



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

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New Year Prayer

God our Father, each year is Your gift to us: a gift with its own challenges, struggles and great promise.

Through these challenges and struggles, we discover the grace of the Risen Christ, who is with us each day, re-igniting our hope as we walk together as members of His body into the future.

Open our minds and hearts now to Your holy word and enable us to pray with one voice, in our Holy Spirit.

We make this prayer to you through this same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Administrator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of December was filled with faith at St. Vincent de Paul. Our students participated in a wide range of classroom activities related to the season of Advent. During December, we celebrate Mass with Father Facey. We also had the opportunity to come together as a school community during our Christmas Concert. Thank you to our students for displaying their skills, our staff for their dedication, and our families for their continued support.

A special thank you to Ms. Hayward, Ms. Grabowski, Ms. Pileggi and Ms. Franchino for directing our Christmas Concert.

Our school community displayed generosity as we raised funds for families during our Angel Tree initiative and supported St. Patrick's Church Parish.

The month of January will be filled with renewal. We will continue lunchtime activities with intramurals. Ms. Murphy's and Ms. De Francesco's classes will attend a Raptors 905 game at the Hershey Centre in January.

We want to thank Father Facey and the parish team for their continued support of our school community. They, indeed, are the faith leaders of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all of our teachers, ERWs and support staff for their dedication. Thank you to Ms. Antilope for her kind nature in our school office. Thank you to our custodian staff, Mr. Muzyczka and Mr. Darku-Ankrah, for all they do. We would also like to thank our Catholic School Trustee, Mr. Mario Pascucci, for supporting our school community. Mr. M. Pascucci is a tireless advocate for Catholic education and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. We would also like to thank our Superintendent, Ms. Dulcie Belchior, for her continued support of our school.

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul's staff, we wish you a wonderful month.
God Bless you and your loved ones,
P. Basran

January Virtue – SELF - CONTROL



God wants us to do what we know and feel is right.

A person with self-control....

- † Has a positive, confident sense of self and others
- † Adapts to situations in light of the common good
- † Thinks reflectively to solve problems
- † Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving and resource management skills
- † Reflects on personal values, abilities and aspirations
- † Participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced and healthy lifestyle

Our Parish Team

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Fr. John Facey and the entire St. Patrick's Parish to another school year. We truly appreciate their hard work and, above all, their dedication to the entire St. Vincent de Paul Community. We look forward to their continued spiritual guidance for 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 with the opportunity to integrate the virtues into our students' daily activities. 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, snacks, and lunch each day. If your child forgets their lunch, we will contact you. If children will be going home for lunch, we expect 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.

Term 1 Report Cards



First-term report cards will go home on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**. All students will be interviewed on **Thursday, February 13, 2025**, and **Friday, February 14, 2025**. You are encouraged to contact your child(ren)'s teacher anytime with questions or concerns about student progress.

Professional Activity Day



Monday, January 20, 2025, is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day, and teachers will be involved in assessment and evaluation.

March Break

March Break will occur from **March 10 to March 14, 2025. (Inclusive)**.

Raptors 905



Students in Ms. Murphy's and Ms. DeFrancesco's classes will attend the Raptors 905 on **February 12, 2025**. The game will take place at the Paramount Centre at 11 a.m. Information went home in November.



Santa visited on December 10.

St. Vincent de Paul continues Online Payments.

St. Vincent de Paul and Dufferin-Peel CDSB have a convenient online payment system for school-related purchases (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

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025



Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools will take place from Monday, January 6, to Friday, January 10, 2025. The DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program

in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton, and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org.

Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2025.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process:

- Proof of age of the child
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original

baptismal certificate from a church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome or an Eastern Catholic Church.

- Immunization Reference #'s from the local Public Health Unit
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of home address
- Proof of English Separate School Support

Please refer to the [Register for School webpage](#) for accepted forms of documentation.

Inquiries about home school locations/boundary areas should be directed to the DPCDSB Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440.

Parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the DPCDSB website at dpcdsb.org, or call DPCDSB's Admissions Department at 905-890-1221.

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.

Winter Weather



Many parents are concerned about school policy on outdoor recess during the winter season. It is accepted that when the wind chill factor drops below **-25°C**, students should not go outside for recess.

Dufferin-Peel C.D.S.B. Policy uses a wind chill factor of **-20°C** as a determining factor for **modified** recess. We ask that students come dressed appropriately in hats, gloves, mittens, etc. Where possible, please put identification on your child's belongings. Please note that all students should have **indoor shoes** during the winter months to keep the classrooms as clean and dry as possible. During the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the Board's Twitter account, website, and the following radio stations.

CKFM – 99.9 FM

CHIN – 100.7 FM,
1540 AM

CHUM – 1050 AM

CJCL – 590 AM

CFTR – 680 AM

CHFI – 98.1 FM

JACKFM – 92.5 FM

CBC – 740 AM

CFNY – 102.1 FM

CFRB – 1010 AM

DC103FM

CHAY – 93 FM

Q107 – 107.1 FM

CJMR – 1250 AM

TALK640 – 640 AM

CHEZ ZP7.3

Resources: Cold and Flu Season



As cold and flu season continues, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board continues to be vigilant in ensuring that our schools are clean and that our school communities are educated regarding good hand hygiene and cough etiquette. These practices are promoted on an ongoing basis, but as the prevalence of colds and

flu increases, our board increases the cleaning of contact surfaces and reminds schools to review cold and flu prevention with students and staff. Our regional health units utilize many resources. A reminder, as well, that communicable diseases can be contracted in public places throughout the year. For example, cold-related viruses, such as Enterovirus, are transferred from person to person through hand contact. Cold and flu viruses typically peak from December through February but can start as early as October.

School Council

Parental involvement with the Catholic School Council enhances communication between home and school. The Catholic School Council aims 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 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, February 12, 2025
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Custody of Children

On rare occasions, we face difficult situations where non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their children or take them home after school. We can best 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 know of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

PLASP Child Care Services



PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting 2025-2026 school year registrations. Please visit www.plasp.com for registration information.



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