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St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School

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2016-2017

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This Student Agenda belongs to:

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Saint Marguerite d'Youville

Saint Marguerite d'Youville was born in Varennes, Quebec, on October 15, 1701. She attended the Ursuline Convent in Quebec until 1714. In 1722, she married Francois You de la Decouverte in Notre Dame Catholic Church, Montreal. In 1727, she joined the confraternity of the Holy Family and her devotion to the Eternal Father became the focal point of her life. Tragically, her husband died on July 4, 1730, at thirty years of age, leaving her with two sons, Francois and Charles (who later became priests).

On December 31, 1737, Marguerite and several friends, who had been helping care for the poor and needy in their homes, consecrated themselves unreservedly to God for the rest of their lives, to serve the poor. This was the beginning of the Sisters of Charity, later to be known as the Grey Sisters.

In 1747, Marguerite accepted the administration of the dilapidated Hospital General des Freres Charon. Through industry, creativity and charity, she raised up the declining institution and improved the quality of care. Marguerite suffered the ordeals of war, famine, fire and personal health challenges, but nothing could discourage her. Her confidence in God the Father was steadfast. She died on December 23, 1771. To this day, St. Marguerite d'Youville manifests tenderness to those who pray with confidence.

Marguerite d'Youville is the first Canadian born person to become a Saint. In naming our school after her, the long service of the Grey Sisters in Whitby is also recognized.

St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School Prayer

Saint Marguerite d'Youville
I beg of you,
Wherever I may be, whatever I may do,
Take me by the hand and lead me to Jesus.
Together let us walk the **Way**;
The one where Jesus is recognized in the poor,
The abandoned, the sick, the forgotten.
Walk with me in the light of the **Truth** that is Jesus,
So that one day with you
I may enjoy **Life** everlasting. Amen.

St. Marguerite d'Youville, pray for us.



Durham Catholic District School Board Mission Statement

We are called to celebrate and nurture the God-Given talents of each student as we serve with excellence in the light of Christ.

Our School Community

St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School is a vibrant school community of approximately 310 students and 25 teachers and support staff. We are supported in our educational efforts by the parish of St. John the Evangelist Church and All Saints Catholic Secondary School. These partnerships are consolidated with open and regular communications and the sharing of numerous events and celebrations. Home, school and parish cooperate in forming the heart and spirit of our school community.

At St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School, every day begins with prayer. School Masses and Liturgies are scheduled regularly throughout the school year to celebrate the gift of our school and its uniqueness as a Catholic community of living and learning.

St. John the Evangelist Church

The home parish for St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School is St. John the Evangelist. The parish invites you to celebrate the sacred Liturgy each weekend and to take part in all parish social events. In this way, we are a truly caring, Christian community.

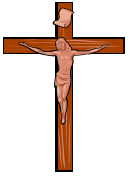
Pastor: Fr. Damian Ali

Church Address:
903 Giffard Street
Whitby, ON L1N 2S3
Phone: 905-668-3676
Fax: 905-658-9109

St. John the Evangelist Church Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Confession:
Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment



School Hours



School begins: 8:30

Recess 9:55 - 10:10
Lunch 11:20 - 12:15
Recess 1:40 -

Dismissal 3:00

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School Year Calendar 2016-17

September 6 School begins
October 10 Thanksgiving holiday
October 21 P.A. Day

November 18	P.A. Day
Dec. 26-Jan. 6	Christmas Break
January 20	P.A. Day
February 20	Family Day Holiday
March 10	P.A. Day
March 13-17	March Break
April 14	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Monday
April 28	P.A. Day
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday
June 29	Last day of school (3:00 pm dismissal)

St. Marguerite d'Youville Communication

The youngest child in each family is designated the courier for school information that goes home to each family. Every month we will send home a monthly calendar with the youngest child. The newsletter will be posted on our website stmarguerite.dcdsb.ca/. Follow us on twitter @smddurham.

School Operations

Emergency Contact Forms

A Student Information Form is sent home with every student in early September each school year. A parent/guardian is asked to update the information and return the form immediately. **Should information change during the school year, please notify the office and your child's records will be updated.**

Supervision of Students

Supervision on the yard begins at 8:15 a.m. After school the bus zone is supervised until approximately 3:15 p.m. There is no formal yard supervision after 3:15 p.m. as those students who walk to school are expected to leave for home immediately after dismissal.

Parking and Kiss & Ride

The parking lot on the west side of the property is our visitor parking. The south parking lot is designated for staff parking.

For the "Kiss and Ride" program vehicles are to enter the parking lot from the south entrance and drive between the island and the school to pick-up/drop off students. For after school pick up, vehicles will leave the parking lot or driveway AFTER our buses have left the driveway. If after buses have left your child is not in your vehicle we ask that you drive out the parking lot and around again to avoid blocking other vehicles.

Inclement Weather Conditions

If weather conditions force the cancellation of transportation services or classes, notification will be given by all local radio stations. Please note that when only the transportation has been cancelled, the school will remain open and classes will proceed. Please check the local radio stations (KX96, CKDO 1350, CFRB 1010, CHUM 1050 or 680 News). Cancellation information will also be posted on the Board's website at www.dcdsb.ca.

Breakfast Program

Beginning at 8:15 a.m. interested students are welcome to enjoy a nutritious breakfast as they arrive at school. Parent volunteers and staff prepare and supervise the program to 8:30 am.

Lunch Procedures

Students who stay at school for lunch are expected to observe the following guidelines, which have been established and clearly explained to them. Staff members and lunch hour supervisors supervise them during the lunch hour.

New for 2016-17 regarding leaving the school property during lunch. Primary and Junior students (grades K-6) are not permitted to leave the school property unless signed out and accompanied by a parent/guardian. Intermediate students (grades 7-8) are permitted to leave the school property if they have a written, dated and signed permission

note from their parent/guardian. No food or drink is to be brought back to the school by the grade 7/8 students. Food and drinks are not permitted in the yard due to student safety.

Students who take the bus are not permitted to leave school property to go to the store at the end of the school day.

In our attempt to reduce the amount of garbage we generate at the school, we would encourage all students to bring a “garbage-less” lunch to school daily.

Parent Involvement Committee

Our Parent Involvement Committee is a group of dedicated, hardworking parents, community members and staff who devote time and energy into making “SMD the place to BE!”.

This is a great way to be involved in your child’s school. All parents are welcome to our monthly meeting whether they are a member of council or not. The council is always looking for extra voices and volunteers.