

February 2014

# St. Marguerite d'Youville

Catholic Elementary School



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## From the Desk of the Principal:

Two ideas that I would like students and families to reflect on this month are focussing on what we "say" and what we "do". There is an old Japanese Saying that states, "One kind word can warm three winter months". Sometimes we forget how powerful a compliment can be. Just being pleasant and respectful to one another makes our school community a great place to be part of. As we think about what we do, Robert Frost, Poet, stated, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Students must strive to do their best at all times. This may mean not following the "crowd" but doing what he/she thinks is right. If you are striving for that "A" mark, don't give up. Try your best as that is all your parents, guardians, and school staff want. **You can do it!!!**

**Principal: Kevin MacIsaac**

**Assistant to the Principal: Jim Mauro**

**Secretary: Ivana Gennaccaro**

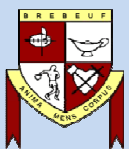
**Superintendent: Ivana Fortino**

**Trustee: Patrick Daly**

## **INSIDE JANUARY'S** **NEWSLETTER**

- 1) Family Day
- 2) Full day Junior Kindergarten Registration
- 3) School Safety
- 4) ECO Fair
- 5) Catholic School Council News
- 6) E-MATH Parent Survey

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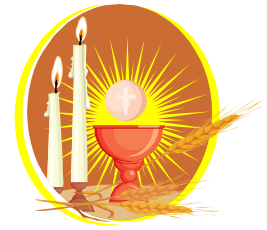


**Corpus Christi Church**  
1694 Upper James St. Hamilton On. L9B 1K6  
905-389-2472  
**Father Edward Mahony**

## FAMILY DAY

There will be no school on Monday, February 17, 2014 due to Family Day.

### Church News



**First Reconciliation:** February 15, 2014 at 10:30 am

**First Holy Communion:** May 10, 2014 at 10:30 am

We look forward to being a part of your child=s spiritual journey with Jesus.

## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We will be setting appointments to register Junior Kindergarten and new Senior Kindergarten students for September 2014 on **Thursday, February 6,** and **Thursday, February 13, 2014.** Please call the school @ 905-387-4600 to set up an appointment time. The registration process takes about 15 minutes. You **MUST BRING with you at registration time: ROMAN CATHOLIC BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IMMUNIZATION RECORD and PROOF OF RESIDENCE.**

**Junior Kindergarten child (ren) must be 4 years of age ON or BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014 and a NEW Senior Kindergarten Child must be 5 years of age ON or BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

## SCHOOL SAFE

The following is a reminder on keeping our school safe.

- (1) All parents/visitors must enter the school from the front door entrance by the school office. You will be required to use the intercom and the office staff will unlock the door remotely so that you may come into the school and report to the office. We are asking that all parents wait outside for their children to be dismissed each day. Please note that parents and visitors will not be allowed entry from the back doors of the school. We also ask for your support by not walking your child to their classroom. Students will enter the school with the rest of the students. Parents, please use the front door so we can monitor entry to the school by all visitors to the school.
- (2) For JK/SK parents - Supervision will be provided outside in the daycare playground area from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The JK/ SK teacher will be outside to meet your child. At 9:00 a.m. the students will line up and the teacher will bring them into the school. Parents will not be allowed to enter the school with their children prior to the bell. Hopefully this will help parents as they will not have to wait in the school for the bell to ring at 9:00 a.m. At the end of the day, we are asking parents to wait for their children outside at the daycare doors and not enter the building. When the teacher sees the child's parent at the door, they will dismiss your child to you.

## GRAD PHOTOS



The Grade 8 grad photos will be taken on **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. Students should dress appropriately for their photos.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

On January 27, 2014 our student council initiated a pyjama dress down day to support National Literacy Day. We encouraged students to read and promoted reading with a book mark contest. Our council member's also read to the primary students. A special thank you to all the parents, guardians and grandparents that took time out of their busy schedule to support their child or grandchild's reading. Congratulations to our book mark contest winners Alexis M., Zoe Y. and Katherine B.

The month of February will be full of excitement. On **February 7<sup>th</sup>** we will have an opening ceremony of our own at St. Marguerite to commemorate the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Each class will represent a country and compete in winter like activities and games on **February 21<sup>st</sup>**.



Lastly, on **February 14<sup>th</sup>** is a pink, red and white dress down day. Also, students can "Dance their heart away" for forty minutes as part of our Valentine's Day activities and daily physical activity. Each student will be asked to donate a loonie to help support the Heart and Stroke association and will also be given a ballot to enter a guess the jelly bean contest. Thank you for all for supporting your student council activities.

## CHILD CARE PROGRAM

St. Marguerite d'Youville Children's Centre is located inside St. Marguerite d'Youville School. We provide Catholic child care programs to support and compliment the programs of the school. Our program is licence for children 18 months to 12 years of age. We offer both a full day and before & after program. For further information, please contact Program Supervisor, Jessie Gavran @ 905-387-9995 or email her at [515cc@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:515cc@hwcdsb.ca)

## **It's National Sweater Walk and Roll to School Day**



On Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> students and staff are urged to wear a heavy warm sweater, walk and roll to school and make a difference in minimizing our carbon footprint. So count yourself in, join the movement in making a positive difference in helping our environment and wear your warmest sweater.

WINTER WALK DAY 2014

## Celebrate Wear Yellow Day!

Encourage students, parents, and staff to WEAR YELLOW  
and WALK to school.

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Registration & more  
Wear Yellow Day information at

<http://www.smartcommutehamilton.ca/en/schools/wear-yellow-day-hamilton>



Courtesy of St. Marguerite d'Youville

**For more information contact:**  
Kelly Scott, Physical Activity Specialist  
City of Hamilton Public Health Services  
[kelly.scott@hamilton.ca](mailto:kelly.scott@hamilton.ca)



## St. Marguerite WINS the Ontario= Waste Free Lunch Challenge Again! 😊

Yes, you heard it here, our school is the only school in Ontario to win this challenge four years in a row. We won \$100 from the Recycling Council of Ontario and Metro to be used towards our environmental initiatives.

Please read the Media Press Release <http://www.wastefreelunch.com/winners>

Let=s continue to bring waste free lunches everyday. We can do it!

## Two Ministry of Education Speak UP Grants Awarded

The Eco Team has successfully been awarded two \$1 000 Speak Up Grants for participating in Ontario=s Student Voice initiative: Everyone=s Green Grass Space and Sharing Multicultural Healthy Foods Make Us United and Strong!

Congratulations to our students for speaking up! Your student voice is heard!

## St. Marguerite=s Healthy Eco Fair

Our Healthy Eco Fair is scheduled for Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us any time from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to meet and participate with various health and environment groups from our Hamilton Community. St. Kateri, St. Michael, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Daniel=s Environmental Student Reps will be joining us so that we can share best practices and network together. More details will be found in the March Newsletter.

### Bike Racks



The HAT Team will be receiving \$600 funding from the City of Hamilton to help with the cost of purchasing solid bike racks. The school is committed in putting money towards this endeavour as many of our students have been using this mode of transportation which has increased over the years. Students are adopting healthier lifestyles and helping our environment too! Keep rolling St. Marguerite!

## Catholic School Council News

### Happy Valentine's Day !

Wishing your family a happy and safe family day!!



On Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 in school gymnasium, we will be featuring the movie Despicable me 2



- Popcorn \$2.00
- Coffee \$1.00



Please bring your own refillable water bottle. Hope to see you all there!!!

Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 is pancake Tuesday any parent volunteers for this event please contact school at (905)387-4600.

Next CSC Meeting held Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30. In school library. All welcome

## ***Jepag News***

Guest Speaker Michael Reist is coming and speaking about how boys and girls learn differently.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul School

295 Greencedar Dr. Hamilton, Ontario

If you are interested in seeing this highly recommended speaker please rsvp [fabbrob@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:fabbrob@hwcdsb.ca)



**PRECIOUS MOMENTS**

**BOUTIQUE  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, May 14 & 18, 2014 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**AT**

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC RESOURCE CENTRE**

**3RD FLOOR**

**203 McNab Street, North, Hamilton**

*Gently new and experienced Graduation and First Holy Communion*

*dresses and suits are available to students at no cost.*



**Students and parents are welcome.**

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

**Contact Kelly Duffy-Kariam ext. 2831**

**JEPAG Lenten Retreat**  
***Tired, Hurried, Overwhelmed: There is a  
Time for Rest!***

**When:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014

**What:** Lenten Retreat for all School Council Members

**Time:** 7 - 9 pm - beginning with Mass at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King – 700 King St. W. Hamilton

**Presented by:** Fr. David Wynen (Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King)

Rediscover the joy of Sunday rest. A time to re-store, re-vitalize and re-create. This retreat will reflect on the tradition of the day of rest and its meaning today. Join us as we take back time for family, ourselves and God.

***Take time this Lent to reflect on hearts filled  
with hope to sustain us!***





**SOCIAL MEDIA  
INFORMATION NIGHT  
PRESENTED BY  
BISHOP TONNOS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Monday February 24th, 2014**

**Topics will include:**

<b>Sexting</b>	<b>Askme</b>	<b>Instagram</b>
<b>Twitter</b>	<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Vine</b>
<b>Tumblr</b>	<b>Imagur</b>	

**Time: 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Where: Cafeteria**

There is no cost and light refreshments will be provided.

Due to the content involved it is recommended for adults only.

Please sign and return this portion to your school if you plan to attend.

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# SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION NIGHT FACTS

## SEXTING

66% of 8- to 18-year olds own their own cell phones; 76% of all 8-to18 year olds have iPods or other MP3 players.

About 1 in 5 (19%) of teens have engaged in some kind of sexting; of those, 9% sent a sext; 17% received a sext; and 3% forwarded a sext. 53% of teens who sext are girls and 47% are boys. (enough.org)



## CYBERBULLYING

1. Nearly 43% of kids have been bullied online. 1 in 4 has had it happen more than once.
2. 70% of students report seeing frequent bullying online.
3. Over 80% of teens use a cell phone regularly, making it the most common medium for cyber bullying.
4. 68% of teens agree that cyber bullying is a serious problem.
5. 81% of young people think bullying online is easier to get away with than bullying in person.
6. 90% of teens who have seen social-media bullying say they have ignored it. 84% have seen others tell cyber bullies to stop. (dosomething.org)

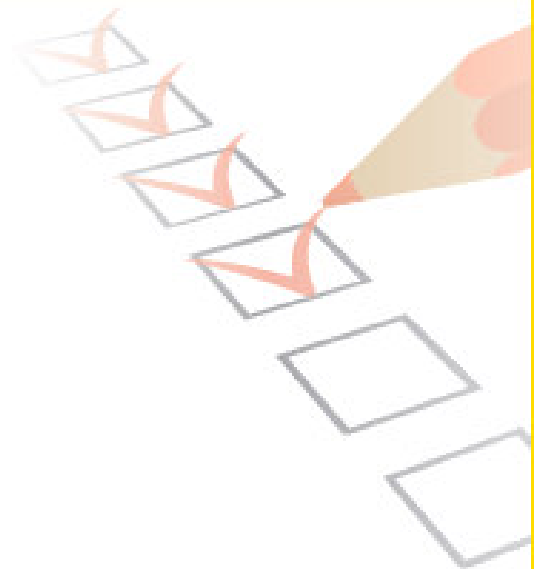


Educating our children about how and when to use social media is the responsibility of every parent. We hope you can join us to learn a little more about this growing social issue.

# Please take a few moments to complete a short survey

Please help us understand your experiences with **e-math+**.

Your feedback will help to improve the implementation process and will inform product and communication enhancements in future years.



Take the survey:  
[www.surveymonkey.net/s/emathplusparent](http://www.surveymonkey.net/s/emathplusparent)



**Finding the right solution for students and parents**

# The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

In association with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board



## 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GALA DINNER

Mass Celebrant:  
His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

**MAY 23 - 24, 2014**

**"Parental Influence on student well-being and Catholic Education"**

### **Conference & AGM**

Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School  
4555 Tomken Road, Mississauga, ON

### **Networking Reception,**

### **Mass & Gala Dinner**

Toronto Marriott Hotel  
901 Dixon Rd, Toronto, ON

Online Registration will begin January 31st, 2014  
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