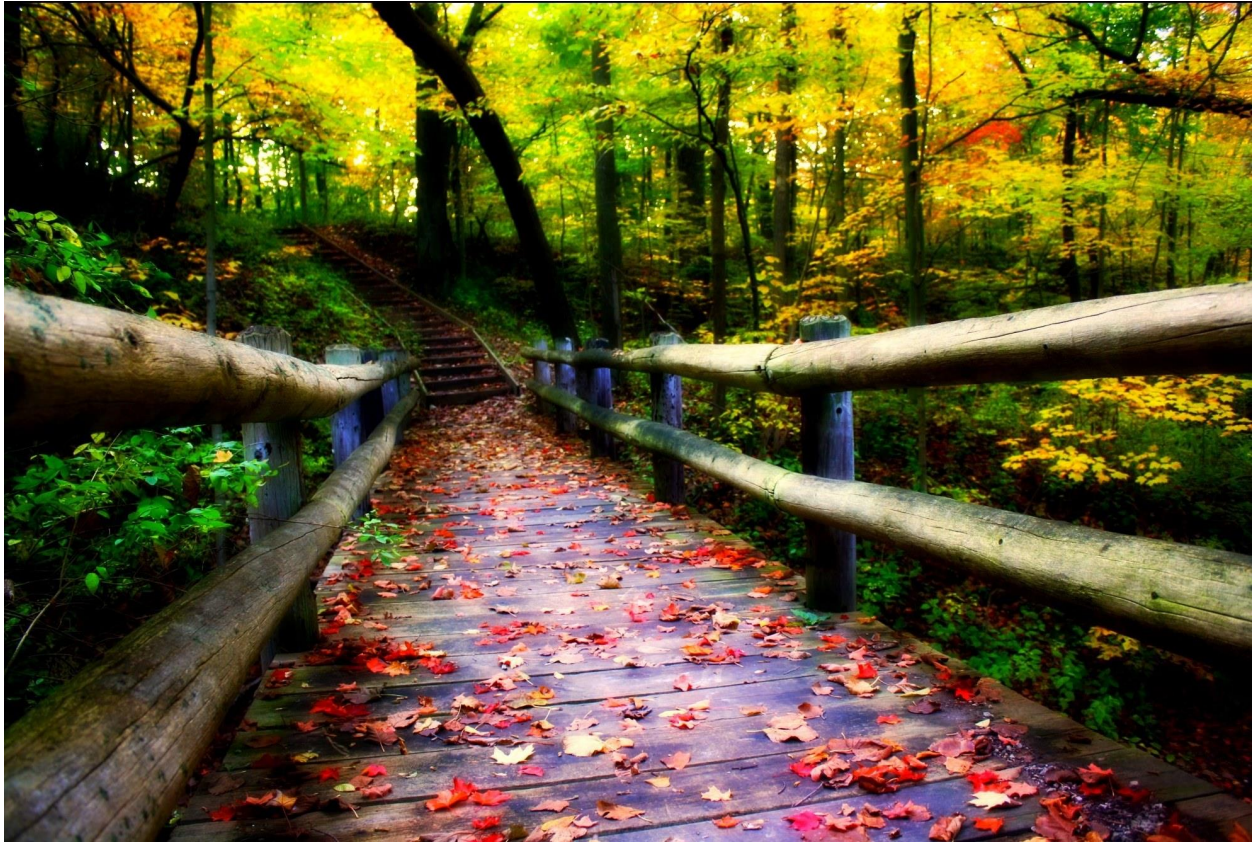




Wildcat Weekly - Oct 14-18 2024

Week of Monday October 14 to Friday October 18



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Principal: Mrs. Krista Mountjoy

Secretary: Mrs. Bonnie Meo

Superintendent of Mississauga South Schools: Mr. Drago Radic

Trustee: Mr. Herman Vilorio

## Wildcat Week at a Glance



*1 - Heavenly Father, we come to you today with gratitude for all of the blessings you've given us, especially our friends and family members, and for the nourishment you provide.*

*Lord, thank you for being here with us today. Guide our hearts toward gratitude today and every day. Amen*

### **Monday October 14 -**

*Thanksgiving ~ No School for Students*

### **Tuesday October 15 -**

Term 1 IEPs go home

First Communion/First Reconciliation Registration Meeting at St. Ignatius Loyola 6:30pm

### **Wednesday October 16 -**

Wildcat Wednesday ~ Milk & Cookies

Hearing and Vision Clinic

Cross Country Meet at Erindale Park

First Communion/First Reconciliation Registration Meeting at St. Ignatius Loyola 6:30pm

**Thursday October 17 -**

*Deep Thought Thursday*

Author Presentation ~ Lana Button ~ K-Grade 6 (am)

Parent Engagement Session - Author Visit 7:00pm

St. Joseph Regional AP Program Open House 6:00pm (Grade 8 Students)

**Friday October 18 -**

Pizza Day

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***This Week's Events***

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**Hearing and Vision Clinic**

The All Saints clinic will be here on Wednesday for all interested students. Please complete the registration form that was sent out and return it with the \$20.00 fee to have your child screened.

**Intermediate STEM Support**

Over the next two weeks All Saints will have the support of a board Pathways and Transitions Facilitator, Ms. Previdsa, working with our intermediate classrooms to enhance the implementation of the Engineering Design Process (EDP) to support the Science curriculum.

Strand A of the new elementary science curriculum promotes teaching science content through specific processes to foster the development of STEM skills. The three key processes outlined in this strand are the Scientific Research Process, the Scientific Experimentation Process, and the Engineering Design Process. Ms. Previdsa will be supporting All Saints from October 7 to October 22. She will also be here for another two weeks in the Spring.

**Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball Pod Tournaments**

Go Wildcats!!

Our Junior Girls team represented All Saints well at the tournament. They demonstrated excellent team work, sportsmanship and effort.

**Lana Button ~ Author Visit**

On Thursday, Lana Button will be here to present to the Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes on boosting resilience and empathy, bullying awareness and the writing process.

K-3 ~ 9:05 - 10:00

4-6 ~ 10:35 - 11:30

***There will also be a parent engagement opportunity at 7:00pm.***



Presentation for parents presents tips and inspiration for getting the most out of the reading experience with your children. Many of the books presented deal with resilience, overcoming anxiety and resolving social conflict so she will also touch upon tips for using books to start important conversations with children. She will also have signed copies of her books available for purchase following the presentation if parents are interested.

If you wish to attend, please complete the [Google Form](#) by Wednesday October 16.



**children's author**  
**Lana Button**  
**is coming to our school!**

Lana Button will share her award-winning books and will inspire us all to create, and read stories! She'll cover **topics** on

- writing, editing and publishing
- enhancing social-emotional learning
- bullying awareness
- boosting resilience and empathy in classrooms

Lana will have you snapping, clapping, and singing along and will leave you inspired to speak up for yourself, speak out for others and find your own story.  
*autographed books available for purchase at each presentation*

[www.lanabutton.com](http://www.lanabutton.com)

### **St. Joseph's Regional AP Program Open House**

There will be an open house on Thursday evening from 6:00 - 9:00pm in the St. Joe's cafeteria for any Grade 8 students interested in attending the Advanced Placement program for High School. Not every secondary school offers Advanced Placement courses. The High school in our area offering this program is St. Joseph. For more information regarding the Advanced Placement program, please click on the [link](#).

## Upcoming Events



October 23: Bus Driver Appreciation Day

October 24: DECE and ERW Appreciation Day

October 24: CSC Chairs Meeting 5:00 - 8:00pm at Cardinal Leger HS

October 25: Dress Purple Day for Child Abuse Prevention

October 28: Photo Retakes

October 28: Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00pm

October 31: Halloween

## Important Information



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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](#)

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### *Personal Electronic Devices at School*

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Just a reminder to parents that students are not permitted to use Personal Electronic Devices on school property without the specific permission of their teacher for school related learning opportunities. Cell phones should be turned off and kept in their backpacks or on silent mode in their pocket while on

school property. This is to be in accordance with the new ministry policy. Progressive discipline will be applied to support student adherence to the new policies.

## Equity Corner

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.

## October Trustee Newsletter



**Trustee Updates**  
News and Information from your Catholic School Trustee

**October 2024**

This month's virtue of **EMPATHY** reminds us of our responsibility to uphold the dignity of all persons and care for one another. As part of our Catholic identity, we believe the cross is the ultimate sign of compassion and forgiveness. Empathy is integral to supporting our students in their academic learning and in nurturing their relationship with Christ.

**Student Transportation Update and Service Delivery** – In preparation for the 2024-2025 school year, Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) worked closely with our school bus operators to ensure a successful startup. Each operator reported success in hiring, training, and retaining drivers for the upcoming school year. All operators had dedicated drivers assigned to every route beginning on the first day of school. STOPR continues to monitor all contracted bus operators daily to ensure that any potential driver challenges and/or service delays are reported and addressed, as quickly as possible.

The First-Time Rider Program is an educational and awareness program for families, designed to introduce young children, new riders, and parents/guardians to riding a school bus. This informative program is hosted annually in August by our local school bus operators. The presentation includes a safety video, on-board instruction, and a fun bus ride. The 2024 program was offered at eight schools across Peel Region with approximately 498 students from both the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) and the Peel District School Board attending in-person. The First-Time Rider Program was also available in an online format at: <https://www.stopr.ca/> for families to participate virtually.

The courtesy ridership process for the 2024-2025 school year began in the third week of September. Schools identified and approved courtesy seats for students starting as early as September 16, 2024. STOPR assigns courtesy students to buses, where space is available.

School Bus Safety Week is October 21-25, 2024. Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit the STOPR website <https://www.stopr.ca/> to view school bus safety videos



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“  
I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.  
– Matthew 25:35  
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Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education.

with their children. School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is on Wednesday October 23, 2024. Our school bus drivers are highly skilled professionals and we thank them for the important work they do to ensure our students get to and from school safely every day.

**2024-2025 MYSP** – The 2023-2027 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) informs the direction of system operations and is fundamental to developing educational programs for students. In 2023-2024, our MYSP was shared across the system and externally with all DPCDSB partners, members, and stakeholders. As per the Ministry of Education requirements, the DPCDSB released the Fall MYSP Evaluation Survey last month to help monitor MYSP values and gather feedback. The survey closes on October 31, 2024. Learn more:

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/COMMUNITY%20INFORMATION%20BULLETIN%20MYSP%20Survey%20September%2016%202024.pdf>

**DPCDSB Treasury Report** – Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 41/10 - Board Borrowing, Investing and Other Financial Matters, under the Education Act, requires all school boards to bring forward investment information to the Board of Trustees. During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, DPCDSB continued to borrow money to meet operating expenditure obligations. Borrowing was necessary as a result of the deficit financial position of the DPCDSB, no accumulated surplus funds and timing differences between our collection of revenues from municipalities and the province, and expenditure payment schedules. DPCDSB has borrowing resolutions approved by the Board of Trustees for operating and capital needs, as follows:

- \$150 million – Temporary Borrowing Resolution related to operating needs.
- \$65 million – Temporary Borrowing Resolution related to capital needs.

The Ministry of Education has been working with DPCDSB to address cash management challenges, however, the primary tool to assist the board is to front-load Core Education (Core Ed) Grant payments. By yearend, this results in less transfer payments and pressure on temporary borrowing as the front-loaded amounts must be recovered before the end of August in any given year. To assist with current cash flow pressures, the September 2024 payment was advanced on September 5, 2024. The next tax instalment from municipalities was scheduled to be received by September 30, 2024.

**Homework and Curriculum Expectations** – As a faith-based system, the DPCDSB approaches all issues from a Catholic world view that recognizes the importance of family time, and honours the bonds between school, family, and parish. Homework, which plays an important role in the relationship between the school and the family, is defined by the Ministry of Education in *Growing Success* as “work that students do at home to practice skills, consolidate knowledge and skills, and/or prepare for the next class.” Given the importance of balancing learning and home/family life, the DPCDSB has a homework policy to support students as they balance their personal and school lives. To ensure that the process for implementing homework is reflective of DPCDSB values and practices, Policy 10.00: *Homework – Kindergarten to Grade 12, Including Students with Modified Curriculum Expectations and Alternative Curriculum Expectations* has been updated. Parents/guardians who have concerns

with homework expectations for their child(ren) should contact their child(ren)'s teacher(s) and/or school administrators.

There is no requirement that homework be assigned daily for students. When homework is assigned, it must be directly related to *what the student is learning in class* and has the following characteristics:

- is meaningful and relevant;
- is purposefully planned to avoid student overload;
- is clearly articulated by the teacher and understood by students;
- is differentiated, as appropriate, to meet student learning needs;
- is reviewed in a timely manner.

Our school administrators support the value of homework by:

- ensuring school-wide understanding and consistent implementation of homework procedures;
- coordinating school-wide resources and practice to support homework;
- providing information to parents about homework procedures and how to access community supports.

**Eco Schools Certifications** – ~~EcoSchools Canada~~ (formerly Ontario ~~EcoSchools~~) was created by a consortium of education stakeholders to address environmental issues in the formal education system. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been engaged by the Region of Peel to assist with the implementation of the ~~EcoSchools Program~~ in Peel schools. The ~~Peel EcoSchools Project~~ is structured as a joint initiative with TRCA, ~~EcoSchools Canada~~, Region of Peel, the Peel District School Board and DPCDSB. For eleven years in a row 100 percent of our DPCDSB schools have attained Eco Schools certification status. DPCDSB accomplishments and commitments to stewardship and sustainable practices have been achieved through platinum, gold, silver and bronze certifications. The collaborative efforts of Board staff, educators, ~~administrators~~ and school Eco-Teams have been instrumental in the success of environmental initiatives geared to conserving our natural resources and reducing our carbon footprint on the planet. Congratulations to the following Mississauga West DPCDSB schools that achieved platinum status for the 2023-2024 school year including: St Elizabeth Seton CES, St Edith Stein CES, St John of the Cross CES, St Sebastian CES, St Albert of Jerusalem CES, St Aloysius Gonzaga CSS, Our Lady of Mercy CES, St Simon Stock CES, St Teresa of Avila CES and St Faustina CES.

#### **Board-wide 2023-2024 Key Statistics from Eco Schools Certification Applications**

- 131 DPCDSB schools participated in Earth Day activities;
- 133 DPCDSB schools participated in The Great Gulp;
- 118 DPCDSB schools participated in Earth Hour;
- 127 DPCDSB schools participated in National Sweater Day;
- 96 DPCDSB schools organized and completed Waste-Free Lunch campaigns;
- 170 various planting actions were completed by DPCDSB schools;



- 2,584 total Eco Schools actions were completed across [DPCDSB](#).
- 3,010 students were part of their schools' Eco Clubs.

**Extended Excursions** – The DPCDSB has a rich tradition of offering students the opportunity to participate in extended excursions as an enhancement to their regular program of study. Local schools offer these through educational travel, social justice, and special programs. Proposals for consideration are submitted by schools including the rationale, documentation, itinerary, budget, and approved Tour Operator information. Our Catholic faith is reflected in all itineraries including an expectation that all students and supervisors attend a Catholic Mass on all Sundays during the trip. Schools do not sign any contracts, deposit student/parent funds, or make any form of commitment to students and families until the excursion is approved by the Associate Director of Instructional Services, the Board's Legal Department and is presented to the Board of Trustees for receipt. All extended excursions should take place during Christmas, March break, or summer breaks, with no more than two (2) instructional days being missed, although exceptions may apply for special circumstances. Appropriate steps are in place to ensure students have opportunities to make up assignments and/or assessments during the missed instructional day(s). Appropriate levels of supervision are in place in keeping with the Board's policies. A communication plan must be made available to parents. All participants are expected to purchase cancellation insurance, and medical coverage/insurance appropriate to the excursion is required. The DPCDSB has a duty to provide Catholic conditions for the safety, well-being and learning of all within our community. Staff will continue to monitor the threats associated with international travel as we move forward with future extended excursion trips.

**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



**HERMAN VILORIA**  
Trustee, Mississauga Ward 2 & 8

## UPCOMING DATES

### OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

- October 1 – Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- October 2 – Walk to School Day (Provincial), Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels
- October 3 – Parent ~~ProGrant~~ Session: Preparing Your Child with Differing Abilities for the Sacraments In-Person
- October 4 – Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
- October 5 – World Teacher Day (International), Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska
- October 6 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- October 7 – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, Empowering Women Day
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- October 6-12 – Fire Prevention Week
- October 9 – Parent ~~ProGrant~~ Session: Navigating the Individual Education Plan Virtual Information Session
- October 10 – World Mental Health Day
- October 11 – Memorial of St. John XXIII, International Day of the Girl
- October 11 – PA Day (Elementary & Secondary)
- October 13 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- October 14 – Thanksgiving Day – No school for students
- October 15 – Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus
- October 16 – World Food Day, The Feast of St. Marguerite d'Youville
- October 17 – The Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch
- October 18 – The Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist
- October 20 – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World, World Mission Sunday
- October 21-25 – National School Bus Safety Week
- October 23 – Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- October 24 – Child-Care Worker & ECE Appreciation Day (Provincial)
- October 25 – Dress Purple Day (October is Child Abuse Prevention Month)
- October 27 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- October 28 – The Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
- October 31 – Halloween

## 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

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion**

Registration Meeting for Grade 2 Students will be held at St. Ignatius Loyola Church on either **Tuesday October 15** or **Wednesday October 16** at 6:30pm

Requirements for Registration:

- Be registered, practicing members of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- Regular attendance at Sunday Mass
- Complete the [Sacramental Preparation Form](#) (including submission of your child's baptismal certificate)
- Attend the mandatory Registration Meeting on Oct 15 or 16

A **\$50 Registration Fee** will be required at the Registration Meeting for the home learning materials.

*Note: If there are any Grade 3 students who missed their First Communion last year and would like to participate this year, please contact the school for the registration information.*

## Catholic School Council



Thank you to those who have given of their time and talents to support this year's Catholic School Council.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday October 28 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).

### **ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL for 2024-2025**

**Chair:** Ewelina Leonard

**Treasurer:** Jon Newlands

**Secretaries:** Jessica Liu and Karen Kim

**Parish Rep:** Jennifer Pereira

**OAPSE Reps:** Carmelina Seracino and Keri Bedeau

**Fundraising Chairs:** Niki Hajicosti and Rosemarie Belan

#### **Parent Reps:**

Maby Boado

Anna Breous

Mara Da Camara

Flavian D'Souza



Andrea Petersen

**Non-Voting Members:**

Agnes Cristescu

Malaika Kanavalli

Viktoriya Rodriguez

## School Hours



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

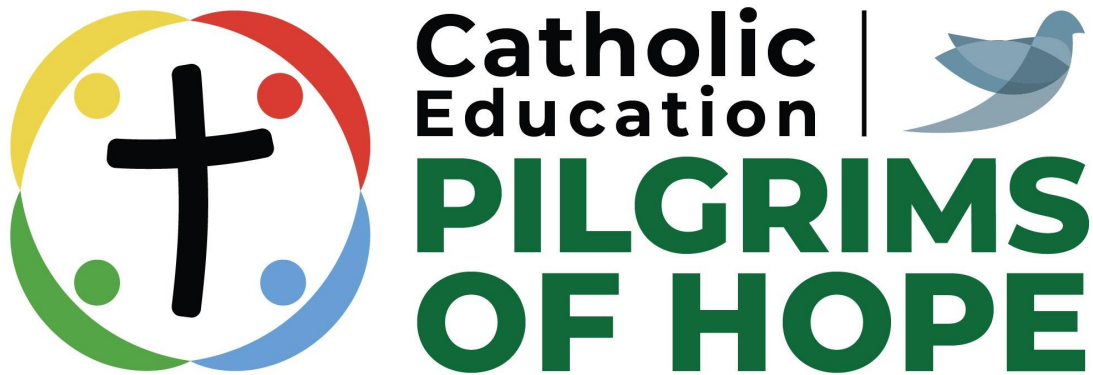
**Recess A:** 10:15 am - 10:30 am

**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 October



Each month we celebrate a virtue. The Virtue for October is Empathy.

Judge your neighbor's feelings by your own, and in every matter be thoughtful. (Sir. 31:15)

**Elementary:** God wants us to care about everyone's feelings.

From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, an empathetic person...

- Is confident in the dignity of selves and others
- Believes that the cross is the ultimate sign of forgiveness
- Seeks and grants permission

**Our Daily Prayer for October:**

**Let us now pray for the grace and strength to be people of empathy**

**People who can really identify with**

**and feel the concerns of those around us.**

**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



All bus information for the current school year is available through the STOPR website: <https://www.stopr.ca/>

To receive updates on whether your child's bus is running late, please subscribe to STOPR at <https://businfo.stopr.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

Please check the Region of Peel's Transportation Department's website at [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) for more information on bussing eligibility and to subscribe for email alerts regarding bus delays or cancellations. Twitter @STOPRinfo Phone (905) 890-6000 or 1 (800) 668-1140. Special Education Transportation: 905-890-6362.

All Saints only has Special Education Transportation for the current school year. No courtesy bussing will be offered.

Click Here: [Access your Transportation Information](#)

+ Already Have an Account?

+ Create an Account?

Adding Students to your Account:

1. Students to your Account:
2. Once logged in, click on the 'Add Student' button
3. Enter your Ontario Education Number (OEN) - This number can be found on any report card or by contacting your school.
4. Enter your Street Number - This is the house/street number registered at your school, no apartment numbers, no unit numbers.
5. Pick your School
6. Pick your grade

**STOPR**  
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION  
OF PEEL REGION

Home Public Parent

**My Students**

**Add Student**

School Year 2020-2021

**Add Student**

**Student ID (OEN)**

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**Street Number**

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**School**

AGNES TAYLOR

**Grade**

Jr Full Day Kindergarten

**Add Student** **Close**





**August 27, 2024**

**Attention Schools/Parents/Guardians:**

STOPR has been piloting the Chipmunk School Bus Tracking Application since April 2023. We thank everyone that took part in this pilot program and your feedback has proven extremely helpful in the application evaluation process!

Our in-depth evaluation of the Chipmunk application has concluded that it does not meet STOPR's performance standards and expectations.

Therefore, STOPR will not be continuing the Chipmunk pilot program come September 2024.

We believe in providing tools to enhance the transportation experience and will continue to investigate new and exciting applications that bring value to our school and parent communities.

Sincerely,

The STOPR Team

## 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 Oakies 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:

- 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>
- OR scan the QR code

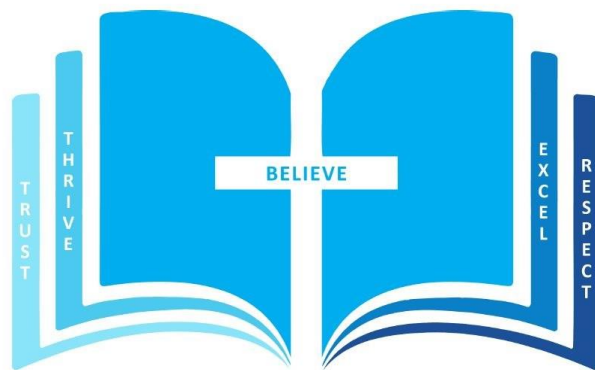


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## Parent Corner





2 - As per Ministry of Education requirements, we would like to hear feedback from parents/guardians, students, staff, and community partners about the DPCDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).

DPCDSB released its revised MYSP for 2023-2027. The MYSP informs the direction of system operations and is fundamental to developing educational programs for students.

We would love to include your voice in our goals, action steps, and strategies associated with each of the MYSP values of Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, and Trust.

The survey will close on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Please use the link below to access the survey: [Survey Link](#)

## 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!



**Extraordinary lives start with a great Catholic education.**



## 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)



**4 - 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 October edition of the THRIVE newsletter is enclosed: [THRIVE in Community Newsletter – October 2024](#)*