



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

September 2024

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Prayer for a New School Year!

**Our Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year.
We ask that you bless the students and the faculty that make our school a
great place.
We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek your will in
everything that we do.
We as this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen.**



Administrator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome you and your children to the 2024-25 school year at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. It promises to be a rewarding year. To the many families joining our school community for the first time, we extend a special and warm welcome. We would also like to extend a greeting of best wishes to our Junior Kindergarten children who are starting school for the first time, and we hope that they will develop many happy memories of our school as they begin this very important journey.

St. Vincent de Paul's school community would also like to welcome back Father Facey and the parish team at St. Patrick's Parish. We look forward to working with you to help nurture the faith of our students. We are fortunate to continue working with Mr. Mario Pascucci, our Catholic School Trustee. Trustee Pascucci is a wonderful advocate for our students and school community. We are also blessed to be under the direction of Superintendent, Mrs. D. Belchior

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work preparing for the new school year. Thank you to our families for their hard work preparing for the start of the school year.

A special thanks to Ms. Antiope for her support in startup and our custodial team for all of their hard work over the summer in preparing our school.

Working as a community will ensure that St. Vincent de Paul continues to be a school that is centered by our faith and striving toward academic excellence.

Wishing everyone a wonderful school year.

God Bless,
P. Basran

September Virtue – FAITH



To begin the new school year, we'll focus our attention on the first of our virtues - **Faith**. Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A faithful person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God.

A faithful person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school.

From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, a fair person...

- † Prays regularly and reverently
- † Learns from Scripture stories
- † Honors people's God-given names
- † Assumes that there is good in everyone
- † Accepts the God-given worth of themselves and others

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
(Heb. 11:1)

Our Parish Team

We would like to take this opportunity welcome Fr. John Facey and the entire St. Patrick's Parish to another school year. We truly appreciate all of their hard work and above all their dedication to the entire St. Vincent de Paul Community. We look forward to their continued spiritual guidance with our staff and students

The Virtues Initiative

A key aspect of the Board's strategic direction is the continued development of safe, caring, inclusive Catholic school communities. As a Catholic Community, we are called to learn, grow and become more like Jesus. Catholic education provides us the opportunity to integrate the virtues into our students' daily activity. The virtues will be celebrated every month during announcements, in class during discussions, and during the **Living Our Faith Awards** assemblies.

✓ September: Faith	✓ October: Empathy
✓ November: Conscience	✓ December: Hope
✓ January: Self-control	✓ February: Respect
✓ March: Kindness	✓ April: Love
✓ May: Acceptance	✓ June: Fairness

St. Vincent de Paul 2024/2025 Staff

FDK	V. Pileggi
DECE	J. Franchino
Gr. 1/2	C. Forward
Gr. 2/3	E. Antoniow
Gr. 3/4	M. Grabowski
Gr. 4/5	T. Arruda
Gr. 5/6	M. Florio
Gr. 6/7	R. Murphy
Gr. 7/8	E. Seseeri
FSL/PT	M. Kerr
Librarian/PT/ESL	M.L. Ricardo
SERT/SERC	L. Pedroso
PT/SERT/ESL	L. Roach
NM Class	M. Di Mauro
ERW	D. Hayward
ERW	L. Consiglio
ERW	S. Cool
ERW	A. Jacob
Psychologist	A. Day
Social Worker	D. Kostyshyn
Speech Pathologist	C. Ansimer
Child Youth Worker	S. Sennema
Custodians	J. Muzyczka and D. Darku-Ankrah
Secretary	L. Antilope
Principal	P. Basran

Student Materials and Lunch

Each student should arrive at school with a full, reusable water bottle along with snacks and lunch each day. If your child forgets their lunch, we will contact you. If children will be going home for lunch, it is our expectation that your child will go directly to their own home and then return to school.

Yard Supervision

Please do not send your child(ren) to school before 8:45 a.m. Staff supervision of students in the playground begins at 8:45 a.m. To ensure your child's safety, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome new staff to St. Vincent de Paul: Ms. Pedroso (SERT/SERC), Ms. Roach, (PT/SERT/ESL) and Ms. Seseeri, (Grade 7/8) Each are wonderful additions to our school community. They each bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. Welcome!

Open House

Open House will be taking place on **Thursday September 26, 2024**. The Open House will be taking place from **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** All members of our community are invited to meet their child's teacher.

Professional Activity Day



Monday, **September 16, 2024** is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be involved in professional development and reorganization of classes if necessary.

Picture Day



Picture day will be on **Monday September 23, 2024**. Be sure to bring your smiles! Photo re-take day will be on **Monday October 28, 2024**. Grade 8 Grad Photos will also be on **Monday March 24, 2025**.

Orange Shirt Day

We will be participating in Orange Shirt day on **Monday September 30** to honour our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. We will be wearing orange shirts to show our support.

St. Vincent de Paul continues Online Payments

St. Vincent de Paul and Dufferin-Peel CDSB have a convenient online payment system for purchases related to school (e.g., pizza and lunch orders, field trip costs, etc.). Please register now so that you can use this system in the future.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>



School Hours

School will begin at **9:00 AM** and conclude at **3:30 PM**.

Lunch Hour: 12:01 PM to 1:01 PM

Morning Recess: 11:06 AM to 11:21 AM

Afternoon Recess: 2:24 PM to 2:39 PM

Student Information

It is important that we have up to date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. Please inform the office or your child's teacher if any information changes throughout the year.

Student Absence and Arrival Time

Staffing



September 2024 school organization is based on projected enrolment established through the School Board. Again this year the government is capping primary (JK-3) at 20 students. It is understood that this Ministry initiative has resulted in more

combined grade classes, with a reduced student-teacher ratio. Based on enrolments within our boundaries during the first two weeks of September, we may need to reorganize the classes. **Please note that your child's classroom assignment is tentative until new enrolments or withdrawals are completed during this time frame.** If your child's placement or classroom teacher changes, you will be notified. Only those students affected by reorganization will be moved. We ask for your continued support and cooperation.

Storage and Administration of Medication



Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms have been sent home on September 5.

Anaphylaxis Plan



We have a number of staff and students in our school who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils, sesame, peanut by-products, shellfish, and seafood. As in the past, we are asking you to not put anyone at risk. Do not send any **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, PEANUT OILS, SESAME SEEDS AND ANY PEANUT OR SESAME BY-PRODUCTS, PINENUTS, SHELLFISH, OR SEAFOOD INTO THE SCHOOL.** This includes products like Nutella as well as Sushi. Please also be aware that some salad dressings contain oyster juice which can cause a serious anaphylaxis response.

Please do not send any food products to mark a child's birthday. Student birthdays can be acknowledged by sending non-food items such as a pencil or pen to celebrate a child's birthday with his/her peers. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter.

Picture Taking

Picture taking is not permitted by the public or media without signed parental consent. Please be aware that no pictures of students are to be posted on the internet. Parents are reminded that due to confidentiality and privacy laws, pictures should NOT be taken at school events such as concerts, sports games, or liturgical celebrations. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Criminal Reference Checks

Anyone working in our school as a new employee or volunteer must have a Criminal Reference Check completed by the Peel Police. If you are considering volunteering for a school trip during the school year, please apply at your local police station for a Vulnerable Sector Check.



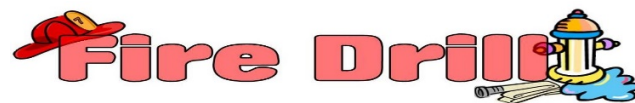
Communication between home and school is greatly enhanced by parental involvement with the Catholic School Council. The aim of the Catholic School Council is to promote the vision, values, sacramental life and Catholic practices of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Catholic community it serves and to advise the principal and the Board.

Elections of the new School Council will take place at our **first Council Meeting, Wednesday September 18, 2024.** More information and important dates to follow.

Custody of Children

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 any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

Fire Drills/Lock Down Procedures



We are required to conduct three fire drills in the fall and three in the spring. We are also required to practice two lock down drills during the year and one Shelter in Place. Lock down drills involves students moving away from the classroom door to a location within the classroom away from windows. Lights are turned off and the doors are locked. These practices are to ensure that students and staff are prepared in case we should need to go into lock down. Lock down would be initiated by police and Board security personnel.

PLASP Child Care Services



PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit www.plasp.com for registration information.



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NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBERS

Name of School:

Please complete the following and return to our school office by

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Child's Name:

- 1 I am an English Separate School elector or spouse (Note: To be eligible, a candidate must be an English Separate School elector or spouse.) Yes No
- 2 I am an employee** of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and I work at this school. Yes No
- 3 I am an employee** of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board but I work elsewhere in the Board (i.e., not at this school). Yes No

****Note: “Employee” includes parents/guardians who work as Student Monitors and/or Emergency Supply Instructors.**

This is a self-nomination. (Name):

It is not necessary to receive a nomination from another parent.

This is a nomination made by another parent:

I nominate _____ to be a parent representative on our Catholic School Council.

Signature of Nominee

Name (print)

Signature of Nominator

Name (print)

Signature of School Official

Date

Please attach a brief biography (one or two paragraphs).