The wheels on the bus go round and round...” Walking to the school bus stop and riding the bus to school are considered important forms of active school travel. Students who live outside of the Non-Transportation Zone for their home school qualify for school bus service.

Walking to the bus stop and riding the bus provides a number of benefits including:

- Teaching children the value of time and being organized
- Keeping children active, which leads to strong physical and mental health
- Encouraging social interaction and improving and building social skills
- Keeping communities safe and reducing private automobile traffic congestion
- Reducing environmental air pollution
- Making school more accessible for all children

Ministry of Transportation School Bus Safety Tips	
When you board or leave the bus	While on the bus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road ● Stay out of the DANGER ZONE. If you can touch the bus, you're too close. Use 10 giant steps to take you out of the DANGER ZONE, and make sure you and the bus driver can see each other. ● Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind. ● Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before you cross in front of a bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay seated, facing forward at all times ● Don't put things in the aisle ● Never distract the bus driver ● Don't eat or drink while on the bus ● Don't yell, push people or throw things ● Keep your arms and head inside the bus <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

If your child does not qualify for the school bus, we encourage walking/cycling/scootering or parking a block away and walking the rest of the way. For those who can't walk/cycle/scooter every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits.

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

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

- March 10-14- MARCH BREAK
- March 18-20- Intermediate Film in a Day
- March 26- Ms. Iacoucci's class to the STREAM Centre
- March 26- Int. Boys BB Tournament at Immaculate Conception
- March 27- Board Wide Lenten Mass
- March 27- Int. Girls BB Tournament at St. James
- March 27- CSC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the library
- March 28- Civvies Day

