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The Season of Advent begins on Sunday December 2nd and continues until Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>. Advent is a time of preparation. We look back on the past year and give thanks for all the blessing our loving Father has bestowed on us. It is also a time of setting goals, goals for improvement. We should pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help us improve our lives so we can welcome Christ more fully through this Advent Season. We need to ask to be more charitable with each other, especially our siblings and parents. We should also try to be more understanding and accepting of others. But most importantly, we should try to be helpful and patient with each other. We are also reminded to be ever thankful for the gift of creation as we continue to live out our mission of Glorifying the Lord through being Stewards of the Earth. Advent is a season of joyful expectations. It is a wonderful way in which we can prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord Jesus, once again at Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting, waiting for God to enter our world and our hearts in a new and life-giving way.

Advent allows us to quiet ourselves and to reflect on who Jesus is for each one of us. All families are encouraged to enjoy what this season has to offer while making sure that the added stresses do not overshadow the true meaning of Christmas. Be sure to keep Christ in Christmas. Jesus is the reason for the season!

We will be making an Advent promise as well as be acknowledging "acts of kindness" Each act of kindness will be recorded on a piece of hay to be placed in our Religion corners to cradle baby Jesus in his manger.

How are you getting ready to welcome Jesus during this Advent season?

**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

**School Mass:** Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in our school gym. All parents are welcome to attend this beautiful celebration.

**ADVENT CEREMONIES**

The beautiful season of Advent begins on Sunday December 2. We will have an Advent Ceremony each Monday in our school gym. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend! Let us celebrate this beautiful season of waiting together as we walk towards Christmas...

**Basketball  
Tournament**

**Professional  
Activity Day**

**Grade 3  
Outdoor Trip**

**Grade 3  
Outdoor  
Educational  
Trip to  
Marydale  
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**LOOKING  
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**Advent Craft  
Night  
Wed. Dec. 12  
6:30**

**Cookies and  
Milk with St.  
Nicholas**

**Advent Family  
Mass  
Tues. Dec. 18  
6:30**

**Prayer to  
St. Marguerite  
d'Youville**

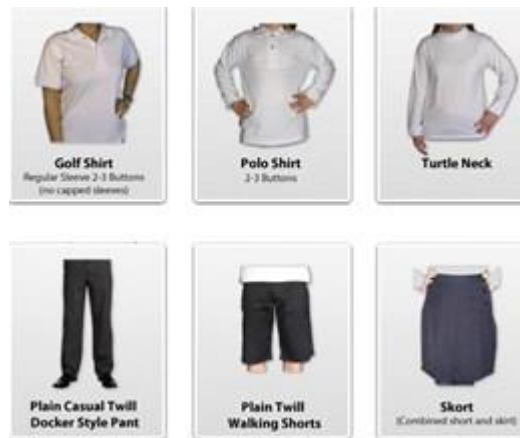
Saint Marguerite  
d'Youville,  
we turn to you in  
humble prayer

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Our Catholic School Council will be hosting Milk and Cookies with St. Nicholas on Friday, December 14 in the afternoon. All students will have the opportunity to see St. Nick and get their photo taken with him. Thank you to our Council for providing us with such a wonderful opportunity!

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Mandatory School Uniform implies that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately and in adherence to the Board and School Uniform Policy. Failure to do so shall result in consequences as outlined in the Uniform Policy. Parents please note that many of our students are wearing tights, or jogging pants. These pieces of clothing are not part of the uniform. **Only plain casual twill dockers are allowed for students in Grade 4-8.**

Teachers will be checking for compliance of uniform and will put a note in the agenda. Please make sure your child is wearing the proper uniform. Your support in being compliant is appreciated. If you require assistance, please notify the office.

## DIABETES PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, November 27, our students from Gr 4-8 attended a Diabetes Presentation in our school gym. I Challenge Diabetes is a grassroots charity whose mission is to support, empower, and connect individuals living with type 1 diabetes. Former Canadian Olympic rower Chris Jarvis was present and shared his journey to reach the top while living with diabetes. Our students participated well in the presentation and learned what it means to test blood sugar, take insulin and what to do in the event of low blood sugar.

because your life speaks to us of goodness, compassion and love in a world of suffering, anguish and pain.

It is not unlike the world you knew as you went about doing good with a great love for the human family, with preference for the poorest of all.

Your dream of universal charity became a mission in the Church. We give thanks to you for the inspiring vision that is ours today as your dream lives on.

May we learn as you did the life-giving power of love, the profound peace of unfailing trust, the deep mystery of suffering and pain, the comfort of prayer.

Saint Marguerite, teach us to listen, In the silence of our hearts, to the God of Mercy and Compassion. that we, too, may be signs of God's love to all people of



### SCHOOL BUS BRAINS PROGRAM

Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Reilly's classes will be involved in The School Bus Brains Program. Our students will be taking monitors on their bus rides to and from school. Results will be shared at a later date. Thank you to all of the children involved in this study.

### CLASSROOM PRESENTATION FOR GR 5/6 & 6 CLASS ON FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS

On Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> our Social Worker Mrs. Filice-Greco and our Child and Youth Worker Mrs. Nunes presented to our Grade 6 and 5/6 Classes. Remember a Friend: Fights for you, Respect you, Includes you, Encourages you, Needs you, Deserves you.

### NOVEMBER MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to our Grade 4 students who presented our Monthly Assembly! Keep living the Attitude of Jesus. Solaf was congratulated on her picture being published in The Christian Meditation Book.



### EXTRA PAIR OF SHOES FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Winter has arrived! With the snowy weather here, please ensure your child comes to school prepared with all necessary clothing items to keep them warm. Please also note that students CANNOT wear boots while in the classroom, they need to have a pair of running shoes for indoor use. When wearing boots to school, please make sure your child has a pair of running shoes packed in their school bag. If it is easier, students are welcome to keep a pair of running shoes at school, during the winter months. As you can imagine, when students need to call home at the start of the day,

<p>our world. Amen. St. Marguerite d'Youville, Pray for us. Amen.</p>	<p>to have running shoes brought to school, a lot of unnecessary traffic is created in our office, as well as unnecessary disruptions to the classroom.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support.</p>
<p><b>Follow us on Twitter</b></p> <p><b>@stmyces</b></p>	<p><b>FEEDER SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT</b></p>
	<p>On Wednesday November 5 our Senior Girls will be involved in a Feeder School Basketball Tournament. We wish our girls a great time! Thank you to Mr. Welsh for organizing this great opportunity for our students.</p>
	<p><b>PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY</b></p>
	<p>Friday December 7 will be a Professional Activity Day. We wish all of our students and their families a great long weekend! Staff will be involved in Professional Development Activities.</p>
	<p><b>GRADE 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP TO MARYDALE CAMP</b></p>
	<p>Our Grade 3 students will be attending on Outdoor Education Trip to Marydale Camp on Wednesday December 5. Dress for the outdoors and have a great time enjoying the beautiful splendour God bestows on us daily!</p>
<p><b>MAKING THE RACE FAIR</b></p>	
<p>St. Marguerite d'Youville is partnering with McMaster University and the Offord Centre for Child Studies on a new study. If you have a child between 2-4 years of age, you may be able to take part! If you are interested in learning more, please speak with the school office or contact the Research Coordinator (Julie Gross 905-525-9140 ext 27066 <a href="mailto:grossj@mcmaster.ca">grossj@mcmaster.ca</a>)</p>	

Are you dealing with the terrible twos and beyond?  
Do you have concerns about your child's emotions  
and/or behaviours?

Families with children from 2–4 years of age are needed for

## "Making the Race Fair" Study

We are testing the Family Check-Up, a program  
that was developed to help families with the  
challenges of parenting young children.

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## GROWTH MINDSET

**“IT DOES NOT MATTER  
HOW SLOWLY YOU GO  
SO LONG AS YOU  
DO NOT STOP.”**

**-CONFUCIUS**

## MATH NUGGET



### It's in the Cards

For a twist on the traditional card game War, assign values of 1 to the ace, 11 to the jack, 12 to the queen, and 13 to the king, and face value for the cards two through 10 (for younger children, limit the game to number cards only). Playing in pairs, each student lays two cards face up, then subtracts the lower number from the higher. Whoever has the higher answer wins all four cards. If the totals are the same, the players flip over two more cards and repeat until there is a winner.

**Challenge:** Use the two cards to form a fraction, and then compare to see who has the larger fraction. If they are equivalent, repeat until someone wins the round.

## FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“We cannot truly follow Jesus when we are weighed down by things, because if the heart is crowded with other goods, there will be no room for the Lord, who will become just one thing among others.”



## LOOKING AHEAD

### ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT

Keep Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> open as we will be having our annual Advent Craft Night in our school gym at 6:30. All families are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Anthony-Corrigan for preparing all of the materials for our craft and for bringing the die presses for our beautiful cards.

### MILK AND COOKIES WITH ST. NICHOLAS

On Friday December 14 all of our students will be able to have their photo taken with St. Nicholas as they enjoy milk and a cookie courtesy of our Catholic School Council. We are looking forward to all the joy we will experience that afternoon! Thank you to St. Nicholas for joining us for this special occasion!

<b>ADVENT FAMILY MASS</b>
<p>We will be participating in a school Advent Family Mass on Tuesday December 18 at St. Catherine of Siena Church Corpus Christi Site. The Mass will be celebrated at 6:30. We are hoping to have many of our families attend. Our children will be involved. Please set aside this time during the beautiful season of Advent to celebrate as a Catholic Community. If you or your child is able to participate in the Mass, please let us know by calling the school or sending a message in your child's agenda.</p>