



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

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We Thank Thee, Lord

We thank thee, Lord, for fields of grain
Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright with scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent from heaven above...
We thank thee, Lord.
Amen



Administrators' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that October is here. It seems that we just welcomed everyone back yesterday, and yet a full month has passed – and a busy month it has been! It was wonderful to see so many families. It is a unique school year. Currently, we have 180 students at St. Vincent de Paul.

During the month of September we had a fabulous Open House. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community. Our school wide Terry Fox Walk raised more than \$1730.00 for Cancer Research. Way to go St. Vincent de Paul. It is another example of the kindness that defines our school community.

We continue to encourage a cooperative partnership of students, teachers, parents/guardians and the Parish to promote a positive and faith-filled learning experience for our students. We would like to thank Father Facey and the entire parish team for their continued support of our school community. They truly are the faith leaders of St. Vincent de Paul. We would also like to thank our Catholic School Trustee, Mr. Mario Pascucci for his ongoing support of our school community. Mr. Mario Pascucci is a tireless advocate for Catholic education and St. Vincent de Paul School community.

We would also like to welcome our new Superintendent, Mrs. Dulcie Belchior. Mrs. Belchior brings a wealth of skills and experience to the role of Superintendent of Mississauga East.

On behalf of the staff of St. Vincent de Paul, we would like to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. We trust that you will enjoy this beautiful season with your family and friends.

God Bless you and your loved ones,
P. Basran

October Virtue – Empathy



This month we will celebrate the virtue of **EMPATHY**.
A person with empathy...

- Listens attentively
- Watches people's body language
- Notices and responds when someone is upset
- Can name his/her feelings
- Can see a situation from another person's point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other—to live together. Empathy helps us to connect and live together in a safe, caring, inclusive community. We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns. We believe that in a faith community we are nothing without relationships. Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion— and understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. 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.

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

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.

Professional Activity Day



Friday, October 11, 2023 is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be involved in professional development.

Picture Day



Photo re-take day will be on **Monday October 28, 2024**. Grade 8 Grad Photos will also be on **Monday, March 24, 2025**.

Youth Faith Ambassadors



In October, the Youth Faith Ambassadors will be participating in **Socktober** again! We are excited to be supporting this initiative once again, as it was very successful last year. This year, our donations will be supporting Our Place.

Our Place is a registered non-profit agency that provides shelter, support and hope for homeless and at-risk youth in the Region of Peel.

If you can, we are looking for donations of brand-new packs of warm socks for both males and females. Your support is appreciated by the Youth Faith Ambassadors and the St. Vincent de Paul school community. Thank you to Ms. Pileggi, Ms. Franchino and Mrs. Grabowski for leading YFA.

Athletics @ St. Vincent de Paul



We have started Cross Country and Junior Volleyball in recent weeks.

Thank you to our coaches and students for their dedication and efforts.

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.

Storage and Administration of Medication



Parents 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 7.

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.

Members of our 2024/2025 St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Council

Co-Chairs – Mrs. Litwinenko and Mrs. Stergiou
Treasurer – Mr. Stergiou
OAPC - Mrs. Piperni
Members at Large - Mrs. Chan; Ms. Botelho
Staff Representatives - Ms. Grabowski; Mr. Antoniuk

Council Meeting Dates:
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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.



Be sure to follow us on Twitter: **@StVindPDP**

WE HAVE A FEW MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR VENDORS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT LORETTA AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

A festive poster for a Christmas market. The background is dark red with a repeating pattern of gingerbread cookies (one shaped like a house, one like a star, one like a bell), white snowflakes, and green pine branches. The text is centered and reads:

CHRISTMAS
around the corner
MARKET

Hi Vendors! Save the date for our second annual Christmas Around the Corner Market!!

If you would like to be a vendor, please secure your table using the link below. Tables are \$35.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/195231/146/False/True>

If you require anything further, kindly contact Loretta at 905-848-5397.

NOVEMBER 16, 2024
10AM - 2PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
MARKET...SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024 FROM
10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.**

