

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

March 2025

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A Lenten Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your will by becoming man
And giving His life on the cross.
Help us to bear witness to you
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in his resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.



Administrator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February was filled with faith and kindness at St. Vincent de Paul. Our students participated in a wide range of classroom activities. During February, we celebrated the virtue of Self-Control. This week, we also started our journey toward Easter. On March 5, Ms. Grabowski's class led a beautiful Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

We continue our primary soccer, led by our Grade 5 and 6 students. Our school Mass will be on March 18. March break will be from March 10 to March 14, inclusive.

We want to thank Fr. Facey and the parish team for supporting our school community. They truly 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. 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,

Your Partner in Catholic Education,

P. Basran

Virtue of the Month: Kindness



God wants us to give generously to others around us. A kind person.....

- † Relates to family members in a loving, compassionate
- † Values and honours the important role of the family in
- † Examines, evaluates and applies knowledge of interdependent systems for the development of a just and compassionate society
- † Promotes the sacredness of life

Our Parish Team

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. John Facey and the entire St. Patrick's Parish for all they do for our school. 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.

March Break

March Break will take place from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 (inclusive).



Public Speaking

On February 5, we held our school's Public Speaking competition. Representatives from Grade 4 to Grade 8 did an excellent job sharing their skills and talents. Thank you to Mr. Florio and Mr. Arruda for organizing the event.

Black History Who Am I?



During the month of February, Mr. Florio's Grade 5/6 class started each day with "Black History Who Am I? on the morning announcements.

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

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025



Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is currently open. 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 <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.

Thank you to Mr. Antoniw for organizing our Valentine's Dance on February 12.



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 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 CHIN - 100.7 FM. CFRB - 1010 AM 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.



Council Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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 - Mrs. Chan; Ms. Botelho Staff Representatives - Ms. Grabowski; Mr. Antoniw

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.



