

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

February 2025

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Prayer For Love

Dearest Heavenly Father,

I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me. Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from you every single day. Without your love for me I can't be....
I can't function....I can't even breathe...because I NEED your love to sustain me. It's like food and medicine for my soul Lord.

Please continue to let me feel your comforting love in my life and Lord I give myself over to you to perfect in me this gift of love...that I may be able to express it and share it with others. Lord...I have not always been good at this...forgive me. Lord...some people are harder to love than others...but I want to be like your Son Jesus...so please continue doing in my heart so my heart will be like yours. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen

Administrator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians.

The month of January was filled with faith at St. Vincent de Paul. Our students participated in a wide range of classroom activities, and we celebrated the virtue of Self-Control. Thank you to Ms. DeFrancesco's students for a beautiful assembly.

Our students from Grades 4 to 8 have been working very hard preparing for speeches. Class representatives will present in the gymnasium on February 5, 2025. Thank you to Mr. Florio and Mr. Arruda for organizing public speaking at our school.

We will have a Valentine's Dance on **Wednesday**, **February 12**, **2025**, as February 14 is PA Day.

We thank Fr. Facey and the parish team for supporting our school community. They, indeed, are the faith leaders of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to Mrs. Antilope for her kind nature in our school office. We would also like to thank our Catholic School Trustee, Mr. Mario Pascucci, for supporting our school community. Mr. M. Pascucci tirelessly advocates 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

February Virtue - RESPECT



God wants us to do what we know and feel is right. That respect should come firstly from ourselves.

We should respect ourselves and then we will be able to respect others. We should also be able to

expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet. A respectful person is someone who...

- treats themselves and others with kindness and fairness.
- avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures remembers to say 'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Pardon

Our Parish Team

We would like to take this opportunity to 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
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*	March: Kindness	, ,	April: Love

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.

Term 1 Report Cards



First term report cards will be sent home electronically on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office. Interviews will take place for all students on Thursday, February 13, 2025 and Friday, February 14, 2025.

You are encouraged to contact your child(ren)'s teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns about student progress.

Professional Activity Day



Friday, February 14, **2025** is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be involved in Term 1 interviews.

Black History Month



During the month of February we will have "Black History Who Am I?" on the announcements.

Raptors 905



Students from Ms. Murphy's Grade 6/7 class and Ms. DeFrancesco's Grade 7/8 class will attend the Raptors 905 game on February 12, 2025.



Krispy Kreame Doughnuts

Thank you to Catholic School Council for organizing our Krispy

Kreme Fundraiser. Doughnuts will be delivered to the school on Friday February 28, 2025. Doughnuts can be purchased at the following link:

https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/218279 /146/False/True

National Sweater Day



National Sweater Day is February 6. We will lower the temperature by 1 degree to reduce our environmental impact.

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: 12:00 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) is open. **Registrations can still occur.**

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 <u>Register for School webpage</u> 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.

For more information, 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

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.

Winter Weather



During the winter season, many parents are concerned about school policy on outdoor recess. It is generally 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 with 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 so that the classrooms are kept 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 twitter account, website and the following radio stations:

CKFM - 99.9 FM CFNY - 102.1 FM CFRB - 1010 AM CHIN - 100.7 FM.

1540 AM

CHUM - 1050 AM DC103FM CJCL - 590 AM CHAY – 93 FM CFTR - 680 AM Q107 - 107.1 FM CHFI - 98.1 FM CJMR - 1250 AM JACKFM – 92.5 FM TALK640 - 640 AM CBC - 740 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, as well as reminds schools to review cold and flu prevention with students and staff. Many resources are utilized from our regional health units. 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.

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. Antoniw

Council Meeting Dates: 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 2025-2026 school year. Please visit www.plasp.com for registration information.



Be sure to follow us on Twitter: @DpcdsvStvdp





St Vincent De Paul ORIGINAL GLAZED DONUTS

(AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER ONLY - NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

\$15.00 Per Dozen (Cash or Cash ONLINE)

https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/218279/146/False/True

ORDER DEADLINE: Thursday, February 20th, 2025

PICK UP DATE: Friday, February 28th, 2025

Family Name:	Phone Number:
Eldest Student Name:	Teacher:
PLEASE SEND HOME WITH STUDENT	AFTER SCHOOL OFFICE PICK UP
PRICE QUANTITY TOTAL \$15.00 X =	FUND RAISING
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE #	
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th (cash or Cash Online Reference #) YOU MAY RETAIN ORDER FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE NOTE: Krispy Kreme shops are not "nut-free." We receive ingredients from suppliers who produce products with nuts and other allergens.

