

St. Evan Catholic School

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PRAYER FOR KINDNESS

Truly dust we are, and to dust we shall return; and truly yours we are, and to you we shall return.

Help this to be a time of turning round and beginning again. Through the forty days of Lent, help us to follow you and to find you: in the discipline of praying and in the drudgery of caring – in whatever we deny ourselves, and whatever we set ourselves to learn or do.

Help us to discover you in our loneliness and in community, in our emptiness and our fulfilment, in our sadness and our laughter.

Help us to find you when we ourselves are lost.

Help us to follow you on the journey to Jerusalem to the waving palms of the people's hope, to their rejection, to the cross and empty tomb.

Help us to perceive new growth amid the ashes of the old. Help us, carrying your cross, to be signs of your Kingdom.

Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 4: School Council Meeting

Mar 11: The Great Big Crunch, 9:30am

Mar 12: The Great Gulp, 9:30am

Mar 22: Wear #LotsOfSocks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Mar 24: Dominos Pizza Fundraiser

Mar 26: Earth Hour at St. Evan, 11:21am -12:21pm

Mar 27: International Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm

VIRTUE FOR MARCH: KINDNESS

During the month of March we will focus on the virtue of KINDNESS.

A kind person...

- gives their time to help others
- stands by their friends in time of need
- shares with their friends
- is polite
- cares about other people's feelings

God wants us to be kind to everyone we meet. Being kind is about more than just pretending to be nice. It is about helping and playing with others because we want to and not because we feel we have to. God helps us to be kind to our family and friends because by being kind we are able to see God in every one we meet. God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

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

- Has a confident, positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others
- Honours the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others
- Values and honours the important role of family in society
- Values the environment and uses resources wisely
- Honours the faith traditions, world religions and life journeys of all people of goodwill

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

As we approach Holy Week, we remember that it is a time for study and reflection - a time to contemplate the events that lead to the death and resurrection of Jesus. We prepare our hearts and minds to appreciate the sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins and for giving us the promise of new and eternal life with his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This year we have restrictions placed upon us due to Covid-19 so we will not be able to gather to celebrate the Resurrection as we would have in the past. We must find other ways to celebrate in our homes, with our own families in order to recognize these sacred and spiritually important days. We hope you have a blessed, safe Easter with your families.

J. Amodeo
Principal

K. Marsi
Vice Principal

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We are in the process of planning staffing and organizing classes for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are planning on moving out of the St. Evan area, or simply changing addresses within our boundaries, please let the office know as soon as possible. Staff will be meeting in May to organize class lists for September 2021. If there are any special learning needs your child has that you feel we should know when making up classes, please do so in writing to Mr. Amodeo by April 23, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please note:

- **Letters that list a request for a specific teacher will not be considered**
- **Requests for your child to be placed with a "friend" will not be considered.**
- **If you feel your child has an ongoing conflict with another child, please write us a letter and we will do our best to separate them.**
- **Requests for students not to be placed in a combined grade will not be considered.**

Please limit your comments to specific learning styles. All staff work hard to balance class lists by abilities and learning style.



LUNCH TIME PROCEDURES

Each child must 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 personal space in their classroom. 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.



COLD WEATHER & INDOOR FOOTWEAR

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to participate in all activities including fresh air breaks and lunch recess. 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. With the exception of these occasions, all children will go outside for all breaks.

We continue to ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that can be worn inside of the school and left in their classrooms. It is recommended that you label your child's shoes. Your cooperation is appreciated.

STUDENT MONITOR

Are you interested in becoming a Student Monitor over the lunch hour at St. Evan? If so, under the supervision of the Principal, you will:

- Carry out supervision duties assigned by the Principal
- Ensure that all reasonable safety procedures are carried out in activities for which the Student Monitor is responsible
- Co-operate with the Principal and teachers to maintain consistent disciplinary practices in the school

To be considered for the position, please contact the school for an application package.

KISS N' RIDE & MORNING & AFTERNOON DROPOFF

At St. Evan, we offer Kiss N' Ride where parents/guardians can drop off and pick up their children at a designated area on school property. Kiss N' Ride was established to provide a convenient and safe option for our students and parents driving to school.

Please follow these parking lot and Kiss N' Ride safety guidelines:

- Kiss N' Ride is only available to students who are able to disembark independently. Drivers must not get out of their vehicle.
- Vehicles entering the Kiss N' Ride lane must stay in the designated lane, unless otherwise directed by a staff member.
- There is no parking and no waiting in the Kiss N' Ride lane(s). Pay attention to the traffic in front of you and pull forward as cars move forward. If you choose to park in the parking lot, please escort your child to or from the yard gate and use the main sidewalk.
- Have your child ready to exit the car when you reach the curb in the designated Kiss N' Ride zone. Students may only exit from the passenger (right) side of the vehicle.
- After picking-up or dropping-off your child, please leave promptly using the designated thru lane.
- If your child is not waiting for you at the main sidewalk at the end of the day, please circle the parking lot if permitted and rejoin the line or park in a designated parking space to wait.
- Always respect traffic flow and abide all traffic laws and signs.

As a reminder, there is no entry into the Daycare parking lot between 8:00 and 8:15am and between 2:30 and 2:45 pm to ensure safety of our students crossing to the sidewalk.

The town of Caledon has designated that Dougall Ave. is **No Parking** on either side of the street, in front of the school. You may park on a side street in order to walk your child onto the school grounds.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Start the Journey into Learning with us!

Register online at:
www.dpccsb.org

Children born in 2015 or 2016 can start Kindergarten in September 2020.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH. We are focusing on the question **"WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR BODIES AND MINDS HEALTHY?"**

As well, we will be participating in the Great Big Crunch and the Great Gulp.

MARCH 11TH @ 9:30 am - THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH

Students will be asked to bring in their own CRUNCHY SNACK to bite into on that day. We will have a countdown on the announcements so that everyone can crunch into their snacks at the same time.



MARCH 12TH @ 9:30 - THE GREAT GULP

Please ensure your child brings in a reusable water bottle (preferably) and have it filled with water. We will all take a gulp at the same time.



Kindness March is the virtue of Kindness and we will continue to promote acts of kindness to help our students be the best they can be.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next scheduled Catholic School Council meeting is Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 on Zoom. Join the meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015074370?pwd=cGdDeGRocU5uOHJQL1RGQ1hoRk5iUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 1507 4370, Passcode: 0rvAsY

The agenda for the meeting is posted on the St. Evan website. After this meeting, there will only be one more council meeting for this school year on May 27, 2021. All are welcome to attend.

School Council has organized another Domino's Pizza Fundraiser. On March 24, 2021, for every large cheese or pepperoni pizza purchased from location at 3068 Mayfield Road, St. Evan will receive \$5.00 to put towards School Council initiatives for the students.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2020 at 6:30pm

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

International Down Syndrome Day is Sunday, March 21, 2021. Students are asked to wear brightly coloured, long or printed socks on Monday, March 22 to support awareness. We dress this way to raise awareness and to empower people with Down Syndrome to advocate for active and meaningful participation so that they may reach out to share their message to bring about change. Each year the voice of people with Down Syndrome grows louder.



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.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD’S PROGRESS

ENCOURAGE READING!

Good readers do better at school. Buy books your child likes to read. Read to your child. Be a reader yourself and model what you want your child to do.

ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBILITY!

Is there a place where school supplies are placed the night before to be ready to go in the morning? Does your child keep an accurate agenda as a reminder of tasks that require completion?

MONITOR HOMEWORK!

Is there ample time set aside to complete homework by the given deadline? Is homework done in a fairly quiet place with good lighting and few distractions?

BE REASONABLE IN YOUR EXPECTATIONS!

High marks do not guarantee success in life nor low marks failure. However, self-confidence, perseverance, and willingness to put forth enough effort to work through difficulties are characteristics of achievers.

BE CONSISTENT!

If you only talk about school at reporting time, you are missing golden opportunities to reinforce good work habits, and risk sending the message that only the product counts, not the process of learning.

PRAISE OFTEN, GUIDE FREQUENTLY, CRITICIZE SELDOM!

There is a difference between helping your child do better and responding quickly to him/her falling short. Positive suggestions do help, but value-laden criticism hurts and diminishes one’s dignity. When things are not going well is when we most need an encouraging word.

FRESH AIR 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 fresh air 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.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Friday, April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. To recognize this day, we are inviting students to come together to **help increase global understanding and acceptance** of people with autism by wearing blue on Thursday, April 1, 2021. When we wear blue, it’s not only about keeping that conversation going about autism, but it’s also making sure that those with autism and their families don’t feel alone.



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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year’s celebration entitled, “**Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope**” is scheduled for the week of May 2 – May 7, 2021. The scriptural passage that guides our theme is, “*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.*” Isaiah 40:31. Schools across the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) will host special events and activities during Catholic Education Week.

MEDICAL ALERT - SABRINA'S LAW (ANAPHYLAXIS)

We would like to inform you that St. Evan 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 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 avoid sending 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.

MEDICAL ALERT - RYAN'S LAW (ASTHMA)


We would like to inform 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.



There will be no school for students during the week of
April 12-16, 2021
School will resume on
Monday, April 19, 2021

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 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
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March 24th, 2021

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