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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, loving Father,
for all of your gifts to us.

Blessed are you for giving us
the gift of family and friends.

We pause and give you thanks, Lord, for all these
gifts: for rains that give life,
for the harvest.

As we rejoice in your kindness,
we pray for those who are in need.

Open our hearts to them and teach us to be generous
to others as you are to us.

Amen

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - EMPATHY

An empathetic person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

What empathetic people do:

- Listen attentively
- Watch people's body language
- Notice and respond when someone is upset
- Can name her/his feelings
- Can see a situation from another person's point of view
- Know that different people may feel differently about the same thing

From the perspective of the **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**, an empathetic person...

- Is confident in the dignity of selves and others
- Believes that the cross is the ultimate sign of forgiveness
- Seeks and grants permission



October 2:

International Walk to School Day

October 5: DPCDSB

Empowering Women Day, World Teachers Day, School Council Meeting 6:30pm

October 12:

Thanksgiving (No School)

October 22: Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

October 27: Dress

Purple for Children's Aid day

October 31: Halloween



ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

As we enter the season of autumn, it is important to take time to reflect and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, and ask Him to continue to guide us on our journey. This Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those less fortunate, and share what we can to ease their plight. Last month we celebrated the virtue of Faith which helped to remind us of how truly grateful we are to be a part of the St. Evan Catholic School community. It is through the partnership of parish, staff, students and parents that make this such a vibrant and caring school community. By working together, we help to foster an environment where our students can grow in body, mind, and spirit.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a blessed Thanksgiving and hope that it provides time to reconnect with family and friends.

Mr. J. Amodeo
Principal

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Vice Principal

TERRY FOX WALK

On Friday, October 2, St. Evan participated in our third annual Terry Fox Walk. St. Evan was one of 9,000 schools that participated in the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox walk this year. There were over 3 million students across Canada raising funds for cancer research, all walking in Terry's footsteps to show compassion for those suffering with cancer. A very big thank you to all the families who donated a "Toonie for Terry" through School Cash Online. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you to Ms. Fabbro for organizing this event. School Cash Online remains open until the end of December to make donations for the Terry Fox Fundraiser. To date, we have collected over \$160.



SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place at St. Leonard Parish in November and December of this year.

Students in grade 8 who were unable to make their Confirmation last year due to Covid-19 regulations will make their Confirmation on November 13. Parents will receive an email indicating the date and time. More information to follow.

The dates for First Holy Communion for those students whose Communion was cancelled in the Spring are Saturday, December 5, 2020 (at 11:00am, 1:00pm and 2:45pm) and Saturday, December 12, 2020 (at 11:00am and 1:00pm). Due to Covid-19 Protocols seating is limited. Please call the school at 905 843-6159 and indicate your preference for date and mass time. There is a limit of 12 families per mass, so sign up will be on a first come, first served basis.

For students currently in grade 2 and 7, information regarding this year's sacraments will be forthcoming from the parish.



TWITTER

Keep up with what's happening here at St. Evan by following Twitter. @St_EVAN_Caledon

Classes:

@MrsPenedasClass	@MrsBrandolino
@Ms_Trentin	@ms_alivio
@MrsFabbro	@mrsaugersclass
@Mrs_Sadurski	@MorizioClass
@MrsJenKennett	@mrdonof
@MrsRoussy_FDK	@mr_iantorno
@mrs_pupo	@Ms_Altobelli
@RaposoReport	@MontalbanoPina
@travagliniNGA	@SandiTuzi
@MrsIsipBrandt	@MrsAlaimosCrew
@SDaSilvaFDK	@Ms_DiRoma
@MrsRogersDPCDSB	@Mrs_Wigner
@tuccijulia	@Mrs_Hunt2020
@MrsRigato	@MsStapleton6
@mrsmantenuto	@glaze_ms
@mle_molinaro	

VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL

Due to the regulations in place with respect to Covid 19, there will be no visitors permitted in the school building without a pre-arranged appointment.

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURES

Each child will need to bring a full lunch, personal waters 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 - SABRINA'S LAW (ANAPHYLAXIS)

As we begin a new school year, we would like to inform 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 avoid sending food for birthday or special occasions. There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils. Additional allergy concerns in specific classrooms was recently 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.

KISS'N'RIDE ZONE

Thank you very much to those families who follow our Kiss and Ride expectations to keep our students safe. In order to allow for proper traffic flow, we ask that parents allow their children to get out of the vehicle on their own on the sidewalk side.

Staff are on duty to supervise arrival of students at school from 8:00 to 8:15 a.m. Please remember that if you have to get out of your vehicle in the Kiss and Ride lane, then you should park your car in a designated parking space or along the street. As a reminder, the lot at the front of the school is designated for Daycare staff and dropoff/pickups only.

LIBRARY BOOKS

If you still have any St. Evan library books at home from last year, please return them as soon as possible. We are still missing over 150 books! Thank you!

MEDICAL ALERT - RYAN'S LAW (ASTHMA)

As we begin a new school year, 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.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We are striving to achieve 100% school community participation in the School Cash Online! If you have not yet registered, please do so. If you require assistance, please call Mrs. Ball in the office. We thank all of our parents for their patience and involvement in this Board endeavour.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

During this time of year as Thanksgiving approaches, we are grateful for our many blessings. As well, we become aware of the needs of our community especially during these difficult times. It is during these times that we come together as a community to help others. In lieu of having a food drive, we are asking our community to make a \$3.00 donation using School Cash online. All donations will benefit *The Exchange* in Caledon, who offers nutritious foods and community outreach programs to those in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we are all truly in this together.



SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

In September, we had a Safety Awareness Week when we conducted Fire, Lockdown and Shelter in Place Drills with our staff and students.

It is a policy in Dufferin-Peel CDSB that all of its schools conduct a “Lockdown Procedure” twice a year. This will be initiated should an emergency exist on school property or in the surrounding neighborhood. Part of the process is to practice the “Lockdown Procedures” as we practice our drills. For Lockdown, the procedures that we will follow have been recommended by the Board. Students will be instructed that when they hear the announcements “Initiate Lockdown Procedure” followed by the repeated ringing of the bell, all staff and students will follow the following actions:

- All students and staff inside the building will remain in their classrooms.
- Students or staff in the hallways or washrooms will be expected to go to the closest classroom. Students and staff will remain in the classroom until further instructions are given.
- All students and staff who are outside the building are to quickly move as far away from the building as possible and remain there until further instructions are provided.
- The drill is always conducted with as much sensitivity as possible in order not to cause undue concern with students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Students who are ill, have the flu, severe coughs and/or colds should be kept home from school. Not only is it very difficult for a sick child to attend to the demands of the school day, it is also unwise to have classmates exposed to cold and flu germs. If your child is exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms, as directed by the board, we will be required to call a parent/guardian and have the child and their siblings picked up immediately from school. Please use the [Self Screening Tool](#) before sending your child to school each day. In the event that your child becomes ill or injured at school it is imperative that we contact you or a person designated by you. Please ensure that your contact person can be easily accessed throughout the day.



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 throwing objects out the bus window
- Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus
- 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.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON BOARD PREMISES AND/OR BOARD SANCTIONED EVENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board acknowledges the value of the use of technology for learning. Students are permitted to register and use personal electronic devices (PEDs) on board premises and/or board sanctioned events for educational purposes, under the direction of staff and only with parent/guardian permission. Students may register their PED for the purpose of connecting to the board wireless network. Students are required to adhere to the student "Personal Electronic Device Used with WI-FI Network Student Agreement" (GF 337) and the "Network User Application and Agreement" (GF066). Please be advised that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will not be responsible for any cost incurred through the use of personal data plans.

PEDs are to be used responsibly and should not interfere with learning; their use must comply with the Catholic Code of Conduct, board policies and procedures. Any personal communications (i.e. phone calls, text messages, etc.) will continue to be directed through the main office. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in a loss of PED privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by school administration.

The school principal may authorize limited acceptable uses of personal electronic devices during school-sanctioned activities for a specific designated purpose outside of instructional spaces and/or in common areas. Students are responsible for the safety and security of PEDs at all times and the Board assumes no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen devices.



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

October 5th is celebrated as the day specifically designated to recognize the contribution of teachers throughout our education system. At St. Evan School we are very fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals who work to provide for the education of the young people in our community. Thank you to all our committed teachers.



Congratulations and Thank You to the members of the 2020-2021 Catholic School Council:

Co-Chairs:	A. Colabufalo & M. Moeller
Treasurer:	R. Clemente
Secretary:	J. Armstrong
OAPCE Rep:	N. Garcia
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Teaching Rep:	F. Di Roma & S. Tuzi
Non-Teaching Rep:	T. Ball & P. Hunt
Principal	J. Amodeo
Vice-Principal	K. Marsi

Our first meeting will be held on October 5 at 6:30pm, via Zoom.

CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER and SOCIAL WORKER

Over the course of the next few weeks members of our school support team will be visiting the classrooms Grade 1-8 to facilitate a variety of impactful presentations. The focus will be on problem solving, stress management, emotional regulation and mental health awareness. These presentations will be lead by our CYW and/or Social worker along side our classroom teachers. We look forward to strengthening relationships with one another and increasing coping skills within our community.

DRESS PURPLE DAY

Every October, Children's Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign. The campaign is more important than ever, since the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional stressors for families, and in some cases has increased risk for the well-being and safety of vulnerable children, youth.

This year, Dress Purple Day will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2020



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We ask that parents continue to support their children in their morning routines so that they can arrive to school on time, whether attending in person or online. 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.

When it comes to attendance, did you know:

- Research has demonstrated that chronic absence negatively impacts student learning and success, regardless of age and demographic
- It affects all students, not just those who are absent on a frequent basis
- Students who miss 2 to 4 days in September are 5 times more likely to be chronically absent than students who miss less than 2 days of school



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Help Your Child Succeed in School. Reach Out and Read, Inc., 2011, https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Attendance_ESP1PG_English_062614.pdf.

ST. EVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

As a brand new school community we are working together to try and make St. Evan Catholic School the best possible learning environment for all of our students. We need your help. If you can help with any of these items please let us know.

- We are looking for Lego (used or new) for our Maker Space that we are creating in our school Library.

Technology Upgrade – If you or your business would like to make a financial donation to help our school add Interactive White Boards and other technology to all of our classrooms please go to the Board Website and click on the donations link:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/4/146/false/true>

ECO SCHOOLS

Our ECO initiatives will look a little different this year since we will not be establishing a team. We continue to ask our students to sort their waste and recycling after they finish eating and try to bring your food in reusable containers to reduce waste. Every student is required to bring a refillable water bottle each day since the water fountains will be used for bottle filling purposes only. Even though we cannot gather as a team, we can continue to do all the things that help preserve our planet.

GOOGLE ACCOUNTS

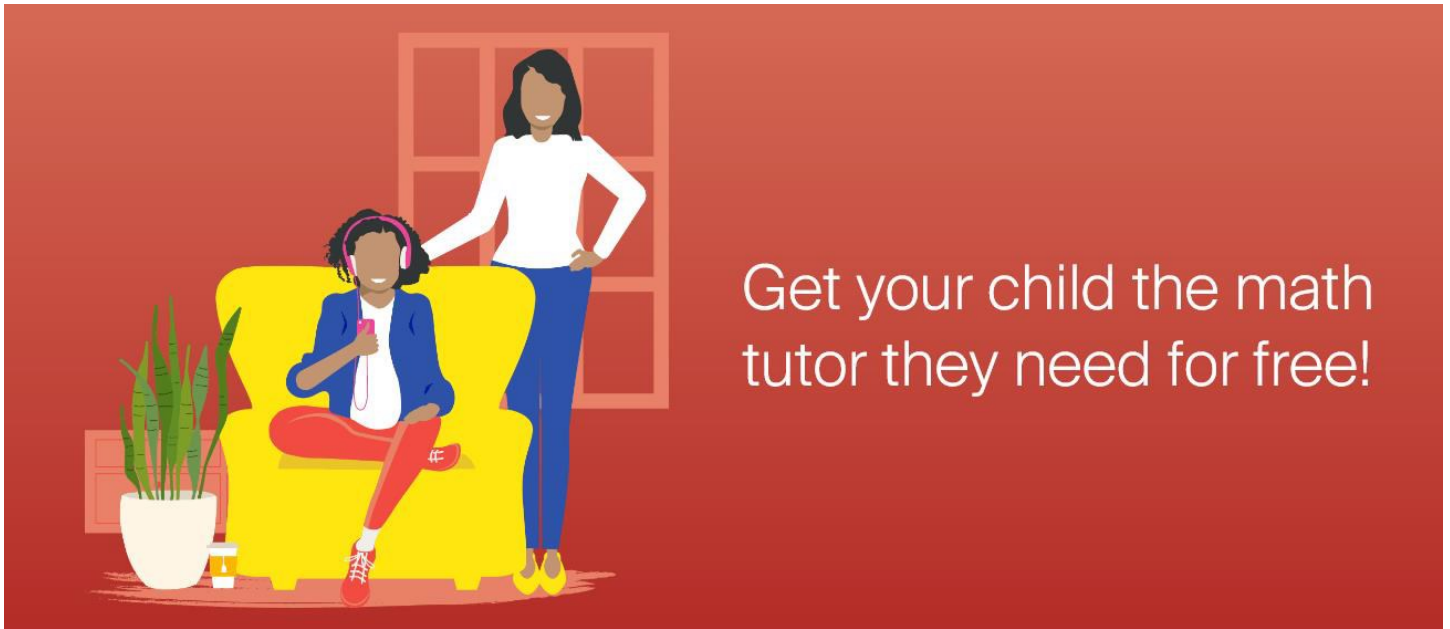
For your information every child with DPCDSB has access to a google account and various educational applications.

Your child's google email account is:

studentnumber@dpcdsb.educ.org

Their password is the same one they use at school to log in. This google account is accessible from anywhere students have access to WIFI/Internet. To log on to GoogleDrive from home, type drive.google.com into your web browser.





Get your child the math tutor they need for free!

TVO MATHIFY

Free 1:1 Grade 6-10 math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers!

Build your math skills and confidence with a personalized math coach. To support learning at home, tutors are available online Monday-Friday 9am to 9pm ET and 3:30pm to 9pm ET Sunday.

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HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Healthy Schools this school year will be running a little differently than in the past, but that is not going to stop us from keeping our St. Evan Eagles healthy and strong. Firstly, we would like to congratulate the 2019-2020 Healthy Schools Team for receiving another GOLD banner, which will be hung proudly in our display case and shared on our school twitter account.

October is International Walk to School Month. We are encouraging all our Eagles to show active transportation when coming to school. Active transportation can be walking, jogging, or riding your bike to school. This is also a great time to enjoy the fresh outdoors and walk as a community. This will also help decrease traffic in our Kiss N' Ride lanes. Active transportation first thing in the morning will also have positive benefits on your child's mental health which will help him/her have a great day at school.

We are also encouraging our staff and students to get up and be active when they can, especially since our outdoor time this year is limited. **We will continue focussing on DPA in the classrooms, with an emphasis on BOKS Bursts.** We are encouraging our students to bring items to school such as skipping ropes, chalk, or even soccer balls to help foster active development while they are outdoors with their cohorts.

There is no question that this year will be different. We are going to continue to focus on physical activity, ensuring our students are getting active when possible and proper hand washing. We will also be looking at mental health and healthy eating habits to help foster that positive overall health image.

If you would like to be part of our Healthy Schools Virtual Parent Team please call the school to let us know. We are always looking for ways to keep our community informed and involved.

Remember our healthy schools motto Eagles.. Let's "BEE Active, BEE Healthy, BEE Happy!"