

DUFFERIN-PEEL/ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS
CATHOLIC CODE OF CONDUCT

In keeping with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's *Catholic Code of Conduct*, the staff of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School wish to outline the standards of behaviour expected of all of our students. The goal is to achieve and maintain a safe and friendly Catholic learning environment for the entire community where teaching and learning will flourish. **Students are expected to behave in a manner that is helpful, courteous, respectful and caring.** Students are encouraged to approach a staff member to report any incidents they believe are not acceptable.

I RESPECT FOR STAFF

Students and others are expected to comply with the rules of the school as implemented by all school staff and to respond with respect, obedience and cooperation. Failure to comply affects the moral tone of the school and will result in disciplinary action.

II RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS & SAFETY OF STUDENTS & OTHERS

Students and others must respect the person and rights of all members of the school community without discrimination because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age marital status, family status or disability.

FIGHTING: Students are expected to resolve disagreements in an appropriate manner, which ensures the dignity and safety of others.

Students who promote or encourage others to fight are also subject to disciplinary action.

HARASSMENT: Harassment is a form of discrimination. Harassment is defined as any unwelcome comment or conduct that intimidates, demeans or offends an individual.

- any form of harassment is not acceptable whether it is physical, verbal, by telephone, electronic, in writing or in person.

WEAPONS: A student found in possession of a weapon or replica of a weapon on school property or at a school event or activity may be suspended and may be expelled, the parents may be notified and the dangerous article may be confiscated and dealt with in an appropriate manner.

III RESPECT FOR SELF

DRESS CODE: In keeping with the Board's Mission and Catholic School teachings, each school is committed to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste as specified in the Appropriate Dress code Policy of the Board.

- Students are required to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to the school environment. Failure to comply with this expectation will result in disciplinary action.

PROPER LANGUAGE: Course, profane or vulgar language or taking God's name in vain are unacceptable in the Catholic school community. Failure to comply with this expectation will result in disciplinary action.

SMOKING: the Board recognizes the benefits to all persons of a smoke-free environment.

- Smoking is banned within school buildings, in school vehicles and on all Board property. Failure to comply with this expectation will result in disciplinary action.

- The policy of our schools is to prohibit smoking or holding lit tobacco anywhere in the school or on school property, by anyone, at any time.

- **This policy applies to students, staff and anyone using school facilities. This policy also applies to field trips.**

IV RESPECT FOR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS

All persons are to treat school grounds, buildings, and contents, and the personal property of others with respect.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Plagiarizing, cheating, copying, or knowingly and deliberately presenting the language, ideas, or thought of another individual as one's own work is not permitted. Consequences may include academic penalty on the assignment, test or exam, and/or further disciplinary action.

LUNCH ROOM: Food and beverages are to be consumed in the class or designated area. Facilities must be left clean and tidy.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS: Restitution will be required for lost, non-returned, or damaged school equipment. (i.e. library books, textbooks, athletic equipment).

LITTERING: All persons are expected to help keep the buildings, grounds and surrounding neighbourhoods clean.

THEFT/EXTORTION/ROBBERY: Theft/extortion/robbery will be treated as a serious offence. Police may be called if deemed appropriate. Further disciplinary action may include suspension and a recommendation for expulsion.

VANDALISM/WILLFUL DAMAGE: Anyone who destroys, defaces, or otherwise damages property will be required to make restitution where appropriate. Further consequences will be dictated by the severity of the offence and may include suspension.