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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days or months will bring to us or how we will respond. Let us be your love in as we journey this year. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through Your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of Your walking through the day with us. God of this New Year, we praise you.

AMEN



VIRTUE FOR JANUARY: SELF-CONTROL

During the month of January we will focus on the virtue of SELF-CONTROL
People with self-control:

- Are patient
- Know how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- Know how to avoid physical aggression
- Can think things through and do what is best for everyone

From the perspective of the **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**, a person with self-control...

- Has a positive, confident sense of self and others
- Adapts to situations in light of the common good
- Thinks reflectively to solve problems
- Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving & resource management skills
- Reflects on personal values, abilities and aspirations
- Participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced and healthy lifestyle



Jan 11-15: FDK Registration

Jan 18: P.A. Day - Assessment & Evaluation of Pupil Progress

Jan 28: Information Session to Support the Transition of Children with Differing Abilities, 7:00pm

Feb 9: Term 1 Report Cards go home

Feb 11: Reporting Evening

Feb 12: P.A. Day - Reporting to Parents

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our students, staff, parents and guardians. We hope that you enjoyed a very restful and peaceful Christmas break with family and friends. Let us ensure that the importance of Jesus' birth remains in our hearts throughout the days ahead in our daily lives and while we work and play within our school and in our families. The New Year is a time for reflection as well as celebration, so let us keep God, our Father, in our hearts and pray to Him for each day of 2021 that He will help us to do our best. The entire staff of St. Evan Catholic School extends to all our families the Peace of Christ in their lives, and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. As we enter into the next part of this school year, we look forward to our continued partnership with you in the spiritual, academic and social development of your children.

Principal
Mr. J. Amodeo

Vice Principal
Mrs. Marsi

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

Our First Term Report Cards will be sent home on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The Report Card emphasizes and gives examples of the learning skills and work habits required to be successful in school and for the future. It has ample space for teachers to add meaningful, clear comments so that you can understand how your child is performing. The parent, teacher, student conferences are scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2021. The interviews serve as an important opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to discuss their child(ren)'s progress and next steps. You are encouraged to contact your child (ren)'s teacher at any time should you require clarification, or if you have questions or concerns about student progress.

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.



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.

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.

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.



HEAD INJURIES

No matter how insignificant, we will notify you whenever your child receives any kind of head injury of which we are aware. If we do not see you at dismissal and we are unable to contact you or leave a message, a note will be made in the student agenda. Our school policy is in recognition of the potential danger of anything involving the head area. Please do not be alarmed if you are contacted. We want to keep you informed.

LOST & FOUND

Students should regularly check the Lost and Found for missing items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our virtual meetings on March 4, 2021 and May 27, 2021 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join!

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. Please reinforce with your children the "keep your hands and feet to yourself" rule.

TREATS IN THE CLASSROOM

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, parents are not able to bring any items into the school to be shared in the class for birthdays or other special occasions.

Register online for
Kindergarten
January 11-15, 2021

Children born in 2016 or 2017 can start Kindergarten in September 2021.

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For more information, visit dpcdsb.org

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.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a virtual Information Session to Support the Transition of Children with Differing Abilities. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who will be transitioning into a DPCDSB school in September 2021. [Zoom Meeting Link](https://bit.ly/38MiNtT) <https://bit.ly/38MiNtT>

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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=Wm9iWWxFRmxmMVcvbG43K2UwdTZGQTo9>
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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REGISTRATION FOR ST. JAMES CATHOLIC GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE

Registration for St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre for the 2021-2022 school year for Kindergarten to Grade 8 will take place Tuesday, January 19 to Friday, January 22, 2021.

St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre is a regional elementary school open to all Dufferin-Peel Catholic students. The school provides diverse and specialized learning opportunities with a global focus for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

St. James C.G.L.C. does not offer online registration.

The registration form can be downloaded at dpcdsb.org, by email request at St.JamesInfo@dpcdsb.org or contact the school office at 905-891-7619 to arrange for pick-up of a printed copy.

The completed registration form and supporting documents can be sent via email to St.JamesInfo@dpcdsb.org. To be considered for random selection, registrations must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Admissions are open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least 4 years of age by December 31, 2021. If applying for the first time in DPCDSB, it is recommended that the child first be registered at their home school.

Please note that student transportation is not provided for this Regional school.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact the school office at 905-891-7619, visit the board website dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

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
- 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

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.

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.**

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

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.

Kindergarten Registration

for the 2021-2022 school year
January 11-15, 2021



Start the journey
into learning
with us!

Children born
in 2016 or 2017
can start
Kindergarten in
September 2021.

The following documents are required for registration:

- **proof of age of the child** (birth certificate or passport);
 - **original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate**
 - an original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian), or;
 - an original baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) from a church that is in communion with the Holy See of Rome, or;
 - an original baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) from an Eastern/Byzantine Rite of the Roman Catholic Church.
 - **updated immunization records** (Peel Health Reference # /Immunization Card/Letter of Exemption);
 - **proof of Canadian citizenship** (birth certificate/passport) or permanent resident status;
 - **proof of home address** (two of the following: property tax bill, current utility bill, real estate document or Government of Canada issued forms);
 - **emergency rural address numbers**, if applicable;
 - **proof of English Separate School Support** (may be done at the time of registration by completing an Application for the Direction of School Support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement available at the school).
- * All documentation must be in English.*

Register online at: www.dpcdsb.org