

# St. Evan Catholic School

SOARING WITH CHRIST



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## DECEMBER 2021

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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

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 look forward to the joy of celebrating a virtual mass as a school, with Father John on December 14, 2021. We wish you all the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Principal  
Mr. J. Amodeo

Vice Principal  
Mrs. K. Marsi

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 8-10:** Winter Olympics

**Dec 1-15:** Soap for Hope

**Dec 14:** Virtual Advent Mass, 9:00am, streamed to classrooms

**Dec 18:** Christmas holidays begin

**Dec 25:** Christmas!

**Jan 3:** Welcome Back



## COLD WEATHER

As the weather changes and gets colder, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to go outside for recesses and outdoor learning periods in both the morning 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; moreover, health officials indicate that fresh air is beneficial, as long as students are dressed appropriately. 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 recesses, they do not wear their masks so they must maintain a **two** metre distance from other students.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year will take place January 10-14, 2022**

Kindergarten students must be at least 4 or 5 years of age by December 31, 2022 to register for the 2022-23 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 7, 2021.



## 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. 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, you may report your child's illness at any time through School Messenger.

A graphic with a dark blue header containing the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board logo and the text "Options for Reporting Student Absences". Below the header, on a white background, are three rows of information: a green circle with an '@' symbol next to "Web: go.schoolmessenger.ca", a pink circle with a phone icon next to "App: SchoolMessenger", and a green circle with a telephone handset icon next to "Phone: 1-844-435-3440 (Toll-Free)". At the bottom is the School Messenger logo.

## 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.

Please do not enter the school yard at the end of the day until 2:35 pm as outdoor learning sessions could still be in progress.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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## Benefits of the French Immersion (FI) Program:

- ★ Functional French proficiency
- ★ Professional advantage for the 21st century global career market
- ★ Increased appreciation of diverse cultures and languages
- ★ Improved communication skills
- ★ Increased cognitive skills

Virtual Information Sessions - Grade 1 French Immersion:

1. [Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 7pm](#) (Brampton & Mississauga FI Schools)
2. [Thursday, December 9, 2021@7pm](#) (Mississauga FI Schools)

For information and link to Microsoft Teams sessions: visit [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org)

## BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON

Birthright Brampton urgently needs winter clothes for children both boys and girls size 2 and 3.

If you are able to donate, please contact St. Leonard's parish office at 905-874-0607



## INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES and EXTRA CLOTHING

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. It is recommended that you label your child's shoes. Your cooperation is appreciated.

As well, please send in extra clothing with your child in the event that they get wet outside at recess.



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for their Before and After School programs, and Early Learning and Child Care Centre at this school. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. Available space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLASP programs are licensed by the Ministry of Education and are adhering to strict public health guidelines. *Highly trained staff facilitate fun, age-appropriate activities both indoors and outdoors.*

Before School programs operate from 7:30 a.m. until school starts and include breakfast daily. After School programs begin at school dismissal, include a substantial daily snack, and run until 6:00 p.m.

The Early Learning and Child Care Centre provides full-day care from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for toddlers and preschoolers. Registered Early Childhood Educators and children engage in a play-based curriculum (High Scope) that supports learning and growth for children. Children receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack daily.

PLASP Child Care Services is a charitable organization, operating on a not-for-profit basis, providing award winning programs for children, for more than 40 years.

Visit [plasp.com](http://plasp.com) to register, or contact the **PLASP Support Services Centre at 647-484-4372.**

**Please see the attached flyers.**



Please join us for our School Council Meeting.  
Scheduled meeting dates are:

- Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- Wednesday, March 23, 2022
- Monday, May 2, 2022
- Thursday, June 9, 2022

All meetings will begin at 6:00pm and will be conducted over Zoom until we are directed that we can have in-person meetings.

## 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](http://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](http://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'.

## TRANSPORTATION AND SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

A decision to cancel school transportation, and/or to close schools due to inclement weather is usually made by 6:30 a.m. Bus or school cancellations during winter months are broadcast on various media outlets including the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Website and Twitter account. Please check the school board's transportation website, [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) for the most up to date transportation information. Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) has established a new "weather zone" procedure for the purposes of monitoring and communicating school bus cancellations on inclement weather days. School Bus cancellation options include Zone #1, Zone #2, Zone #3. **Please note that our school is part of Weather Zone # 2.**

School Bus Cancellations will be communicated by "Weather Zone" through the STOPR website [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and the STOPR twitter account @STOPRinfo by 06:00 am each morning.

For more information on this new weather zone procedure please visit [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and click on the inclement weather tab and then click on STOPR0029 for further details.

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

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](http://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.



**SOAP FOR HOPE**  
 Caring Community Partner  
 Program of Disaster Aid Canada

Christmas is a time of giving others hope, that is why the Youth Faith Ambassadors have decided to collect soap for Dr. Simone's Food Bank.

*'A little soap could be all it takes to provide someone a fresh outlook on life.'*

Soap is such a small luxury that some developing countries cannot afford.

Let's give our brothers and sisters across the globe the gifts of dignity, love and care.

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" - Hebrew 13:16*

Donations will be accepted from...  
 December 1st - December 15th

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS UPDATE

Hello St. Evan! Thank you to all staff and students who participated in our first school challenge in **November - BOKS Fitness Challenge**. All classes were given a calendar of activities to participate in. Our Healthy School's Reps were also given the opportunity to lead each activity and encourage their classmates to get up and get active. *The results are in.* Are you ready to see who won the Apple Trophy?

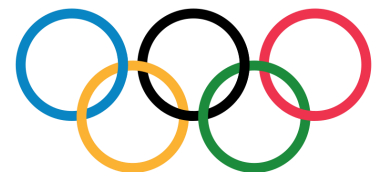
**From the FDK division - Thank you Ms. Kelloway and Ms. Cauz's Class**

**From the Primary division - Thank you Mrs. Pupo's Class**

**From the Junior division - Thank you Mrs. Sadurski's Class**

**From the Intermediate division - Thank you Mrs. Gabil's Class**

For December, we will be planning St. Evan's first Winter Olympics Games. We are getting our students ready before the games in the new year. Each class was given a country to represent. Each class will participate in a variety of winter games, while staying in their cohort. It's going to be exciting! Be sure to be following us on Twitter to see all the late breaking news and events. We also want to thank our BEE SQUAD news reporters for their excellent coverage, which can be seen on Twitter.



Which country will you be cheering for this month?

As always, please remember to pack those healthy snacks and lunches everyday to help keep our bodies energized. In addition, try to walk to school on those beautiful crisp mornings to help jumpstart your day.

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



# St. Evan CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, December 13th - Friday, December 17th



## Monday

### Christmas Hat or Hair

Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas hat or hairstyle.



## Tuesday

### Teacher Scavenger Hunt

Students will be working as a class to find teachers around the school who are wearing special Christmas items.



## Wednesday

### Christmas Glam

Students are encouraged to wear all their Christmas gear (e.g., headbands, necklaces, shirts, socks, hats, etc.)



## Thursday

### Santa's Workshop

Students are encouraged to dress as any character from Santa's Workshop (e.g., Santa, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, the elves)



## Friday

### Festive Sweater Day

Students are encouraged to wear their most festive Christmas sweater.



## TREATS IN THE CLASSROOM

In order to respect the health and safety of all students and Covid protocols, 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

We would like to congratulate L. Persad on her appointment as Child and Youth Worker at another school in Mississauga. We thank her very much for her time and services while she was here at St. Evan and we wish her the best.

## SCHOOL YARD SAFETY

Rough play on the schoolyard can lead to injuries. Pushing, shoving and play fighting are forms of unacceptable play that compromise student safety. Especially during Covid, it is important that when students are outside they maintain their social distance and remain within their cohorts, for the safety of everyone. Please reinforce with your children the "keep your hands and feet to yourself" rule.





## **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.



### **INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball teams for a very successful season. It was so wonderful to see teams playing in the gym again.

On the Boys' Team: Allister B., Spencer B., Julian C. Luis G., Emeka I., Obinna I., Alvin J., Sandro M. and Aaden R.

On the Girls' Team: Vanessa A., Rianne C., Liliana F., Allison F., Victoria G., Valerie N., Sophia S., and Sareya S.

Thank you very much to their coaches J. D'Onofrio, C. Pupo, and A. Trentin. Thank you as well to A. Attinello, R. Gomes, and P. Glaze for helping referee and keep score for the games played at home.



# **LET'S GO EAGLES!**



**ST. EVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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# 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 our team on FlipGive and start shopping through the app or our team page and we'll earn money every time you shop with popular brands like Well.ca, Starbucks, Indigo, Sportchek and Esso.

Join our team now by clicking here:

[https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?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 we'll earn cash back - make a purchase within the first 14 days of joining and we'll receive an additional bonus!

If you still have questions, please see the handout attached that FlipGive in more detail.



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

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

**Funds raised will be used towards school yard enhancements and literacy resources throughout the school.**



## Early Learning and Child Care Centres

### Infant, Toddler and Preschool Programs



PLASP **Early Learning and Child Care Centres** provide safe, enriching care for children and peace of mind for parents.

Registered Early Childhood Educators and children engage in a play based curriculum (High Scope) that supports learning and growth for children.

Centres operate from 7:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. and provide a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack daily. All food is prepared on-site, based on weekly menus developed by a nutritionist, following Canada's food guide.

PLASP is an award-winning charitable organization, operating on a not-for-profit basis, providing high quality licensed programs, since 1975.

PLASP programs are licensed under the Ministry of Education and follow *How Does Learning Happen?*, Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years. The programs promote children's sense of belonging, well-being, engagement and expression.

**Register online today!**

Limited space available at select locations.

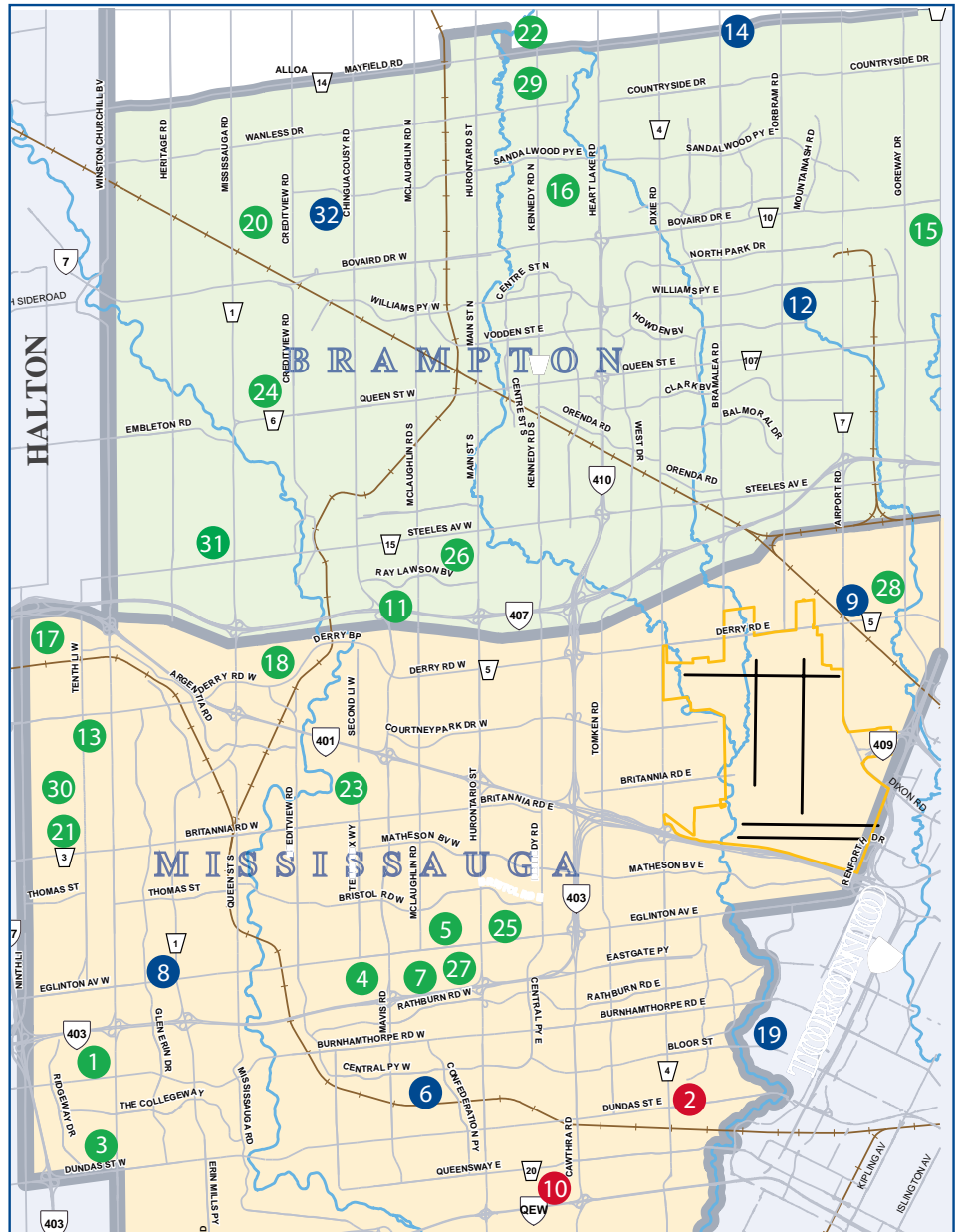
Please contact PLASP's Support Services Centre at 647 484 4372 if you have any questions.

PLASP accepts fee assistance from the Region of Peel and the City of Toronto.

# Early Learning and Child Care Centres

## Infant, Toddler and Preschool Programs

- 1 All Saints Catholic School  
4105 Colonial Dr. 905-569-1464
- 2 Brian W. Fleming Public School  
3255 Havenwood Dr. 905-629-4013
- 3 Christ the King Catholic School  
3240 Garthwood Rd. 905-569-6125
- 4 Edenrose Public School  
1342 Edenrose St. 905-826-0024
- 5 Fairwind Senior Public School  
5235 Fairwind Dr. 905-712-4077
- 6 Father Michael Goetz Secondary School  
330 Central Pkwy. W 905-615-0236
- 7 Huntington Ridge Public School  
345 Huntington Ridge Dr. 905-890-3611
- 8 John Fraser Secondary School  
2665 Erin Centre Blvd. 905-819-1890
- 9 Lancaster Public School  
7425 Netherwood Rd. 905-405-8686
- 10 Munden Park Public School  
515 Tedwyn Dr. 647-793-1101
- 11 Pauline Vanier Catholic School  
56 Oaklea Blvd. 905-796-6471
- 12 PLASP Active  
25 Corporation Dr. 905-799-0685
- 13 Plum Tree Park Public School  
6855 10th Line W 905-824-6399
- 14 Pte. Buckam Singh Public School  
100 Martin Byrne Dr. 647-496-8095
- 15 Red Willow Public School  
80 Red Willow Rd. 905-794-5024
- 16 St. Agnes Catholic School  
103 Richvale Dr. S 905-840-5273
- 17 St. Albert of Jerusalem Catholic School  
7185 Rosehurst Dr. 647-946-5043
- 18 St. Barbara Catholic School  
1455 Samuelson Cir. 905-696-7504
- 19 St. Clement Catholic School  
4319 Bloor St. W 416-695-2343
- 20 St. Daniel Comboni Catholic School  
120 Veterans Dr. 905-843-1460
- 21 St. Edith Stein Catholic School  
6234 Osprey Blvd. 905-824-0466
- 22 St. Evan Catholic School  
500 Dougall Ave. 905-843-6427
- 23 St. Gregory Catholic School  
1075 Swinbourne Dr. 905-817-0387
- 24 St. Jacinta Marto Catholic School  
40 Fallowfield Rd. 905-450-4692
- 25 St. Jude Catholic School  
175 Nahani Way 905-568-3949
- 26 St. Kevin Catholic School  
103 Malta Ave. 905-455-6517
- 27 St. Matthew Catholic School  
280 Kingsbridge Garden Cir. 905-568-3948
- 28 St. Raphael Catholic School  
3470 Clara Dr. 905-677-9494



- 29 St. Stephen Catholic School  
17 Colonel Bertram Rd. 905-840-5272
- 30 Trelawny Public School  
3420 Trelawny Cir. 905-824-1023
- 31 Whaley's Corners P.S.  
140 Howard Stewart Rd. 905-450-2128
- 32 Worthington P.S.  
71 Worthington Ave. 647-946-5047

- Infant, Toddler & Preschool (6 Weeks - 5 years)
- Toddler & Preschool (18 months - 5 years)
- Preschool (2 - 5 years)



# Before and After School Programs

## Register Online Today for September!



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P.A. Day, Holiday, March Break & Summer programs are offered at select locations with sufficient enrolment.

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