



Wildcat Weekly - November 18-22 2024

Week of Monday November 18 to Friday November 22



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Wildcat Week at a Glance



This Week's Events

Bullying Prevention Week

Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (November 17-23, 2024), DPCDSB students, school staff, and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying, specifically cyberbullying, and its effect on student learning and well-being.



Brave is visiting your child's school this year to teach:



SOCIAL WORKSHOP

Setting Health Boundaries

In this workshop:

- Students identify the importance of body language and tone of voice in communication.
- Students learn to set boundaries through role playing our 'Walk Away, Talk Away, and Block Away' communication steps.
- Students evaluate an animated case study to apply their learning.



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1 - Brave Presentations

This year, Brave Education will be working with our grade 1-8 students on Setting Healthy Boundaries. There facilitators will be here from Brave Education on Monday November 18. Each session is approximately an hour in length and will be presented to each class individually to allow for hands-on role play activities with the small group.

Please see the flyer below with additional information on the content of the presentations.

For further support, please visit Brave's [parent resource](#) page. Thank you from the Brave team!


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Parent/Caregiver Workshops

75 minute sessions
40 participants per workshop



SOCIAL WORKSHOP
Understanding Bullying
This workshop will cover:

- Parents and caregivers learn the difference between bullying behaviours and everyday conflicts.
- They evaluate an animated case study to apply their learning.
- They learn prevention strategies to reduce the chance of bullying happening and how to intervene if it occurs.
- They acknowledge the existence of confidence, discussing who has it, who has less, and how to instill confidence in their youth.
- They discuss practical communication methods to engage their youth.
- They learn our 3 communication steps: Walk Away, Talk Away, and Block Away.

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2 - Brave Parent Engagement Presentation

We are also looking forward to the Brave Team being at All Saints on Thursday November 21 at 6:30pm for a 75 minute Parent Engagement Presentation on Understanding Bullying. If you are interested in participating in this Parent Engagement Opportunity, please [RSVP via Google Form](#) by Thursday November 14. Please note that this presentation is for parents only.

Sunday November 17 -

Grad Hoodie Orders Close

Monday November 18 -

Sub Day

Soles for Soul's Collection Continues

French Immersion (Grade 1 for 2024/2025) Online Application Opens ~ 9:00am

Brave Education Presentations G1-8 "Setting Healthy Boundaries"

CSC Meeting 7pm ~ Library

Tuesday November 19 -

Popcorn Tuesday

Soles for Soul's Collection Continues

Wednesday November 20 -

Wildcat Wednesday ~ Milk & Cookies

Soles for Soul's Collection Continues

Extended French (Grade 5 for 2024/2025) Online Application Opens ~ 9:00am

Thursday November 21-

Deep Thought Thursday

Soles for Soul's Collection Continues

Hold and Secure Practice

Father Ed Here to Visit G2 Classes AM

All Saints Parent Engagement Night - Brave Education ~ 6:30pm [RSVP via Google Form](#)

CCCSC Parent Engagement Night - Children's Aid ~ Virtual 6:00pm [Zoom](#)

Friday November 22 -

PA Day ~ No School for Students

Grade 8 Grad Wear - School Cash Closes on Sunday November 17!

[Grad Wear Hoodie Link](#)

**ALL SAINTS** **CLASS OF 2025**
STUDENT FORM

ORDER YOUR GRAD APPAREL ONLINE @ SCHOOLTEE.COM

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STEP 3
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- Email receipt upon successful order completion

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SOLES 4 SOULS CANADA

ALL SAINTS

All Saints' Eco Team is hosting a SHOE DRIVE!

When? Mon. Nov. 11th – Fri. Nov. 29th

We are collecting gently used footwear (shoes, boots, slippers, sandals, etc.) and donating them to a company called Soles4Souls Canada, who will send the footwear to various countries, such as Haiti and Honduras. Your gently used shoes – **NO HOLES, TEARS or STAINS, please** – will then help provide a means for families to get food, shelter, and education.

Let's prevent unused footwear from ending up in the landfill!

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS OFF IN THE SCHOOL FOYER. Thank you!

3 - The Eco club is asking families to donate any gently used footwear (boots, running shoes, dress shoes, sandals, slippers, etc. with no holes, tears or stains please), to help support our "Soles 4 Souls" Shoe Drive that is taking place until the end of November. Donation boxes have been placed in the front foyer of the school.

To see how your shoes make an impact, visit: [Soles4souls](https://www.soles4souls.com)



DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Central Committee for Catholic School Councils

Parent Engagement Night

Thursday, November 21, 2024 @6:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Presentation

Topic – Children's Aid Society & Duty to Report

Keeping children safe is a community responsibility. We all play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect. This presentation will help you better understand the services and resources available at Peel CAS, Duty to Report, and understanding signs of abuse.

Please use the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/99209130459?pwd=tRHA2baOKwUduxfASsk6soMe81xK2b.1>

Passcode: RjTyP6

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4 - When: Nov 21, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Children's Aid Society & Duty to Report

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Passcode: RjTyP6

Or Telephone: Dial: +1 647 558 0588 Canada

Webinar ID: 992 0913 0459

Upcoming Events



November 25 - November 29: Angel Tree Commitment Forms Due

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

November 27: Girls Intermediate Volleyball POD Tournament

November 27: Skilled Trades Trip (Grade 8)

November 28: Virtues/OCSGE Assembly 1pm (French Immersion Classes Presenting) **Parents Welcome**

November 28: Boys Intermediate Volleyball POD Tournament

November 30: Cobbs Bread Vouchers Expire

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

December 2 - 12: Angel Tree Donation Collection

December 2 - 12: Buck or Two Bazar Item Collection

December 5: Kinder Rosary

December 5: Christmas Carousel Night 5:00 - 7:00pm

December 7: Reconciliation #2 10:00 - 2:00 (register through Eventbrite)

December 16 & 17: Buck or Two Bazar

December 18: Christmas Play (Caves Class) Parents Welcome

December 23 - January 3: Christmas Vacation



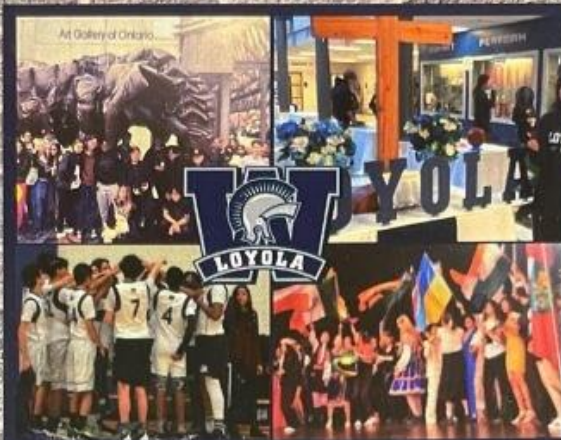
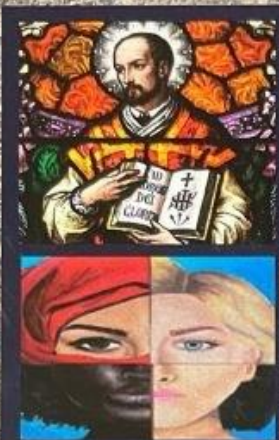
Important Information



Grade 8 Students

Please see the link below for information on the High School Registration process. All Saints is a feeder school to Loyola Secondary. Additional information will be coming home in the coming weeks and support at school will also be provided by staff with course selections.

Parents please click on the link to download the information package. [Loyola Parent Information Package](#)



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8'S

GRADUATING CLASS
OF 2029

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6-8 PM

Gloria Dei Vita Plena



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LOYOLA C.S.S. REGISTRATION INFORMATION



- Welcome Information
- Graduation Requirements
- Electives @ Loyola
- SHSM
- MyBlueprint
- French Programs: Immersion, Extended & Core
- Clubs, Athletics & Events












[HTTPS://WWW.DPCDSB.ORG/SCHOOLS/REGISTER-FOR-SCHOOL](https://www.dpcdsb.org/schools/register-for-school)

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our Holiday Catalogue Fundraiser this year.
Here is a recap of our fundraising efforts!

Total Online Retail Dollars Sold **\$8,131.00**

Total Online Profit Dollars **\$2,686.26**

Number of Online Orders **68**

Number of Online Participants **48**

Total Online Items Sold **498**

Average Online Sales Per Participant **\$169.40**

Average Online Profit Per Participant **\$55.96**

Proceeds raised will go towards:

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

Message from Parent Council Re: Cobs Bread Fundraiser



5 - 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.

Registration is Open for 2025-2026 School Year

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.

Parish Information



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Associate Pastor: Fr. Alex D'Silva

Sacraments

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Support

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.



6 - 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.

November Trustee Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2024

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB)'s virtue of the month for November is CONSCIENCE. It is a reminder for us to welcome Christ into our minds and our hearts through the decisions we make and the actions we choose to take.

Archdiocese of Toronto Update – Pope Francis has announced that Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals. The Holy Father will hold a Consistory for the creation of the new Cardinals on December 8 at the Vatican. Cardinals serve as close advisors to the Holy Father and participate as voting members whenever there is a conclave to select the next Pope. Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto remains a cardinal elector until January, 2027.

Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTW) - DPCDSB supports opportunities for our Grade 9 students to spend a day-in-the-life of working professionals. TOKTW Day is an annual event across Canada hosted by parents, friends, relatives, or volunteers at workplaces and in various sectors. This year, TOKTW Day is Wednesday, November 6. The program supports career development by helping students connect school and the world of work, and to help them make informed educational decisions for post-secondary success.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) – The 2023-2024 school year marked the implementation of the revised 2023-2027 MYSP by the DPCDSB. The Ministry requires that staff evaluate the MYSP semi-annually. The DPCDSB's MYSP evaluation used a combination of survey and focus group methodologies to gather both quantitative and qualitative data. The focus group and survey data revealed several important themes across the five MYSP values - Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, and Trust. DPCDSB assesses its MYSP on an annual basis through the operational plan and Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC).

The evaluation of the MYSP reveals a landscape where foundational Catholic values are well-integrated and respected, yet significant challenges persist in academic support, mental health, and equity. The decline in attitudes towards key academic areas such as mathematics and literacy suggests that, while strategic plans are thoughtfully crafted, their practical implementation requires more responsive measures. The feedback from focus groups and surveys underscores the importance of moving beyond strategic intentions to actionable, context-sensitive initiatives that address the diverse needs of our student populations.



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*Commit your
work to the Lord,
and your plans will
be established.*

– Proverbs 16:3

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The pervasive issue of bullying, both in-person and through electronic means (i.e., cyberbullying), highlights the need for anti-bullying strategies that evolve with technological advancements and changing social dynamics. Similarly, the identified gaps in mental health support call for a more integrated approach that leverages faith-based resources to create a supportive and healthy school environment. Trust and transparency issues, particularly concerning DPCDSB operations and communication, emphasize the necessity for enhanced stakeholder engagement and accountability mechanisms.

Next steps from this evaluation will inform and guide future action steps for the 2024-2025 CBILC:

- **Literacy** – Focus on professional development for teachers in reading (K-2) and mathematics. Educators will be trained on the Acadience Screening Tool and provided support for curriculum tools such as Heggerty, UFLI, and Bridging the Gap. To evaluate progress through analyzing survey and other data and adjust the plan accordingly.
- **Mathematics** – Ensure curriculum fidelity by using proven instructional and assessment practices, including distributing math lessons and weekly programs for Grade 3 and 6. Support student understanding through relevant tasks and digital tools, while promoting ongoing educator professional development.
- **Equity and Indigenous Education** – Focus on teaching social justice strategies and addressing injustices through Catholic Social Teachings. Efforts include promoting racial literacy, dismantling systemic barriers, and creating opportunities for marginalized voices. Provide direct supports for Indigenous students in Grades 7-12 that include early intervention supports to ensure academic success and social/emotional/cultural supports to increase students sense of belonging that leads to increased engagement, participation and attendance.
- **Mental Health and Well-Being** – Collaboration to develop a K-12 educational resource on cyberbullying and launch a Mental Health curriculum in Grades 7, 8, and 10, including our Student Mental Health Champions. Prioritizing strategies for students to access mental health support and strengthening connections between schools and community services.
- **Special Education** – Support for families navigating Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and sacraments, as well as transitional support for students with differing abilities. Professional development for staff, focusing on students with moderate to severe needs and providing employment resources for students transitioning from school to employment or post-secondary education.
- **Safe Schools** – Continue educating school administrators surrounding the updated PPM 128 and its implications within schools. Scheduled de-escalation training for staff, with verbal intervention training for teachers.

Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Assessments – The 2023-2024 school year was the third year of EQAO assessments and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) administered after being paused during the pandemic. DPCDSB staff use student achievement data on these assessments to assess progress towards the CBILC goals related to the MYSP value of Excel. The 2023-2024 EQAO data indicate that DPCDSB students continue to have high achievement in all literacy assessments and have outperformed students in the province in all literacy assessments. While DPCDSB students outperformed the province in primary mathematics, math continues to be a challenge for DPCDSB

students in Grades 6 and 9. As such, proportionately fewer DPCDSB students achieved or exceeded the provincial standard in Grades 6 and 9 mathematics compared to their peers provincially.

Mathematics Achievement Action Plan – In September 2023, the Ministry launched the *Mathematics Action Achievement Plan*, a strategy to boost math confidence and competence. Provincial math priorities are focused on helping students improve math achievement, as demonstrated through (EQAO) scores and preparing students for future success. The Ministry has identified 35 priority elementary schools and three priority secondary schools in Dufferin-Peel, based on an analysis of EQAO mathematics achievement data. At the elementary level, 10 schools have an identified Grade 3 focus, 17 schools have an identified Grade 6 focus, and 8 schools have an identified focus for both Grades 3 and 6. Three secondary schools have an identified focus for Grade 9. DPCDSB has eight elementary math facilitators and one secondary math facilitator working in our schools.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has developed *Taking Action in Mathematics*, a framework to guide improvement efforts. The Math Achievement Plan focuses on the following priority actions:

- **Curriculum Fidelity** – Ensuring fidelity of curriculum implementation and use of instructional and assessment practices, with a proven track record of enhancing student achievement.
- **Math Content Knowledge for Teaching** – Engaging in ongoing learning to strengthen mathematics content knowledge for teaching.
- **Knowing The Learner** – Knowing the mathematics learner and ensuring mathematical tasks, interventions, and supports are relevant and responsive.
- **Measurable Results: Improvements in Math Achievement** – Use and analyze various forms of data (report card data, EQAO, educator, student, and parent/guardian surveys, etc.).

The DPCDSB's Program and Learning Services Department is leveraging a variety of resources to support our educators in enhancing students' mathematics learning experiences and responding to their strengths and needs. Program staff will continue to support administrators, educators, students, and families with a comprehensive plan that is responsive to the needs and priorities of the system, focused on establishing a culture of excellence in the teaching and learning of mathematics. Our educators are building their capacity in a deeper understanding of curriculum expectations and high-impact instructional practices in mathematics to support student learning and enhance their academic success.

Extended French (EF) Registration – DPCDSB provides students with the opportunity to explore a wide variety of regional programs of choice, including elementary access to enhanced French language learning. Extended French (EF) and French Immersion (FI) programming offer students the opportunity to be successful in both of Canada's official languages. In the EF program students receive 50% of their daily instruction in the French language, beginning in Grade 5. EF provides a minimum of 1,900 hours of French language instruction to the end of Grade 8 and an additional 7 credits in secondary grades. DPCDSB recommends careful discernment on the part of students, teachers, and parents/guardians to ensure that candidates are prepared to enter the program. School location and transportation decisions are subject to annual review and possible changes.

EF is a regional program of choice with limited enrollment, and admission is by application. Where interest exceeds available space at a school, a randomized lottery process shall be held to assign applicants to available spaces.

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Parents/guardians are invited to complete EF applications for interested students in the Fall of their Grade 4 year. Board staff have transitioned the EF application to a centralized online process similar to that used for FI. As such, the board has updated GAP 411.00 - *Extended French* to reflect this application process. GAP 416.00 - *Extended French* and Policy 24.00 - *Access to Elementary Programs of Choice* were also reviewed and revised to ensure consistent content and format. More information will be shared with parents/guardians from their local DPCDSB Catholic elementary school.

Progressive Discipline – In response to recent direction from the DPCDSB Board of Trustees, staff reviewed and amended Policy 9.03 – *Progressive Discipline* at the October 22, 2024 DPCDSB Board of Trustees Meeting. The revision also included a name change to Policy 9.03 - *Progressive Discipline Students*.

Section 302 of the *Education Act* sets out requirements for school board policies on progressive discipline. Part IV of the *Education Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. E2 provides direction for how a Principal must carry out progressive discipline, if it is believed that an offence has occurred. *Ontario Regulation 472/07, Behaviour, Discipline and Safety of Pupils* also governs school board processes regarding student discipline. Policy/Program Memoranda 145: *Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour* provides direction to school boards on policies and guidelines concerning progressive discipline. The *Ontario Human Rights Code*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 19, has primacy over provincial legislation, DPCDSB policies and other administrative documents.

Progressive discipline in DPCDSB acknowledges the God-given dignity of each person and provides a consistent process of differentiated discipline that responds to the unique needs and identities of each student and situation. The goal of this Policy is to support a safe, inclusive, healthy, and accepting learning and teaching environment, rooted in anti-oppression, in which every student can reach their full potential. This approach reflects the model of Christian discipleship in its implementation of *Policy 9.01: Catholic Code of Conduct*, in all DPCDSB school communities. DPCDSB recognizes that pervasive injustice negatively impacts school climate and contributes to harmful behaviour. All efforts shall be made in DPCDSB schools to combat and address the lasting impacts of injustices, thereby making schools inclusive spaces for all students. DPCDSB uses a whole-school approach that makes use of a continuum of prevention programs, interventions, supports and consequences, building upon strategies that build skills for healthy relationships and promote positive behaviours. The range of progressive discipline interventions, supports, and consequences must be clear and developmentally appropriate, and include learning opportunities for students that serve to reinforce positive behaviours and help them make good choices.

Catholic School Support Designation – Policy 6.90 Tax Support was revised including a name change to Policy 6.90 – Catholic School Support Designation. DPCDSB acknowledges that support for the Catholic education system is important and a requirement for student registration in our elementary schools. Directing School Support Designation to the Catholic school system shows support for Catholic education, ensures children are eligible to attend DPCDSB elementary schools and allows eligible parents/guardians to vote for Catholic school trustees in municipal elections.

Trustees serve as system leaders of publicly funded education in their communities and province and advocate for excellence in education. They work collaboratively with their community to shape a vision for the school board that is reflective of the input of parents, students and community members. When Catholic ratepayers direct their school support designation to the Catholic school system, they help ensure the health and vitality of Catholic education.

DPCDSB encourages eligible Catholic ratepayers to check their municipal tax forms, on a regular basis and after they move, to ensure that it supports the English Separate (Catholic) school system. DPCDSB shares an ongoing school support designation public awareness campaign called *Are You Ticked?* For more information, please visit the DPCDSB's [Direction of School Support webpage](#) and watch the video.

Secondary School Information Nights - DPCDSB operates 26 Catholic secondary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Bolton, and Caledon. Our secondary schools continue to be recognized among the top performing schools in the province each year. With over 50 Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs, three Regional Arts Programs, one Regional Sports Program, three International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs, two regional Advanced Placement (AP) Programs, Extended French (EF) and French Immersion (FI) Programs, and the only publicly funded Regional All-Girls Catholic Secondary School, DPCDSB schools offer students a variety of learning options to meet our students' educational and career goals.

Secondary School Information Sessions are offered for Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians who are interested in enrolling in a DPCDSB secondary school for the 2025-2026 school year. An overview of the DPCDSB programs and services offered is provided with an opportunity to tour the school and hear from current students about the transition into secondary school. A schedule of all sessions is available on the [DPCDSB website](#).

Secondary Schools (CSS) Information Sessions - Mississauga West & South Family of Schools:

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel CSS – November 7, 2024
- St. Joan of Arc CSS – November 7, 2024
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga CSS (Extended French) – November 13, 2024
- Iona CSS (Regional Arts) – November 14, 2024
- Loyola CSS (French Immersion) – November 14, 2024

Distinguished Alumni – DPCDSB has released its 11th Annual Distinguished Alumni Series featuring profiles of graduates who are making valuable and unique contributions in their respective careers, pathways, and communities. Our DPCDSB Distinguished Alumni also represent the image of the Catholic learner as described by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. This year features six alumni including a physician, actress/singer, artist/muralist, entrepreneur, chef and public service executive. Congratulations to the Distinguished Alumni from our Mississauga West Family of Schools, Julia Pulo, an Actress, Singer, Dancer from *St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School*. Full profiles for each of our Distinguished Alumni are featured on the [Distinguished Alumni webpage](#) on the DPCDSB's website.

Wilde Wood Award – The City of Mississauga's School Traffic Safety Action Committee (MSTSAC) promotes student safety to and from school. Through the Wilde Wood School Zone Safety Award, MSTSAC recognizes elementary schools in Mississauga that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in active transportation. This year up to two (2) elementary schools from each school board (Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board) may be awarded \$500 to benefit the students in their school community. The schools selected as finalists will have an on-site evaluation review conducted by members of the MSTSAC. The Wilde Wood Awards will be presented before Members of City Council in January 2025.

Chipmunk School Bus Tracking App – Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) began testing a school bus tracking application called Chipmunk and ran the pilot program from April 2023 through to June 2024 with a total of 75 participating

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schools. The application gave parents/guardians of selected pilot schools the ability to track their child(ren)'s school bus location through GPS in real time. Information gathered from the pilot has determined that the Chipmunk application does not yet meet STOPR standards for a successful rollout across all schools. The pilot program was paused in September 2024 and STOPR will continue working with the vendor to support progression of the application.

DPCDSB Share Life Campaign – Our Dufferin-Peel community once again distinguished itself among all school boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto as the leading board in the GTA for the 2023 – 2024 ShareLife Campaign in both our employee and school campaigns. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! Our employee campaign raised \$29,160.36 while our school campaign raised \$140,461.60 for ShareLife! One hundred percent of our schools were able to contribute, support, and participate in various ShareLife activities. Thank you to our ShareLife representatives in our schools and departments throughout the board. As the 2024-2025 ShareLife campaign gets underway, we encourage our schools to continue finding innovative and creative ways to contribute to this worthy cause. Thank you to our DPCDSB students, families, and staff for your ongoing commitment to be "*Pilgrims of Hope*".

As your elected DPCDSB Catholic School Board Trustees for the Mississauga West Family of Schools, we are proud to serve our Catholic schools and communities. Parents and guardians are always welcome to contact their elected School Board Trustee regarding any system-level concerns or questions about publicly funded Catholic education. You can also follow the DPCDSB's website and social media platforms for important school board information.

Trustee Herman Viloria
Mississauga - Ward 2 & 8

NOVEMBER DATES

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints
November 2 – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
November 3 – Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 4 – Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo
November 5 & 7 – DPCDSB's 2025-2026 Extended French Program Information Sessions
November 5-11 – Treaty Recognition Week
November 5-11 – Veterans' Week (National)
November 6 – Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 6 - 2024 Black Excellence Professionals Expo
November 7 – International Inuit Day
November 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day
November 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 10 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11 – Remembrance Day, Memorial of St. Martin of Tours
November 12 – Memorial of St. Josephat
November 17 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Day of the Poor
November 18-22 – Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week (Provincial), Canada History Week (National)
November 18 - December 2 – French Immersion Registration
November 21 – Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 22 – Memorial of St. Cecilia
November 22 – PA Day (Elementary & Secondary)
November 23 – Holocaust Memorial Day (National)
November 24 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - World Day of Youth
November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (International)
November 30 – Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

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.

School Hours



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

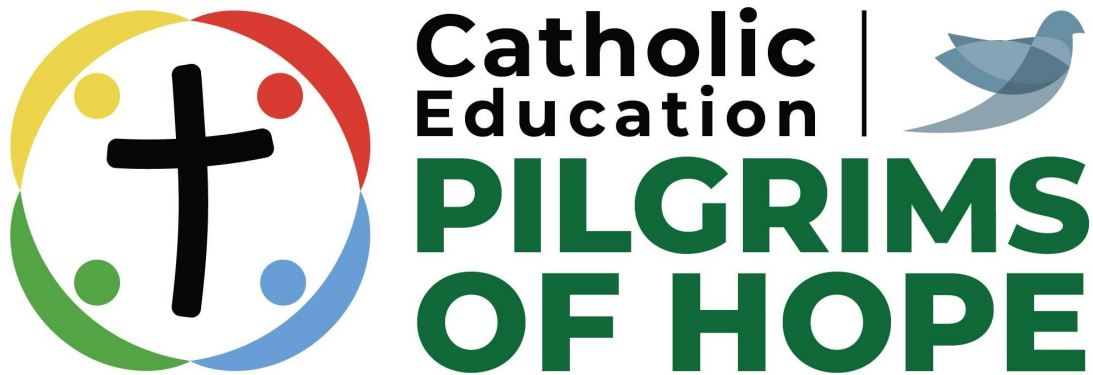
Recess A: 10:15 am - 10:30 am

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



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 – [dpcdsb.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

7 - 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 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,		★	★					★				★					★			★		
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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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 - 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



9 - 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](#)