



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

November 2024

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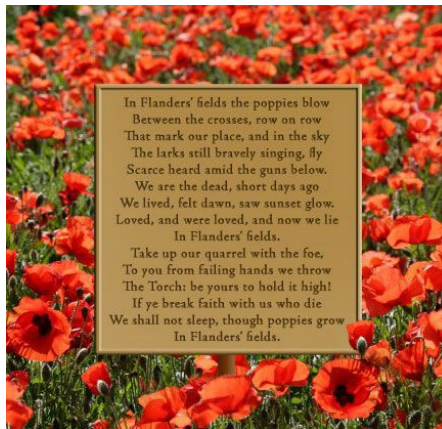
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Flanders' Field



Administrator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The season of fall is here. It seems that we just welcomed everyone back yesterday, and yet two months have passed – and a busy month of October it has been! Currently, we have 178 students at St. Vincent de Paul.

During the month of October we initiated a number of activities. Our Junior Volleyball teams had tremendous seasons. Our Cross Country team displayed wonderful skill. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors are up and running.

Our Halloween Dance was a tremendous success. Thank you to Mr. Antoniw for organizing the activity. We also had a tremendous Big Box of Cards Fundraiser. Thank you to Catholic School Council for their initiative.

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. Thank you to Father for celebrating mass with us this month. Father Facey truly is the faith leader 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 the St. Vincent de Paul School community.

We would also like to thank our Superintendent, Dulcie Belchior, for her continued support of our school.

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

God Bless you and your loved ones,
P. Basran



November Virtue – CONSCIENCE



Conscience is the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will make sure you will always have love in

your life, our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how to be a good friend. Sometimes it is hard for us to do the right thing, but we must always remember that the right thing is not always the easy thing to do.

A person of conscience...

- † Chooses to do the right thing, even when it is hard
- † Takes time to think and pray before making decisions
- † Knows that their actions and decisions affect all those around them
- † Thinks of others before themselves

From the perspective of the Catholic Expectations, a person of conscience...

- † Makes decisions according to gospel values
- † Accepts accountability for one's own actions

Our Daily Prayer for November:

Let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of conscience-people who know the good and decent way to act and then choose to act that way. AMEN *Therefore I do my best always to have a clear conscience toward God and all people.* (Acts 24: 16)

Our Parish Team

We truly appreciate all of Fr. Facey and the staff at St. Patrick's Church for their hard work and above all their dedication to the entire St. Vincent de Paul Community. We are grateful for 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 virtue 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.

Progress Reports & Phone Interviews



Progress report cards will go home on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**. If parents/guardians or teachers request, interviews will take place on **Thursday, November 14, 2024**. You are encouraged to contact your child(ren)'s teacher anytime with questions or concerns about student progress. An Online Booking system is being used this year.

Professional Activity Day



Friday, November 22, 2024, is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be involved in professional development.

Athletics @ St. Vincent de Paul



We have started Intermediate Volleyball. The season will be commencing in the coming weeks. Our students had tremendous success at Cross Country. We had several students who advanced to the Board Cross Country Tournament. Well done!!

Save the Date – Christmas Concert



Our Christmas Concert will be taking place on **Thursday December 12, 2024**. Doors open at 5:30. The performance starts at 6:00 p.m. It will be an evening performance. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

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.schoolcashionline.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

We must have up-to-date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts if 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 several 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 not to 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 severe 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 essential 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. Antoni

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.

PLASP Child Care Services



PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit www.plasp.com for registration information.



Be sure to follow us on
Twitter: [@DpcdsvStvdp](https://twitter.com/DpcdsvStvdp)

Structures and pulleys from Mr. Arruda's Grade 4/5 Classroom. Wonderful work.



CHRISTMAS *around the corner* MARKET

It's never too early to start Christmas shopping! That's why we're inviting you to St. Vincent de Paul's second annual Christmas market. You'll be able to shop from a variety of vendors that sell stationery, apparel, baked goods and more.

NOVEMBER 16, 2024
10AM - 2PM

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