

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic **Elementary School**

A Love of Christ and a Love of Learning

April 2025

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A Prayer for Easter

My Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new Life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize Your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your sacred name, I pray.



Administrator's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians.

The month of March was filled with faith and kindness at St. Vincent de Paul. Our students participated in a wide range of classroom activities.

A note to families. We are a school community. Any families who require any form of assistance, particularly financial, are asked to reach out to me directly paul.basran@dpcdsb.org

During the month of April we will be celebrating the virtue of love. Our reading club and colouring club will be taking place during the lunch hour. We will also continue with primary soccer during lunch recess on Tuesdays.

We would like to thank Fr. 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. 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 his ongoing support of our school community. Mr. 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.

Your Partner in Catholic Education.

P. Basran

Virtue of the Month: Love



God wants us to serve and to see the goodness in everyone we meet.

A loving person......

- † Relates to family intimacy and sexuality as God given gifts, to be used as the creator intended.
- † Relates to family members in a loving, compassionate and respectful manner especially when the other seems "unlovable".
- † Respects the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others.

Our Parish Team

We thank Fr. John Facey and the entire St. Patrick's Parish for 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.

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.



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.

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.



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



On March 26, Ms. MacSween led our assembly outlining Epilepsy Awareness. Students and staff wore purple to show their support for the cause.

