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Our DPCDSB **Mission**: Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body and soul to the fullness of life.
Our DPCDSB **Vision**: Changing the world through Catholic education.

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The virtue of **FAIRNESS** is about treating others with mercy, being open-minded and acting justly. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Catholic social teachings call us with a moral obligation to contribute to the greater good.

2022 Graduating Class – Congratulations to each of our DPCDSB graduates in the class of 2022! Throughout the pandemic, you have faced many new challenges and changes, adjusting and adapting to achieve this important milestone in your life. Your hard work, determination and resilience have made us so proud. May you continue to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ as you journey together in faith. Wishing you every success in your future plans and goals.

Mental Health and Well-Being Guiding Framework – As the world emerges from a global pandemic where the “new normal” is yet to be defined, we are hearing clearly from our students and families that the DPCDSB must be responsive to student well-being needs. Historical and current events have impacted and continue to impact mental health in our Catholic school communities. Students are seeking validation, motivation, and a sense of belonging but do not always know where to seek help. The DPCDSB’s approach to mental health and well-being is faith-based, inspired by scripture, and rooted in human dignity.

Building on the 2018-2021 framework, the *DPCDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Guiding Framework 2022-2025* is an extension of our Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Strategic Plan, a reflection of student voice, and an articulation of the plan to help each student thrive. DPCDSB will continue to nurture the sacredness and dignity of all in our shared Catholic community through religious education and faith formation, innovative and contemporary curricula, and prioritization of mental health and well-being. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Portable HEPA Filter Units – On April 27, the Ministry of Education announced that 400 additional portable HEPA filter units would be provided to DPCDSB. These units were part of the Ministry’s announcement of 40,000 HEPA filter units province-wide and supplement the 800 units already received by DPCDSB from this allocation. This additional shipment brings DPCDSB’s total number of HEPA filter units to over 3,200. HEPA filters are replaced approximately every six months.

2022 Facilities Renewal Plan – The DPCDSB Facilities Department has finalized our Facilities Renewal Plan for 2022. The plan represents a summary of the maintenance projects and facility upgrades that our Facilities Department staff will be undertaking this year. While most of the work is scheduled to take place over the summer, some work will occur in the evenings/weekends in the Fall due to the volume of projects being undertaken. As supply chain issues continue to affect the construction industry, it is possible that some projects may be deferred until 2023. Letters will be distributed to those school communities to inform families and will identify the scope of work and project timelines.

Focus on Youth Summer 2022 – The Focus on Youth (FOY) Program is a unique summer experience for our DPCDSB youth in Grades 5-8. In addition to providing valuable leadership opportunities for our secondary students, this experience allows students to participate in and deliver programming, for which they are compensated. This year, the camp will continue to have an arts-based leadership theme and will incorporate the following objectives:

- Provide leadership and mentoring opportunities for secondary school students.
- Teach participants how to integrate Mental Health and Well-being strategies in their daily life.
- Improve the self-esteem and well-being of students through the arts, sports, and student voice.
- Develop mentoring and leadership programming for secondary students which will assist in successful transitions to post-secondary opportunities.

The Equity Department will have a key role in the organization and implementation of the FOY programming. Graduation Coaches for Black Students will deliver components of this year's programming. Schools are selected with the consideration of several factors including demographics, availability, ease of access and needs of the community. While the camps are located at these sites, any DPCDSB student can attend. The FOY camp locations for 2022 are:

- [Loyola Catholic Secondary School](#)
- [Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School](#)
- [St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School](#)

Remote Learning for September – DPCDSB will be offering a remote-only learning option for secondary students for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be limitations to the course offerings in this mode of learning. Core subject offerings will be the priority with combined courses and/or combined grades anticipated. Students should expect that they most likely will not be able to fulfill all course options they have chosen for the school year. To increase the number of options available to students, they will be able to obtain one credit each semester through eLearning which is asynchronous. Students must also remember that if they decide to choose the remote-only program at Dufferin-Peel they will:

- be enrolled as students of St. Paul Catholic Secondary School;
- be expected to log-in with camera on, and participate in their remote-only classes each day;
- all exams will be written in-person at either St. Paul CSS or their home school (school administration will arrange for the proctoring of the exams);
- students in the remote-only program will not have access to in-person extra-curricular activities;
- students in their graduating year will graduate from St. Paul CSS;
- staff from St. Paul CSS will provide student services (i.e., guidance, special education, etc.); and,
- the commitment will apply to the entire school year.

School Volunteers – We extend our appreciation to all our parents/guardians who have helped to support our local school programming and activities to enrich the experiences for our students and children. All parents/guardians who wish to participate in school events and attend excursions for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year are required to have a current Vulnerable Sector Check - Level 3, which can be completed online: <https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/services/record-checks-and-suspensions-pardons.aspx>.

For those who previously submitted a Criminal Reference Check, they may have expired over the course of the pandemic unless an Annual Declaration Form was submitted to the school. Parents/guardians can connect with their school administrator for more information.

2022 – 2023 School Year Calendar – The first day of classes for Elementary and Secondary schools is Tuesday September 6, 2022. For more information, please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Schools/School-Year-Calendar>.

End of school year message. As our 2021-2022 school year draws to a close, as your trustees, parents, and members of our Catholic community, we share in the joy of how our school board provides an education that addresses the spiritual, moral, academic, and physical needs of all learners. We also express our gratitude to our parents and guardians for choosing a Dufferin-Peel Catholic education for your family and for sharing the gift of your children with us.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Wishing you a happy and healthy summer break. May God bless our students, families, and staff of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board today, and always.

Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your child(ren).

Take care and God bless.

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