

St. Evan Catholic School



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BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their parents, teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies

grow;

wisdom and knowledge to their minds

as they search for understanding;

and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



October 2

Terry Fox School Walk

October 12

Thanksgiving (No School)

Principal: J. Amodeo
Vice Principal: K. Marsi
Secretary: T. Ball

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

J. Kuran
905-890-1221

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905-856-5385

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905-366-5734

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at [https://
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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - FAITH

A Catholic Faith Community is rooted in a set of common beliefs which are inspired by the life, mission and teaching of Jesus. As a Catholic Community we are called to learn, to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe, caring, and inclusive. Our school will again focus our attention on the *Catholic Virtues*. Each month, the entire school will focus on a different virtue through classroom activities.

Faith

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 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.

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to welcome you back to St. Evan Catholic School, whether you have decided to begin your year in person or remotely. This year begins with significant challenges and Dufferin-Peel's Return to School plan is rooted in three key considerations:

- Ensuring the safety of students and staff
- Adapting to Public Health/Ministry of Education direction regarding mode of Catholic teaching and learning
- Supporting student faith formation, well-being and achievement

We are looking forward again to working closely with students, staff, parents, parish and community partners. In working together, we can provide a successful learning environment that is infused with our Catholic values and provide a safe, healthy and inclusive school community for all.

St. Evan Catholic School will work to promote, support, and encourage the spiritual, academic, physical, social, and emotional growth of all students. You are encouraged to become active partners in the educational journey of your children, and we invite you to volunteer in the school whenever opportunities are presented. Please share your ideas, encouragements and concerns with us as this will help us to provide the best possible learning environment for your child. As well, agendas have been sent home and we encourage you to read through the very important information contained at the front of the agenda with your child. Ongoing communication between the school and home is essential in supporting your child's progress and success. As parents/guardians, please feel free to contact the school at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

We are part of the Brampton East/Dufferin/Caledon/Malton Family of Schools. We look forward to working with our Trustee F. Di Cosola and Superintendent of Education, J. Kuran. We are thankful for the pastoral guidance provided by the parish team at St. Leonard Parish and look forward to working with the Pastor, Father John Nosan. He will be visiting the school throughout the year.

We welcome the following staff members who have joined our school: Ms. Alivio, Ms. Altobelli, Mrs. Di Roma, Mrs. Montalbano, Mr. Rosati, Ms. Stapleton and Ms. Wolak, and Miss. Daugherty. As well, we welcome our new Head Custodian Mrs. Kennedy-Bourne

Mr. J. Amodeo
Principal

Mrs. K. Marsi
Vice-Principal

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER...

@St_EVAN_Caledon We will be posting information on this account throughout the year.



INFORMATION UPDATE

Please keep us informed of **any** changes to your home, work, cellular or emergency contact numbers. In the unfortunate event that your child is ill or injured, we must be able to contact a parent and/or babysitter immediately. A student verification form will be sent home with every student. Please fill in any missing information, phone numbers, correct any errors, and sign where indicated. This information is confidential and is used solely for school purposes.

HEAD INJURY POLICY

When a student receives an injury/bump to the head (however minor), it is policy that we inform parents. School personnel are not medical experts. Parents will be phoned and it is their responsibility to decide if their child will go back to class or if they will pick them up. A phone message will be left at one of your contact numbers (usually cell) if we are unable to contact you. We ask that you check your child when they get home for any signs of a concussion or illness.

MEDICAL ALERT - RYAN'S LAW (ASTHMA)

As we begin our new school year, we would like to inform you that St. Evan Catholic School will 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 even 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 informed 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.

St. Evan Catholic Elementary School Staff of 2020/2021



Staff Name	Position
Mrs. Di Roma & Mrs. DaSilva	FDK
Mrs. Roussy & Mrs. Frank	FDK
Mrs. Stapleton & Mrs. Hunt	FDK
Mrs. Kennett	SK/1
Mrs. Pupo	Grade 1
Mrs. Montalbano	Grade 1
Mrs. Rogers	Grade 1/2
Mrs. Travaglini	Grade 2
Mrs. Auger	Grade 2/3
Mrs. Mantenuto	Grade 2/3
Mrs. Glaze	Grade 3
Mr. Rosati	Grade 3/4
Ms. Wolak	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Tucci	Grade 5
Mr. Gomes	Grade 6
Mr. D'Onofrio	Grade 7
Mrs. Morizio	Grade 8
Mrs. Raposo & Ms. Cauz	Online FDK
Ms. Alivio & Ms. Daugherty	Online FDK
Mrs. Altobelli	Online Grade 1
Mr. Iantorno	Online Grade 1
Mrs. Peneda	Online Grade 4
Mrs. Molinaro	Online FSL

Staff Name	Position
Ms. Trentin	Special Education Classroom
Mrs. Tuzi	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Brandolino	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Sinopoli	Special Education Teacher & Planning Time
Mrs. Mastrangelo	French as a Second Language Teacher
Mrs. Sparkes	Planning Time
Mrs. Alaimo	Planning Time
Mrs. Fabbro	Teacher Librarian & Planning Time
Mrs. D'Emilio	Educational Resource Worker
Mrs. Muthuthamby	Educational Resource Worker
Mrs. Serio-Pinheiro	Educational Resource Worker
Mrs. Stewart	Child and Youth Worker
Ms. Tirovolas	Psychologist
Mrs. Carnovale	Social Worker
Ms. Wilson	Speech & Language
Ms. Sanderson	Occupational Therapist
Ms. Kennedy-Bourne	Head Custodian
Ms. Pompa	Evening Custodian
Mr. Terrell	Evening Custodian
Mrs. Ball	Head Secretary
Mrs. Tavares	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Marsi	Vice Principal
Mr. Amodeo	Principal

SELF SCREENING PROCEDURES

All staff and students must self-screen every day before attending school. If a student or staff member is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home from school and should seek testing and appropriate medical attention. Signs are posted at entrances to the school to remind students, staff, parents/caregivers, and essential visitors of screening requirements.

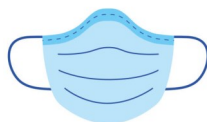
It is not the staff's responsibility to screen students for illness. However, if a staff member is concerned that a student is exhibiting signs of illness, this will be reported to the school administration. If a student voluntarily shares that they, or a member of their family, has COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test, this will also be shared with the school administrator. School administrators will advise their Family of Schools Supervisory Officer.

If a student becomes ill during the day and/or if exhibits signs of illness, they will be required to enter into a separate room/area designated by the school until the parent can pick them up. The student will be provided with a disposable mask to wear until picked up, and staff assisting the student will be asked to wear a face shield in addition to a mask. The separate/isolation room area will then be closed until it can be deep cleaned and sanitized.

Parents are expected to screen their child(ren) daily for any symptoms of cold, flu, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 using the [Self-Assessment tool](#) developed by the Province of Ontario. Parents will be informed that health care professionals are not located within our schools, so staff will not be screening students. However, if staff observe a child that is ill, parents/guardians will be called to pick up their child from the school promptly. Parents will be directed to check their child(ren) daily prior to boarding a school bus or going to school.

THE USE OF MASKS

Students in Grades 1 to 12 will be required to wear non-medical grade or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks within their cohorts.



While not required, it is strongly recommended that students in Kindergarten wear a non-medical grade or cloth mask.

Parents/guardians are expected to provide students with their own non-medical masks, however, schools will have a supply of non-medical masks available for students. Reasonable exceptions on the requirement to wear masks will apply.

RECESS

Recess 'mask breaks' will be staggered throughout the day based on the size of the outdoor space and the availability of supervisors. The principal will designate areas outdoors for each cohort to minimize contact with other students from outside the instructional cohort. There will be a schedule and routine that will allow students to maintain appropriate physical distancing while still having an opportunity for fresh air and physical activity.

WATER BOTTLES

Students will be encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle to school each day. Water refill stations can be used to refill water bottles. Use of water fountains during this time will not be permitted.

PLASP

Before and after school programs will be offered at most elementary schools, with revised drop-off/pick-up routines, washroom protocols, and enhanced cleaning procedures. If you have questions about child care, please contact your child care provider directly. Cleaning and disinfecting of the space, including instructional materials and equipment, will be completed daily.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

While 1-metre distancing may not be as practical for kindergarten students, the rule of no physical touching will be reinforced. Activities will be designed for small groups, and furniture and playing areas will be used to help maintain physical separation. Plush toys will be temporarily stored away during the pandemic. Toys and manipulatives will be reduced where possible while still providing students with a wide variety of play-based learning. Toys and manipulatives will be cleaned daily at the end of each day. Additional guidelines based on the success of childcare operations will be reviewed for Kindergarten classes.

STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent, **please** notify the school by telephoning (905) 843-6159 before 8:15 a.m. We ask that you call the school on the days that your child will be absent. This is a safety precaution that can save precious moments should there ever be an emergency situation. We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure.

Upon reaching the school answering service please press "1" for attendance and leave the following information:

- Date of absence
- Student's full name
- Grade level and teacher's name
- Reason for absence
- Date of return

Please continue to call in each day that your child is absent. When your child returns to school, please provide the teacher with a note regarding the specific reason for the absence.



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.

TREATS IN THE CLASSROOMS

In order to respect the caution required for bringing food into the school and to respect Covid-19 regulations, we are asking that you do not send anything in to your child's classroom.

PED POLICY

St. Evan Catholic School recognizes the value of using Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) to enhance learning and curriculum delivery. As such, we support the responsible and ethical use of PEDs in keeping with the Catholic Code of Conduct and the DPCDSB's Policies and General Administrative Procedures. Through the authority of the principal or designate and under the direction of staff, students are permitted to use the school board's wireless network and their registered PEDs for educational purposes.

CLASSROOM SETUP

Students will remain in the same seat in their class as much as possible. This area will become the student's personal space and will be located as far as possible from other students. Where possible, students will remain with the same teacher with minimized rotation. Classroom design will vary from teacher to teacher, but the goal remains to keep everyone at least 1 -metre apart. All non-essential furniture and/or large items have been removed from classrooms in order to maximize the space for physical distancing. All student belongings are Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - Return to School for September 2020 kept in their personal area,

(i.e., no use of shared spaces such as coat racks or cubbies). The same desk/table should be used by the student each day. Backpacks and clothing should be stored at the student's desk in a manner that provides safe access for all students and staff throughout the classroom.

Certificate of Recognition



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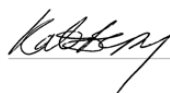
**St. Evan
Catholic School**

for participating in
Winter Walk Day 2020



Ontario Active
School Travel

A program of
Green
Communities



Kate Berry, Program Director,
Ontario Active School Travel

Stay at home if you

have a fever and cough,
runny nose or diarrhea!

Region
of Peel
working with you



MEDICAL ALERT - SABRINA'S LAW (ANAPHYLAXIS)

If your child has a severe allergic reaction to peanuts, peanut by-products, bee/wasp stings etc., please let the school know as soon as possible. It is essential that the information you provide us with is accurate and up-to-date. There are various forms which need to be completed by you and your family doctor if it is necessary to store an EpiPen/medication at school.

We continue to have students with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. This is a medical condition that causes severe reaction to certain allergens and **can result in death** within minutes. We have students in some classes who are severely allergic to nuts and other foods. A letter will be sent home to parents of students in the classes affected. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we require your continued cooperation in sending foods to school with your child that **are free from peanuts, nuts or their by-products**. Please respect the health and safety of our students by adhering to the guidelines. Thank you for your support.

All food items will be eaten inside classes only, as students are not able to bring any snacks outside for recess. **We cannot guarantee that any classroom is nut free, but we are attempting to minimize the exposure and keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.**

FORMS FOR SIGNATURE

Please check with your child for the following forms that must be signed and returned to the school as soon as possible:

- **Student Verification Form** (side 1) and **Use and Disclosure of Student Pictures, Recordings and Work, Permission for Walking Excursions to Local Sites and Lunch Hour Permissions** (side 2)
- Elementary Health and Physical Education Curriculum Medical Information/Element of Risk



TRANSPORTATION

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

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.



MEDICATION

Some of our students require medication during the school day. All medication is to be stored in the office except where directed by a physician. Board Policy requires that we have signed request/authorization forms from the parents and the supervising physician in the office. These forms are available in the office. We have sent information home to each parent in this situation that we have been made aware of and encourage you to follow up. If you have not received these forms please contact the office. In some cases of asthma, the doctor may advise that a student should carry a puffer. We comply with advice of doctors in these situations, but we must be made aware of the arrangements.



When medication is approved for storage, it must be labeled with the student's name, name of medication, prescription information and dosage. The medication is to be brought to the school in the bottle that was provided by the pharmacist. Please do not have students deliver medication to the office; it should be brought in by an adult. Medication that is sent to school without the proper documentation will not be stored or dispensed by school personnel. **This also applies to over-the counter medications such as, Tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen, cough medicine, Benadryl, and allergy medications.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

We look forward to starting our Catholic School Council next month. The School Council meets monthly but is mandated by the Ministry of Education to hold a minimum of four meetings a year. All meetings are public meetings and opened to the parent community of St. Evan Catholic School.

Nomination forms for parents and/or guardians representatives for School Council 2020/2021 school year are available in the main office. School Councils are advisory in nature but have a tremendous impact on both the quality of education and day-to-day activities within the school. The school council works in co-operation with our school administrators in providing the best educational experience for our students. **We hope that you will decide to join the School Council Team and join us in our commitment to Catholic Education and the future of our children.**

Parents must hold the majority of seats on School Council. A "Parent" is anyone who is the parent of a pupil in the school where the child is enrolled.



The deadline for the Nomination forms is September 21 at 2:15pm. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, starting at 6:30pm. It is scheduled to be a virtual meeting. Details to follow.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Every student from grades 1-8 is provided with a **Student Agenda**. Parents are encouraged to read and review the expectations found within the agenda with their children. Student Agendas serve as an organizational tool for students and a communication tool between school and home. All students are expected to use the Agendas daily.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

The front of the school is a **BUS LANE ONLY**. We ask that parents please use the **KISS and RIDE Lane** to drop off students to school and not the **BUS LANE** at the front of the school in order for buses to have access to the **BUS LANE** on time and with care. We respectfully ask that drivers refrain from stopping or parking in the driveway in front of the school. This area is a **FIRE ROUTE** and fines for a violation are high. Stopped or parked cars also create a safety hazard during morning arrival since children are not looking out for cars as they cross to enter the school yard. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Kiss n Ride lane is reserved for **DROP-OFF and PICK-UP ONLY**. We respectfully ask that you not leave your vehicle while in this lane to avoid causing a traffic backup. Your assistance and positive response to directions from staff on duty in this area are greatly appreciated.

As well, please, there is **NO PARENT PARKING IN THE FRONT LOT** since the spaces are reserved for daycare staff and parents who are picking up/dropping off children at daycare. Thank you for your cooperation.

The safety of all the children is our shared concern and priority.

TERRY FOX RUN!

St. Evan's Terry Fox Run will take place for all St. Evan students on Friday, October 2, 2020. We encourage all students to participate to help support cancer research. There will be an opportunity for you to donate using School Cash on Line.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Important notice to parents/ guardians regarding insurance for students who participate in out-of-school excursions and extra-curricular sports activities.



The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board takes every precaution to provide a safe learning environment for students, however accidents can happen. When they do, injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. Families may be surprised to find they must pay the cost of crutches, casts, splints or ambulance rides. As a parent, guardian or adult student, you are responsible for such expenses, which may result in financial hardship. Potential injuries could involve dental/ orthodontic treatments, ambulance expenses, crutches, casts, splints, physiotherapy, broken eye glasses, and prescription drug expenses.

As permitted under the Education Act, the DPCDSB arranges for the distribution of student accident insurance brochures however the Board assumes no responsibility for the cost of the plan, applications, premium payments or claims; nor does the Board receive any remuneration from the Reliable Life Insurance Company.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during extra-curricular activities (e.g. athletics, clubs and field trips).

Please note that the DPCDSB requires that parents, guardians and adult students provide written acknowledgment that they have received the 'Insure My Kids' student accident insurance brochure prior to a student's participation in out-of-school excursions and/or extra-curricular sports activities.

If the student's parent has purchased either the Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Plan for their child and that child is a full-time student, that child would be covered for any accident occurring 24/7 during the period of coverage up to the limits of the policy purchased. The coverage under these plans is not restricted to school days/school activities.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, require any assistance or want to enroll online or by phone, please contact the Client Service Department of Reliable Life Insurance through one of the following options:

Tel: 1-800-463-5437 (toll free) or 905-523-6525

Email: insuremykids@reliablelifeinsurance.com

Web: <http://www.insuremykids.com/>

Hours: Monday to Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET)

ST. EVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are continuing to work 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>

STOPR TRANSPORTATION OPT-OUT FORM (TFL005)

If your child is eligible for transportation but you will not be using the service, either to and/or from school, please go to the STOPR website and "Opt-Out" (Form TFL005). While this form has always been available in hard copy format, it is now available for parents/guardians to complete online. A link to this form and additional information is posted on the website (www.STOPR.ca).

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Yard duty supervision by teachers occurs every day. Supervision is in place in the mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., during all recesses, at lunch hour, and at 2:45 p.m. dismissal. Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off at the school before 8:00 a.m. in the mornings. The school cannot assume responsibility for the safety of the children before 8:00 a.m.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent home via our email mailing list once a month during the course of the school year. They are meant to serve as a means of communication between home and school. Please keep them handy for news of upcoming events in the school, parish, or community.