

St. Evan Catholic School



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ADVENT

Our heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer: that we may reflect upon the wonder of Your love and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives worthier of all that You have done for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

VIRTUE FOR DECEMBER: HOPE

People of hope:

- Keep up a positive attitude
- Bounce back from tough situations
- Set and stick to their goals
- See good in others
- Work to include others
- Let others know that *they* are good people
- Trust that things will work out in God's way

From the perspective of the **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**, a hopeful person...

- Sees more good than evil in the world
- Acts legally and morally

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

At the heart of the season of Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ. It's the great liturgical season of waiting - but it should not be a passive waiting. It is a time to search, to hope, and to reach out for the God who will come to us in human flesh. While we attempt to complete a multitude of Christmas tasks; buying gifts, baking treats and decorating, it is important to take time to remember the joy felt at the first Nativity and mark our Advent path with the signs of love, acceptance, patience, caring, compassion, little acts of kindness and forgiveness. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Principal
Mr. J. Amodeo

Vice Principal
Mrs. Marsi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 8: Online registration for Kindergarten for September 2021 opens

Dec 25: Christmas!

Jan 4: Welcome Back



MASK BREAKS & COLD WEATHER

As the weather changes and gets colder, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to go outside for 20 minutes in the morning, lunch and afternoon for a mask break. All children should have a hat, scarf, gloves, warm coat and boots that are labeled with their name. In colder weather we often receive requests to allow children to remain indoors when students have a cold. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities, nor the staff to supervise these students. If you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, it would be best for you to keep your child at home. On extremely cold days, we will limit the amount of time that students spend outdoors. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow board guidelines.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Parents/Guardians please remind your children that they must be wearing their masks at all times when they are in the building, with the exception of the times when they are eating snack or lunch. When they take their masks off to eat, they must refrain from talking. When they have finished eating, the expectation is that they put their mask back on. The mask must cover the mouth and nose at all times. When students are outside for mask breaks twice a day, they do not wear their masks so they must maintain a **two** metre distance from other students.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will take place January 11-15, 2021

Kindergarten students must be at least 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2021 to register for the 2021-22 school year. Parents/guardians have the option to register their kindergarten-aged children **online**. The online Application Form should be completed prior to an in-person school meeting where original documentation will be received. Online registration begins December 8, 2020.

The Special Education and Learning Services department has scheduled a Live Virtual Information Session supporting the transition of children with differing abilities into Dufferin Peel for September 2021 on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00pm. This session is for students who are entering Dufferin Peel as kindergarten students in September 2021. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURES

Each child needs to bring a full lunch, personal water bottle and snacks every day. There will be no lunch programs or pizza days this year. Students will eat in their classrooms in their personal space. A student can leave the school to go to only their home for lunch and return to school. Students will not be permitted to use the water fountains other than to fill their water bottles. If your child forgets his/her lunch, school staff will contact you to provide information regarding next steps. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We ask that parents continue to support their children in their morning routines so that they can arrive to school on time or begin their online learning on time. This ensures that your child learns an essential life skill, participates in the entire school day, and that disruptions to the learning environment are minimal. Please note, the attendance line is open 24 hours a day to accept messages so you do not have to wait for the school to be open to report your child's absence.

SCHOOL ENTRY AND DISMISSAL

A reminder to parents that staff supervision begins in the morning at 8:00 am. Students should not be at school prior to 8:00 am. In addition, our students are dismissed between 2:35pm and 2:45pm each day. If parents are making alternate arrangements for their child(ren) to return home at the end of the day, they must put it in writing, otherwise children will be directed to return home in their usual manner. Adults are reminded to wear masks and maintain social distance when picking up their children from school.

TREATS IN THE CLASSROOM

In order to respect the health and safety of all students, we are requesting that parents do not bring any items into the school to be shared in the class for birthdays or other special occasions.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

As we move into the Winter Season and a change in weather we would ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that can be worn inside of the school and taken home each evening. It is recommended that you label your child's shoes. Your cooperation is appreciated.



SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING

FlipGive

This year School Council wants to make our fundraising efforts for St. Evan Catholic School easier by using an app called FlipGive. Simply join the St. Evan team on FlipGive and start shopping through the app or our team page and the school will earn money every time you shop with popular brands like Well.ca, Starbucks, Indigo, Sportchek and Esso.

Join the team now by clicking here: [https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?](https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Melony&joincode=VLNW4X)

[fundraiser name=Melony&joincode=VLNW4X](https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Melony&joincode=VLNW4X) If you are prompted for a join code, enter this code VLNW4X. Remember to use FlipGive before you shop online so the school will earn cash back - make a purchase within the first 14 Days of joining and the school will receive an additional bonus!



Mabel's Labels fundraising program is an easy and practical way to raise funds for our school while ensuring kids' belongings stay out of the lost and found.

Just go to https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ search for St Evan (Caledon) and start your shopping.

All funds raised through both fundraisers will be used towards school yard enhancements and literacy resources throughout the school.

Did you know yearly eye exams are free for children ages 0-19?

Treatment of eye problems is most effective before the age of five. Book your child's eye exam today.

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This may look normal to a child with a vision problem

Learn the signs

Signs of a vision issue can include:

1. Squinting or blinking often
2. Eye rubbing
3. Complains of headaches, nausea or eye fatigue
4. Short attention span
5. Appears clumsy, frequently bumps into things
6. Poor eye hand coordination

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Region of Peel
working with you

Book your child's free eye exam today. To learn more visit peelregion.ca/vision-health

MY BLUEPRINT

In Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board we strive to support students in their career/life planning through providing opportunities where students can reflect on their educational journey as Catholic citizens.

The Ministry of Education has provided school boards with a career/life planning program outline for all students to engage in from K-12. The program is designed to help students achieve their personal goals and become competent, successful, and contributing members of society through the exploration of the following 4 inquiry questions: Who am I? What are my opportunities? Who do I want to become? What is my plan for achieving my goals?

All students from grades K-12, within Dufferin-Peel have access to their own personal electronic portfolio (e-portfolio) which contains activities for students to reflect on the 4 inquiry questions and set career/life planning goals. Students access their e-portfolio by visiting www.myblueprint.ca.

Kindergarten - Grade 6:

Click on 'Login', Enter Username: dpcdsb, Enter Password: OEN #

*You can locate your OEN (Ontario Education Number) on your report card

Grade 7 -8:

Visit www.myblueprint.ca. Click on 'Login', Enter Username: type in email used to create student account, Enter Password: student created

*If there are concerns in remembering email or password, please click on 'forgot password'.

MEDICAL ALERT - SABRINA'S LAW (ANAPHYLAXIS)

We would like to remind you that St. Evan Elementary is an allergen aware school. There are pupils in attendance who suffer from severe and life-threatening allergies to certain foods, such as dairy, peanut and nut products. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe life-threatening reactions.

Anaphylaxis is a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, exercise and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems. The safety and well-being of all of our students is a priority.

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils, we request that you NOT send any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts and/or tree nuts, including peanut butter substitute products. Please make sure that all of your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. Please do not send food for birthday or special occasions. Additional allergy concerns in specific classrooms was shared by the classroom teacher.



If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting a safe learning environment for all pupils. For more information on possible allergens, please see our school website.

CUSTODY

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial arrangements between parents that may affect your child during school hours.

MEDICAL ALERT - RYAN'S LAW (ASTHMA)

We would like to remind you that St. Evan continues to participate in 'We Share the Air', a Scent Sensitivity Awareness Campaign. There are students in attendance who suffer from life-threatening asthmatic conditions to air pollutants. Exposure to minimal odours may cause potential life-threatening reactions.

Very common severe chemical triggers are: perfume, cologne, scented products and personal care products (such as hairspray). These products may cause severe reactions for students. The safety and well-being of all of our students is a priority.

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, we request that our school community refrain from wearing scented personal products complying with our Scent Free Zone Campaign at school and all school events. Please ensure that all caregivers are also aware of our awareness campaign.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting a safe learning environment for all students.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS UPDATE

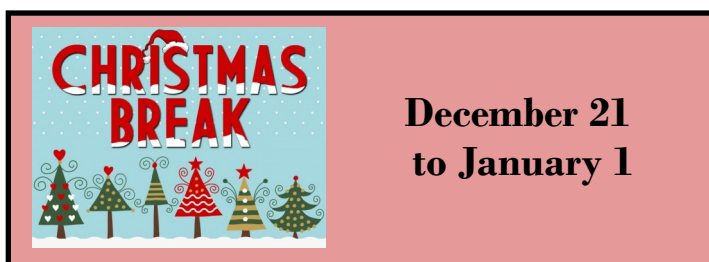
Our Healthy Schools Team will be focus on Mental Health. Stay tuned for some exciting ideas coming your way in the new year!

HEALTH TIP: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT EAT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES EVERYDAY?

- People who eat more vegetables and fruits as part of an overall healthy diet are likely to have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases. Vegetables provide nutrients vital for health and maintenance of your body.

- Dietary fiber from vegetables, as part of an overall healthy diet, helps reduce blood cholesterol levels and may lower risk of heart disease. Fiber is important for proper bowel function. It helps reduce constipation and diverticulosis. Fiber-containing foods such as vegetables help provide a feeling of fullness with fewer calories.

Remember Eagles... "BEE Active, BEE Healthy, BEE Happy!"



TRANSPORTATION AND SCHOOL CLOSURES/INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

If school buses are cancelled in a region of the board, **ALL schools located in that region will be closed to staff and students.**

Secondary students will continue with their regularly scheduled timetable and learn remotely for the day.

Elementary students may access learning activities provided by the teacher during regular school hours. The teacher will be available to students online in the Learning Management System from 9:30 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm for instruction and small/group or individual support, and will be available for support during regular school hours.

All school-based child care centres in that region will remain **OPEN** unless otherwise indicated by the child care provider.

Bus cancellation notices are posted as follows:

- On the DPCDSB website and all school websites by 6:00 am. Check the yellow ALERT Banner at the top of the website at dpcdsb.org.
- On the DPCDSB main phone line through recorded message at 905-890-0708
- Through the DPCDSB's social media channels:
 - Twitter: @DPCDSBSchools
 - Facebook: @DPCDSBSchools
 - Instagram: @DPCDSB.schools

BUS SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Students who travel to school by bus **must** adhere to the rules for their own safety.

Students shall:

- Keep their mask on for the duration of the trip
- Remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion
- Keep all parts of their body inside the bus
- Obey the instructions of the bus driver
- Avoid excess noise and rowdiness, which may distract the driver and thus endanger all students on the bus
- Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus
- Refrain from throwing objects out the bus window
- Be prepared to pay for any deliberate damage to the bus and/or its equipment and furnishings

Students should be aware that transportation is a PRIVILEGE, which may be revoked for inappropriate conduct. All students who receive a Bus Discipline Form (pink slip) from the school bus driver will have a meeting with the Principal or Vice-Principal. The second "Bus Discipline Form" results in a phone call home to parents. A third "Bus Discipline Form" may result in a suspension of bus privileges. Students may be suspended from the bus immediately for serious offences. All students and parents must sign the School Bus Safety form and return this to school.

Parents of Kindergarten and Grade 1 children: Please note that bus drivers are not allowed to let Kindergarten and Grade 1 students off the bus, unless an adult is there to pick them up. Your child will be returned to the school in the event that an adult is not present at the stop, and will have to be picked up at the school.

For more information on the Student Transportation of Peel Region Policies and Procedures, please visit their website www.stopr.ca or call them at: 905-890-6000.

Please note that students are not permitted to travel on other students' school busses. Please ensure that if you need to pick up your child from school that you send a note with your child. Students are required to take the school bus home if notification from the parent is not received.



Dufferin-Peel
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REMEMBER TO REGISTER AT YOUR
LOCAL (HOME) SCHOOL.
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR
THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR WILL
TAKE PLACE JANUARY 11-15, 2021

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING SERVICES

Please join us to learn more about the Entry Planning and Transition Process for Children with Differing Abilities.

INFORMATION SESSION SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES INTO DUFFERIN-PEEL FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

LIVE VIRTUAL SESSION

DATE: THURSDAY JANUARY 28, 2021

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95432305776?pwd=Wm9iWWxFRmxmMVcvbG43K2UwdTZGQT09>
Meeting ID and Password will be provided upon registration

Register using the QR
code or this link:
<https://bit.ly/38MiNtT>



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LAURA CONTE AT

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School Bus Cancellations Due to
Inclement Weather
2020/21 Covid-19 Special Procedures

**** NEW THIS YEAR****

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, whenever transportation is cancelled in one of the following selected areas, schools will also be closed.

STOPR will monitor weather and road conditions during the winter months. The decision to cancel transportation due to inclement weather will be made by 06:00 am each morning.

When it is necessary to cancel school transportation and close schools, STOPR will post this information on our website and on our "Twitter" account @STOPRinfo at the following links:

- <https://www.stopr.ca>
- <https://twitter.com/STOPRinfo>

Local radio stations and media outlets may also broadcast this information, however we encourage parents to follow us on twitter and check the STOPR website, delays and cancellations page, for the most up to date information.

STOPR will communicate school transportation cancellations and school closings by posting one of the following standard messages on our website and twitter account:

1. ***DPCDSB transportation in Dufferin County is cancelled and DPCDSB schools in Dufferin County are closed for today. Including RF Hall.***
2. ***DPCDSB and PDSB transportation in Caledon is cancelled and Caledon schools are closed today. Buses will continue to operate, and schools remain open at James Grieve, Southfields Village, Tony Pontes, Malala Yousafzai, Pte Buckam Singh, St Aidan and St Rita/St Leonard.***
3. ***DPCDSB and PDSB transportation in Caledon and Dufferin County is cancelled today. Caledon and Dufferin County DPCDSB schools are closed for today. Buses will continue to operate, and schools remain open at James Grieve, Southfields Village, Tony Pontes, Malala Yousafzai, Pte Buckam Singh, St Aidan and St Rita/St Leonard.***
4. ***DPCDSB and PDSB transportation in Mississauga is cancelled and Mississauga schools are closed for today.***
5. ***DPCDSB and PDSB transportation is cancelled and all schools are closed for today.***

When school transportation is cancelled in the morning it will also be cancelled in the afternoon.

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