



Wildcat Weekly - November 4-8 2024

Week of Monday November 4 to Friday November 8



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Wildcat Week at a Glance



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***This Week's Events***

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## **Treaties Recognition Week**

The first full week in November is marked as Treaties Recognition Week. This is an opportunity to recognize and understand the importance of treaty education and to help everyone in Ontario learn about treaties. All Saints students will engage in age appropriate learning opportunities regarding treaties and our treaty obligations throughout the week.

### **Saturday November 2 -**

All Souls Day

### **Monday November 4 -**

Sub Day

CCAT Testing for Grade 4 students

Popcorn on Sale through School Cash Online!

Progress Report Interview Link Open for Requested Interviews

### **Tuesday November 5 -**

CCAT Testing for Grade 4 students

Early Reading Screening K-2

Eventbrite Registration Opens for First Reconciliation Dates [Eventbrite Link](#)

### **Wednesday November 6 -**

Wildcat Wednesday ~ Milk & Cookies

CCAT Testing for Grade 4 students

A Day in the Life at Loyola ~ Grade 8 Trip 9:15 - 2:30pm

Black Excellence Professional Expo 6:00pm Notre Dame HS

St. Martin's Regional Sports Open House 6:30pm

Extended French (Grade 5) Parent information Session 7:00pm ~ Virtual [Microsoft Teams Live Meeting #2 Link](#)

### **Thursday November 7-**

*Deep Thought Thursday*

CCAT Testing for Grade 4 students (catch-up)

Kinder Rosary Apostolate

Holy Name of Mary Open House 6:30pm

### **Friday November 8 -**

Pizza Day

CCAT Testing for Grade 4 students (catch-up)

OT Visit for Printing Workshops Grade 1-2 Classes

Immunization Clinic Grade 7 & 8 (PM)



**REMINDER  
HOLIDAY  
FUNDRAISER  
LAST  
DAY TO  
ORDER!**

**IMPORTANT  
INFO:**

**WHEN?** October 18  
to November 1

**WHERE?** Visit us at  
[www.shopdfscanada.com](http://www.shopdfscanada.com) to REGISTER &  
SHOP!

**ORGANIZATION ID:**  
8590

THANK YOU  
for your  
contribution  
to our  
school community!

Your support helps us achieve amazing things! Funds raised will  
be allocated to:

- Library Refresh
- School Presenters
- Scientist in the School Presentations
- Saving for an Outdoor Classroom

**1 - Final Day to Order!!**

*Please refer to the information package and shopping catalogue sent home with students for more details.*

**Online Shopping Link:** [Online Shopping for Fundraising Materials Canada \(dfscanada.com\)](http://Online Shopping for Fundraising Materials Canada (dfscanada.com))

**ORGANIZATION ID:** 8590

## Popcorn Tuesdays

- **Popcorn Tuesdays** are back! All Saints School Council is excited to be selling individual popcorn bags on a weekly basis every **Tuesday** starting on **November 12th**. All proceeds will go towards supporting curriculum enhancements (i.e., School Presentations/Programs).
- The popcorn will once again be supplied by *From Farm to Table Canada*, they are in compliance with the School Food and Beverage Policy. Each bag will sell for **\$2.00** and the following flavours will be offered: **Butter and Salt** and **White Cheddar**.
- To order, please go on School Cash Online and pay for your snack. Orders must be in by Thursday November 7th. Orders until the Christmas Break will cover the following dates: November 12th, 19th, 26th December 3rd, 10th, 17th We greatly appreciate your continued support!
- Thank you, ALL SAINTS SCHOOL COUNCIL

## CCAT Testing

The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (C.C.A.T.) will be administered to students in Grade 4 during the week of November 4th -8th, 2024.

Test results will help to screen and identify students who demonstrate intellectually advanced cognitive abilities. The assessment results may be used to plan future academic programming and potential placement for your child.

If your child's C.C.A.T. test results indicate that they require further assessment, you will be contacted directly by the Special Education Resource Teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the C.C.A.T. assessment, please feel free to contact the school.

## Early Reading Screening

Reading is a foundational skill critical to student success, both in the classroom and beyond. Beginning in 2024-2025, our school will be administering annual early reading screenings for all students in Year 2 of Kindergarten through Grade 2. Early reading screening is newly mandated by the Ministry of Education through Policy/Program Memorandum 168.

This new early reading screening will be an essential tool to identify students who are experiencing difficulties with reading so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading proficiency and give them the best opportunity for success. The purpose of early reading screening is to:

1. monitor your child's development in early reading skills,
2. identify children who need additional support, and
3. guide classroom instruction.

Support personnel will be at All Saints on Tuesday November 5th to provide release time to classroom teachers to complete the screening.





DPCDSB'S B.E.S.T.  
COMMITTEE

INVITES YOU TO THE 3RD ANNUAL

# BLACK EXCELLENCE PROFESSIONALS EXPO

2024

WEDNESDAY | 6 | NOVEMBER

 Notre Dame C.S.S  
2 Notre Dame Avenue  
Brampton ON

 6:00 PM

**REGISTER HERE**



Black secondary students  
can connect with Black  
professionals to discuss  
career pathways

Meet Recruitment Officers  
from various colleges &  
universities to discuss:

- post-secondary  
programs
- co-op options
- summer employment
- scholarships & bursaries
- life on campus for Black  
students



2 - The Black Excellence Success Team (B.E.S.T) is hosting the 3rd annual Black Excellence Professionals Expo on November 6, 2024, at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Brampton, Ontario. Doors will be open to students, parents and guardians, and community members at 6:00pm.

[Registration Form](#)

### The 2024 Black Excellence Professionals Expo

The Expo is an opportunity for Black students to meet Black professionals and mentors in a career fair atmosphere. Students and families are invited to attend this event, which aims to build community and provide students with an opportunity to talk to professionals from a variety of fields. The evening will

include Black professionals from various industries, a keynote speaker, food trucks, a DJ and so much more.

Black representation matters, and is key to addressing and eliminating Anti-Black Racism within the educational system. In response to Dufferin-Peel's Catholic Community, Culture and Caring survey data, and as part of the Multi-Year Strategic plan, the B.E.S.T committee is creating opportunities and affinity spaces for Black youth, staff, and the broader community to have a voice, feel affirmed and share lived experiences. This event is designed to build bridges with Black businesses, support post-secondary pathways, and connect students with professionals from a variety of industries.



ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC  
SECONDARY SCHOOL



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GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE &  
REGIONAL SPORT PROGRAM INFO

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

5:45pm - Meet & Greet and School Tours  
6:30pm - Presentation for all Grade 8 families  
7:30pm - Regional Sport Program Information



Join us to learn more about our programs, meet some of  
our teachers & coaches, and tour our school building!



@StMartinCSS  
@smssathletics

2470 Rosemary Dr  
Mississauga ON L5C1X2  
(905) 279-3171  
[www.dpcdsb.org/MARTN](http://www.dpcdsb.org/MARTN)



@StMartinCSS  
@smssathletics

3 - Grade 8 families interested in registering for the Regional Sports Program for the 2025-2026 school year are encouraged to attend the St. Martin's Open House on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.

# Grade 5 Extended French 2025-2026 at DPCDSB

## Benefits of Extended French

- ✓ Enhances literacy skills in both French and English
- ✓ Improves cognitive functioning
- ✓ Improves communication skills
- ✓ Increases appreciation of diverse languages and cultures
- ✓ Becomes functional bilingual by the end of grade 12 with the opportunity to challenge and attain the DELF diploma (Diplôme d'études en langue française) from France's Ministry of Education
- ✓ Opens up more professional advantage for global career market



For more information  
and links to virtual  
sessions visit:



<https://www.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/extended-french>

November 5 @ 7pm  
(Brampton, Caledon &  
Dufferin EF sites)

November 7 @ 7pm  
(Mississauga EF Sites)

Interested in enrolling your child  
for the 2025-2026 school year?

Save the date

DPCDSB's virtual parents &  
guardians information sessions.



## 4 - 2025-2026 EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION SESSION DETAILS

Grade 4 parents/guardians who wish to learn more about Extended French or wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French program for September 2025, are invited to attend an information meeting at one of the following virtual parent evening sessions:

Brampton, Caledon & Dufferin: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7:00 p.m. [Microsoft Teams Live Meeting #1 Link](#)

Mississauga: Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:00 p.m. [Microsoft Teams Live Meeting #2 Link](#)

All Saints Extended French School is St. Christopher in Mississauga.





*5 - Grade 8 families interested in registering for the Holy Name of Mary All Girls Program for the 2025-2026 school year are encouraged to attend the Holy Name of Mary's Open House on Thursday evening at 6:30pm.*

### **Printing Workshops from ErinOak OTs**

Occupational Therapists from ErinOak will be at All Saints to provide some printing workshops to students from Kindergarten to Grade 2. All workshops will be provided to the entire class with the support of the classroom teacher. Focus on letter formations and proper pencil grips will be supported during these sessions.

### **Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic**

Peel Public Health Nurses will be at All Saints on Friday November 8 in the afternoon for the routine immunizations of our intermediate students. The following vaccines will be offered to students:

- Meningococcal ACYW-135 helps protect against inflammation of the lining of the brain caused by certain bacteria. This vaccine is required to go to school in Ontario.
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) helps protect against disease affecting the liver, caused by the hepatitis B virus.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9) can prevent certain cancers later in life.

Consent form were sent home last year for students to participate. If families are interested (**and have not already provided consent**), they can download, complete and return the [consent forms](#) to the school. If a student is unable to receive their immunizations at school (i.e. vacation or illness), appointments can be scheduled [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the routine vaccinations, please contact the school or Peel Public Health Directly.

## Upcoming Events



- November 11: Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am (Parents Welcome)
- November 12: First Popcorn Tuesday! (order on School Cash Online)
- November 12: Progress Reports go Home
- November 14: Lockdown Drill #1
- November 14: Interview Evening
- November 14: Iona Regional Arts Program Open House 7:00pm
- November 14: Loyola Open House 6:00 - 8:00pm
- November 15: OT Visit for Printing Workshops (Kindergarten)
- November 15: Grade 4 Public Library Trip 9:15 - 11:30am
- November 18: Brave Presentations G1-8 Class Sessions
- November 18: French Immersion Online Application Opens (9:00am)
- November 21: Hold and Secure Practice (AM)
- November 21: Parent Engagement Presentation 6:30pm (Bullying vs. Conflict)

November 22: PA Day ~ No School for Students

November 26 & 27: Reconciliation Parent Meeting & Rehearsal 7:00pm St. Ignatius

November 27: Girls Intermediate Volleyball POD Tournament

November 28: Virtues/OCSGE Assembly

November 28: Boys Intermediate Volleyball POD Tournament

November 30: Cobbs Bread Vouchers Expire

November 30: Reconciliation #1 10:00 - 2:00 (register through Eventbrite)



## Important Information



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### *Poppies for Remembrance Day*

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Beginning next week we will have donation bins for the Royal Canadian Legion for Poppies. Students will all be given a poppy sticker to wear on November 11th regardless of donation, however, if you are able to send in a donation next week, it is greatly appreciated. All money collected will be given to the Streetsville Royal Canadian Legion Branch 139.

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### *Message from Parent Council Re: Cobs Bread Fundraiser*

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6 - Thank you again to all the families that supported our first Cobs Bread fundraiser last school year.

*Friendly reminder, that vouchers will expire on **November 30th, 2024**, so if you haven't already redeemed all your baked goodies, head to Cobs Bread Erin Mills before it's too late. Reminder it's only one redemption of selection per visit.*

*Many thanks again for your continued support.*

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### **Registration is Open for 2025-2026 School Year**

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Parents and Guardians can register for the 2025-2026 school year by completing the online Application Form and emailing supporting documents to the school.

#### **How do I Register?**

- **Kindergarten (JK/SK)** [REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)
- **Elementary (Gr. 1-8)** [REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)

## Equity Corner

### **Language**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) continues to be dedicated to establishing a culture of respect and belonging that fosters safe and inclusive learning environments which are in compliance with the Ontario Human Rights Code. We sincerely believe that this needs to be done in collaboration with family and community members. Recognition of the human dignity of each person, created in the image of God, forms the foundation of equity and inclusive education. As a faith community we have the duty to examine all language and we must always be attentive and responsive to times when harmful or offensive words enter our learning spaces. **The DPCDSB expectation is that the n-word or any of its derivatives is never to be said or written within learning spaces and any instances of its use will be appropriately and immediately addressed in order to prioritize student, staff and community safety.**

The collective goal is to create spaces that are safe and free of words that are rooted in racism and hatred. The DPCDSB believes that those who are directly impacted by the use of this word are the voices that must be centered. Staff will consider a variety of contextual information when responding to instances of the usage of this word.

Students of all ages are being exposed to this word in a variety of contexts and as such we would ask that you enter into age appropriate conversations with your children surrounding the expectation that the n-word is not to be said or written within learning spaces.

In our efforts to maintain safe and inclusive educational learning spaces we are sharing this information with parents/caregivers to encourage continued dialogue surrounding this expectation. Together, we can continue our collective work in strengthening a community that models kindness, values compassion, and fosters educational spaces rooted in our Catholic Social Teachings.



## Lunch Day Options



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### *Wildcat Wednesdays - Milk & Cookies*

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All Saints is offering parents the opportunity to purchase 2% milk/chocolate milk (237 ml) carton with twist off cap and/or chocolate chip or oatmeal raisin cookies for their child for the month of October. Milk and cookies will be delivered to your child at recess on Wednesdays. This is an optional Milk and cookie Program.

All cow's milk in Canada is fortified with vitamin D which helps the body absorb the large amounts of calcium found in both 2% and chocolate milk.

All proceeds will go to support our ShareLife goal of \$2000.

Note: Refunds, storage, and pickups cannot be accommodated on days your child is absent.

***Please note: This year all orders must be made through school cash online. We will not have cash sales on Wednesdays. If you need support with school cash online, please reach out to the school office.***

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### *Pizza Days*

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#### **Pizza Days are Back!**

We are once again offering cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza on a weekly basis. Pizza days will be every Friday. The pizza will be supplied by Gino's Pizza, and they are in compliance with the School Food and Beverage Policy.

Pizza orders are available until Friday January 10.

***Pizza costs: \$2.50 per slice***

Please go online to order and pay for your child's pizza. You can log on and order once a week or you can order for the three months. If you are not registered with School Cash Online as of yet, you can register at <https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>.

Pizza Days will only include pizza; students will be expected to provide their own snacks and drink.

We greatly appreciate your support.

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### *Sub Days*

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Sub Days are back at All Saints!

Subways sandwiches are now available to order through School Cash online.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Students will have the option of purchasing both 6" or 12" subs for Monday Sub Days. Orders are due by Wednesday of each week. and are available until Monday January.

## Parish Information



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### *St. Ignatius Loyola Parish*

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2300 Burnhamthorpe Road West

Mississauga, ON L5L 3T6

Phone: (905) 820-1444

Fax: (905) 820-6879

[www.st-ignatius-loyola.com](http://www.st-ignatius-loyola.com)

Pastor: Fr. Edward Curtis

Associate Pastor: Fr. Alex D'Silva

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## Sacraments

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### First Reconciliation

November 26 or 27: Parent/Child Meeting & Rehearsal 7:00pm

November 30 or December 7: Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 - 2:00 (Register through Eventbrite)  
[Eventbrite Link](#)

### First Communion

April 29 or May 30: Parent/Child Meeting & Rehearsal 7:00pm

May 4 or May 25: First Communion Masses 2:00pm (Register through Eventbrite)

### Confirmation

January 14 or 15: Information Session and Registration

*Confirmation Classes held at the church hall (4)*

(1) Monday February 24th OR Tuesday February 25th

(2) Monday March 24th OR Tuesday March 25th

(3) Monday April 28th OR Tuesday April 29th

(4) Monday May 12th OR Tuesday May 13th

June 3 or 4: Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00pm

June 10 or 11: Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Support

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### ***Dear parents and students,***

*I hope that this email finds you well. This year has been moving so quickly that it is hard to believe that we have just celebrated Thanksgiving with our families and loved ones. As we start to approach the blessed season of Advent for 2024, I'm taking this opportunity to thank you and your entire community of educators, administrators, students and their families for being such generous supporters over the years. Once again, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Ignatius of Loyola parish will be hosting their annual Christmas Gift Drive for our neighbours-in-need within our community. Over the years, your assistance has been able to afford our less fortunate members that special Christmas meal around the family table, or that special gift under the tree for loved ones on Christmas day. The ever-increasing cost of living has affected all of us and none more than our most vulnerable, the neighbours-in-need that we serve. More and more families are reaching out for assistance as they struggle with the choice of feeding*

*their families or keeping a roof over their heads. This year St. Vincent de Paul would like to give the families we serve a Christmas food voucher that will assist them in providing a special Christmas dinner. When it comes to fundraising initiatives, our ministry appreciates that circumstances may continue to make it difficult to engage the school community in traditional fashion.*



7 - The society has pivoted towards an on-line donation portal which can be accessed at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/53987> as well as continuing to accept cash or cheque (payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul) donations.

*As a CRA registered charity, donations over \$25.00 will be eligible for tax receipts. All we ask is that you indicate the cause in the comments box on the portal (eg. for Christmas Gift Drive from All Saints school). The society is always happy to accept donations as can be afforded at any time through the year but most especially at Christmas. Help us to feed at least one of our most vulnerable neighbours-in-need.*

## Catholic School Council



Our next meeting will be held on **Monday November 18 at 7:00pm** in the school library. All are welcome to attend meetings. If you wish to join virtually, please contact the main office to receive the link.

If you have concerns or suggestions you would like the council to discuss, please speak to one of the council members directly or email the school at [ALLSTCSCInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:ALLSTCSCInfo@dpcdsb.org).

## School Hours



**School Begins:** 8:45am (*Outside yard supervision ~ 8:30 - 8:45am*)

**Recess A:** 10:15 am - 10:30 am

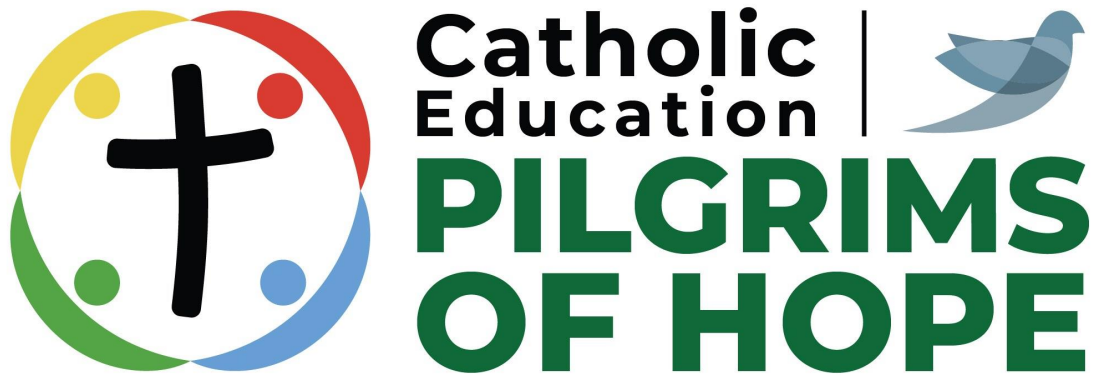
**Lunch:** 11:50 am - 12:50 am (*Students Lunch ~ 11:50 - 12:10 / Outdoor Recess ~ 12:10 - 12:50*)

**Recess B:** 2:10 pm - 2:25 pm

**Dismissal:** 3:15pm



## Catholic Education Week Prayer



The new school year offers us an opportunity to reflect upon our personal, academic and spiritual growth and to set some new goals.

The theme chosen for the upcoming 2025 Catholic Education Week is:

**Catholic Education: *Pilgrims of Hope***

***"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."***

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic school boards. It will run from May 4 – May 9, 2025.

**By living as peacemakers – Vivent en artisans de paix**

God of love,

You sent your Son, Jesus to show us how to be peaceful people.

We pray for peace in our world, peace in our relationships and peace in our hearts.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, where there is conflict and tension, show us the way to be peacemakers and peace-givers.

Help us to speak with words that calm and heal.

As pilgrims of hope, may your peace be the path we walk, and the goal toward which we journey each day.

We ask this, God of peace, in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

## Virtue for November



Each month we celebrate a virtue. The Virtue for November is Conscience.

### **CONSCIENCE**

God helps us to choose to be good people.

*A person of conscience...*

- chooses to do the right thing, even when it is hard
- takes time to think and pray before making decisions
- knows that their actions and decisions affect all those around them
- thinks of others before themselves

### **OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER**

*Let us now pray...for the grace and strength to be people of conscience-people who know the good and decent way to act and then choose to act that way.*

*AMEN*

## Peel Public Health



# LET'S TALK ABOUT VAPING

**Kids listen more than you think.** Caring adults have an important role to play in helping kids make decisions about their health such as vaping. Teens say parents are the biggest influence in their lives.

## VAPING IS NOT HARMLESS

Some risks for kids:

- Addiction to nicotine
- Difficulty learning and reduced impulse control
- Increased anxiety and stress
- Lung damage and changes to how the brain grows and develops

Young people who vape are more likely to start smoking cigarettes and try other drugs.

## SIGNS OF VAPING



Fruity smell



USB-like device



Bloodshot eyes



Conceal up sleeve



White smoke

**TALKING EARLY AND OFTEN IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO KEEP KIDS VAPE-FREE**

## TIPS FOR TALKING ABOUT VAPING

### Ask questions and listen more than you talk

Ask open-ended questions and restate what you hear. Ask:

**"What do you think about vaping?" or "So it sounds to me like..."**

### Create a safe space

Be open, non-judgmental, caring and understanding. Say something like:

**"Of course, I hope you avoid vaping, nicotine addiction is hard and I don't want that for you; but that would never change the way I feel about you."**

### You don't have to be an expert.

Be honest if there's something you don't know and take opportunities to learn together. Say something like,

**"I don't even know how much nicotine is in vapes; we'll have to Google that."**

### Practice skills

Plan and practice what they could say to their friends. They could say:

**"I'm sure there will be kids vaping at this party; have you thought about how you might avoid that pressure?"**

### Keep checking in

Kids' experiences and pressures are always changing, so keep talking. For example:

**"I've heard that kids are vaping more since COVID started. Have you noticed any change since returning to school?"**

### Timing is important

Look for opportunities when you have their attention. For example when picking them up from school:

**"I've noticed quite a few kids vaping out front lately - what's up with that?"**

Adapted from Drug Free Kids Canada

**NotAnExperiment.ca**

**Peel Region**  
working with you

## WHY YOUTH VAPE

### YOUTH SAY THEY VAPE TO DEAL WITH STRESS, BUT THE TRUTH IS VAPING CAUSES MORE STRESS!

The high levels of nicotine in a vape affect the developing brain leading to feelings of stress, anxiety and depression.

Nicotine addiction increases stress hormones



This can create stress:



**In relationships:** Hiding vaping behaviour from family & friends can cause stress



**At school:** Nicotine impacts memory, concentration & the ability to learn



**With money:** The amount of money spent on vaping products can cause stress

**HELP YOUR KIDS BE VAPE FREE! TALK ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS AND WAYS TO RESIST THE PRESSURE TO VAPE.**

## WAYS TO DEAL WITH STRESS



- Listen to music.
- Talk with a friend or other trusted person.
- Go for a walk or choose your favourite way to get moving.
- Have a shower or bath to relax.

## HOW TO RESIST THE PRESSURE TO VAPE

### Delay answering:

"Can't right now, I'll meet up with you later."

### Suggest something else:

"I don't want to right now, wanna play some ball?"

### Make a joke:

"Thanks, but I'm already addicted to air!"



QUIT HELP



MORE INFO



MENTAL HEALTH



RESIST

For more information and ideas, visit

**NotAnExperiment.ca**

# 2024-2025 School Year Calendar



## 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

First day of classes Elementary and Secondary Schools	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
First Day of classes Semester Two Secondary	Friday, January 31, 2025
Last instructional day Elementary and Secondary Schools	Friday, June 27, 2025
Number of school days for the 2024-2025 school year	194
Number of Instructional Days in Elementary Schools	187
Number of Instructional Days in Secondary Schools	187
Number of Professional Activity Days in Elementary Schools	7
Number of Professional Activity Days in Secondary Schools	7

### ► School Holidays for the 2024-2025 School Year

#### Every Saturday and Sunday

Labour Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Christmas Break	Monday, December 23, 2024, to Friday, January 3, 2025 (inclusive)
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 10, 2025, to Friday, March 14, 2025 (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday, April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025

### ► Elementary Schools, including St. Sofia – Professional Activity Days

1. Monday, September 16, 2024	Principal's Day: Re-organization/Faith Development
2. Friday, October 11, 2024	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
3. Friday, November 22, 2024	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
4. Monday, January 20, 2025	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
5. Friday, February 14, 2025	Reporting to Parents
6. Friday, May 16, 2025	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
7. Monday, June 9, 2025	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress



## Transportation



Winter is fast approaching and it's important that everyone riding a school bus is familiar with STOPR's inclement weather and cancellation procedures.

As part of these procedures, the Region of Peel has been divided into three weather zones as weather conditions may require cancellation in a specific zone or zones. STOPR will monitor weather and road conditions and when it is necessary to cancel transportation due to inclement weather, STOPR will cancel by "weather zone." (i.e., Zone 1, Zone 2 and/or Zone 3).



## How do I find out what weather zone my school is in?

It is important that all families know what weather zone their school is assigned to. You can find a weather zone map and weather zone descriptions on this page.

A complete list of schools and assigned weather zones can be found on our [Weather Cancellations](#) page.

Parents can also log into our [Parent/Student Portal](#) to access their children's busing and weather zone information.

## How are Weather Cancellations Communicated?

School bus cancellations will be communicated by the appropriate weather zone number prior to 06:00am each morning through the following:

1. STOPR X account [@STOPRInfo](#)
2. On the STOPR [Delayed Buses](#) webpage
3. On school board websites – [dpedsb.org](#) and [peelschools.org](#)

## What if I live in a different weather zone than my school?

Most families live within their school's weather zone.

For families who happen to live outside of their school's weather zone, they should review the STOPR weather zone map and confirm what zone their home address is located within.

On inclement weather mornings, these families will need to monitor the [STOPR website](#) for both their "school weather zone" and "home weather zone" for cancellations.

For families who live outside their "school weather zone," their transportation will be cancelled if either their "school weather zone" cancels or their "home weather zone" cancels.

Zone #1: The City of Mississauga  
Zone #2: The City of Brampton \*\*South of Old School/Healey Road  
Zone #3: The Town of Caledon \*\*North of Old School/Healey Road

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR)

Website [www.stopr.ca](#) X [@STOPRInfo](#) Phone (905) 890-6000 or 1-800-668-1140

8 - Weather Cancellation Page: [Link](#)

Parent/Student Portal: [Link](#)

Cancellations: [Link](#)

School Board Website: [Link](#)

STOPR Website: [Link](#)

### School bus winter safety tips to help keep your children safe:

- ✓ Make sure children are dressed appropriately for cold weather as unexpected mechanical problems with a school bus can occur.
- ✓ Know your bus pickup time in the morning and always arrive at your bus stop at least 5 minutes early. Allow extra time to get to your school bus stop during the winter months.
- ✓ Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safe conveyance of their children to and from the bus stop location.
- ✓ Kindergarten and grade one students must always be accompanied to/from their bus stop location.
- ✓ Kindergarten and grade one students must always be met at the bus stop at the end of the day by a parent/guardian or caregiver.

A friendly reminder to the families of students who are requiring the service of a wheelchair bus, your driveway must be kept cleared of snow and ice to avoid a disruption in the service.

### What should you do if your bus is late or cancelled?

It is important to talk to your children about what to do if their school bus is delayed or cancelled on inclement weather mornings.

Do your children have a plan if their bus does not arrive?

Do your children have an emergency contact person?

(i.e., neighbour, friend, relative etc.) who they can call or go to if their bus is delayed or does not arrive to pick them up in the morning.

### Bus Route Numbers:

All STOPR bus routes have an assigned route number. This number will be displayed in the side window of your bus.

It is important that you know your child's bus route number, not only to ensure your child is boarding the correct bus each morning, but you will also need the route number when you check for delay or cancellation info on our website.

For more information on STOPR's inclement weather procedures and weather zones, please visit our website at [stopr.ca](https://www.stopr.ca) and click on "Inclement Weather."

STOPR encourages all parents to set up an account on [stopr.ca](https://www.stopr.ca) to access their children's bus information and receive automatic delay and cancellation alerts. As a subscriber, you can receive alerts by email or SMS text message. For more information on how to subscribe to alerts, please visit our [Subscribe for Alerts](#) page.

## Attendance Verification



It is important for students to be at school on time and ready to work. When students are late they miss important information and routines. We realize that throughout the year there will be times that your child will be away from school.

SafeArrival is an application within SchoolMessenger that will allow parents/guardians to report their children's absences in one of the following three ways:

- SchoolMessenger App
- SchoolMessenger website <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- Toll Free number 1-844-435-3440

What is SafeArrival:

- SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety.
- It supports school staff to follow up on unexcused absences.
- It allows parents and/or guardians to notify the school in advance about an upcoming absence.

Benefits:

- Better Attendance Management for Enhanced Student Safety



- Faster and Easier Attendance Management
- Simplified Parent Reporting Tools
- Accessible, Convenient and Secure
- Automated Key Tasks With SafeArrival Administrative Tools

In the event that your child is late or absent, please use one of the three ways to access Safe Arrival.

Students who arrive late to school must proceed to the office to get a late slip.

## International Languages Program





# International and Indigenous Languages Elementary Program



Start date September 21, 2024 to May 10, 2025


2024-2025

## REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY: JUNE 21, 2024

- Elementary International and Indigenous Languages are available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8.
- No prior language experience is necessary.
- The registration for each site is continuous on Saturdays from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.
- Enrolment is limited at each location.
- There is a non-refundable consumable fee of \$30.00 (Plus SchoolCash Online cost recovery fee)
- Classes will run pending sufficient enrolment.
- Families will only receive a call/email if the course has been cancelled or location has been changed.

### Important Information/Dates To Remember:

Registration is now open until June 21, 2024 for first consideration of languages and locations.  
Late Registration Day is Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. No classes on this date.  
First day of classes for students is Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.  
Last day of classes for Elementary students is Saturday, May 10, 2025


	Albanian	Arabic	Cantonese	Croatian	Farsi	Gujarati	Hindi	Italian	Malayalam	Mandarin	Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi	Russian	Slovak	Spanish	Tagalog	Tamil	Telugu	Ukrainian	Vietnamese	Yoruba
																						
Divine Mercy 2840 Duncairn Drive, Mississauga,											★					★						
Pauline Vanier 56 Oaklea Blvd, Brampton,						★						★										
St. Francis Xavier Elem (Brampton) 111 Bartley Bull Parkway, Brampton,						★					★	★							★			★
St. Isaac Jogues 300 Great Lakes Drive, Brampton,								★	★			★				★						
St. Philip 345 Fairview Road West, Mississauga,		★	★					★				★					★			★		
St. Pio of Pietrelcina 4765 Huron Heights Drive, Mississauga,											★											
St. Sebastian 3460 Aquinas Avenue, Mississauga,	★			★	★			★	★	★								★		★		
Sts. Martha and Mary 1760 Bough Beeches Blvd, Mississauga,															★						★	
Sts. Peter and Paul 4205 Woodington Drive, Mississauga,					★									★		★						

### How to Register and Next Steps:

1. To register, please complete a [registration form](https://www.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/internationallanguage) for each student or visit <https://www.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/internationallanguage>
2. OR scan the QR code



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## Parent Corner



# ONLINE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Looking for a summer camp  
or recreation program for  
your child?

Visit [dpcdsb.org/parents](https://dpcdsb.org/parents)

Click on Community Bulletin Board

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- Summer Camps
  - Recreation Programs
  - Music/Art Classes
  - and so much more!



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## HOCKEY FOR EVERYONE HOCKEY FOR THE FUN OF IT

Are you looking for an exciting activity for your child? The Erindale Hockey Association offers kids ages 4-18 the thrill of hockey! From beginners to aspiring pros, we have programs for every skill level. No experience? No problem! Our awesome coaches will teach everything they need to know. With recreational and competitive options, your child can find their perfect fit. We welcome everyone in our inclusive, coed community, where making friends and learning teamwork are part of the game. Join us and watch your child grow both on and off the ice. Be a part of our vibrant hockey family!



Registration is now open  
[www.erindalehockey.com](http://www.erindalehockey.com)



**10 - DPCDSB THRIVE in Community Newsletter**

*The DPCDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Team has created a THRIVE Community Newsletter to be shared with staff and families each month.*

*A link to the November edition of the THRIVE newsletter is enclosed: [THRIVE in Community Newsletter – November 2024](#)*