



# ST. HERBERT CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## HORNET BUZZ

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Dufferin-Peel  
Catholic District  
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### Options for Reporting Student Absences



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### SCHOOL HOURS

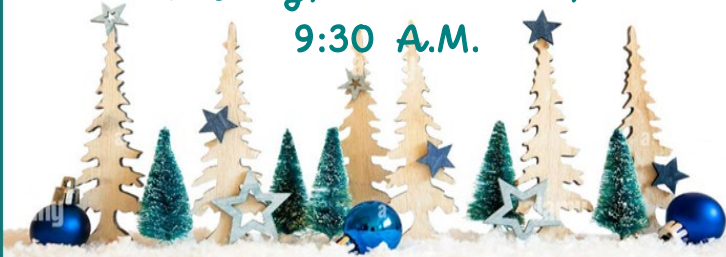
8:45 a.m.	<i>Supervision Begins</i>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Classes Begin</b>
10:26 – 10:41 a.m.	Morning Recess
12:04 – 1:04 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:27 – 2:42 p.m.	Afternoon Recess
3:30 p.m.	<b>Dismissal</b>
3:40 p.m.	<i>Supervision Ends</i>

### ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL:

For your child(ren)'s safety we request that they not be on school property until supervision begins at 8:45 AM. Please do not drop your child(ren) off at the school prior to 8:45 AM (except if they are registered with Family Day program). If not using the Kiss and Ride at dismissal, parents are reminded to refrain from approaching the school building or class lines, and to wait for your child(ren) to come to you in the designated areas. If picking up by vehicle, please do not stop at the beginning section of the driveway which blocks the bus lane. See Kiss n Ride section below.

### K to 3/4 PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Save the Date*  
*Wednesday, December 18, 2024*  
**9:30 A.M.**



## VIRTUE OF H O P E

### Monthly Assembly

Presented by Grade 2/3 students in Ms. Ariganello's class

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**at 9:20 A.M.**

Parents/Guardians are welcome to join.



December

# Hope

## PEOPLE OF HOPE...

- EXPECT THE BEST TO HAPPEN FOR EVERYONE
- HOLD ON TO THEIR DREAMS
- ALWAYS COUNT ON GOD TO HELP THEM IN TOUGH SITUATIONS
- TRUST THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT IN GOD'S WAY
- LOOK FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO COME OUT OF PROBLEMS
- ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LIFE'S BLESSINGS
- SET AND STICK TO THEIR OWN GOALS





## St. Herbert Christmas Spirit Week

Romans 15:13: "May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Christmas socks</b>	<b>Festive scarves</b>	<b>Holiday headwear</b>	<b>Seasonal sweaters</b>	<b>Comfy Christmas</b>	
<b>Wear your favourite christmas socks, stockings, or footwear</b>	<b>rock your festive scarves or neckwear</b>	<b>Wear your favourite Christmas headwear</b>	<b>Wear you Christmas sweaters or Christmas colours</b>	<b>Wear your comfy Christmas clothes and slipper</b>	

MONDAY DEC 16	TUESDAY DEC 17	WEDNESDAY DEC 18	THURSDAY DEC 19	FRIDAY DEC 20
<b>1:30 P.M.</b> <b>Advent Mass in the Gym with Fr. Anish</b>  <b>Third Week of Advent: JOY</b>  <i>Families welcome</i>	<b>A.M.</b> <b>Concert Dress Rehearsal</b> for K-3/4 students with Grades 4/5-8 audience, and Primary classes (when not on stage)	<b>9:30 A.M.</b> <b>Christmas Concert for K to Grade 3 / 4</b>  Meet our Catholic School Trustee, <i>Luz del Rosario</i> , and our Catholic School Council members and Chair, <i>Mary Spisic</i>  <i>Families welcome</i>  <b>*Parents/guardians invited to bring cash</b> for V.I.P. seating donation for ShareLife, and for cookie sales by Catholic School Council	<b>A.M.</b> <b>ADVENT-ure Journey to Christmas K-8</b>  Students are assigned to multi-grade teams and will participate in Advent and Christmas activities, as they travel to different classrooms.	<b>9:20 A.M.</b> <b>HOPE Virtue Assembly</b> as presented by Ms. Ariganello's Grade 2/3 students  <b>FOLLOWED BY Christmas Carolling</b> in the gym  <i>Families welcome</i>  

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### ATTACHMENTS ... Please read the information in the following attachments

- **Trustee Newsletter** from Luz del Rosario, Trustee for Mississauga Ward 6 and Chair of the Board of Trustees
- **Christmas Concert Flyer** (*sent previously*)
- **DPCDSB Kindergarten Registration Information** for children born in 2021
- **DPCDSB THRIVE in Community Newsletter**
- **Peel Public Health Community Newsletter for Healthy and Active Holidays**
- **One Stop Talk Information**  
One Stop Talk offers children, youth (within 18 years of age) and their families immediate access to free mental health support. The program provides single session counselling support and ensures direct referral to additional service when needed. Services are provided through an integrated network of infant, child and youth mental health agencies across Ontario.

### FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

<b>ADVENT CONFESSIONS</b> Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> From 7pm. Visiting priests will also be here. All parishioners and visitors are welcome.
<b>Neighbouring Churches Advent Confessions</b>
<b><u>St. John of the Cross</u></b> Tuesday December 17,   7 pm, 2024
<b><u>Merciful Redemer</u></b> Wednesday December 18,   7 pm – 9 pm
<b><u>St. Francis of Assisi</u></b> Wednesday December 18, 9:30 am – 11:30 am   2:30 pm – 4:30 pm   7:45 pm – 9 pm
<b><u>St Francis Xavier</u></b> Thursday December 19,   7 pm
<b><u>St. Ignatius Loyola</u></b> Thursday December 19, 9 :30 am – 11:30 am / 4 pm – 6 pm
<b><u>Christo Rei</u></b> Thursday December 19, 10 am – noon / 7 pm – 8 pm

<b><i>St. Joseph Parish Mass Schedule</i></b> <b><i>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR 2024 – 2025</i></b>
<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b> Tuesday, December 24, 2024 4:00 pm   6:00 pm   8:00 pm   12:00 midnight
<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b> Wednesday, December 25, 2024 8:00 am   9:30 am   11:00 am   12:30 pm ***NO 6:00 pm Mass***
<b><u>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</u></b> Thursday, December 26, 2024 8:30 am
<b><u>St. John, The Apostle</u></b> Friday, December 27, 2024 8:30 am
<b><u>The Holy Innocents</u></b> Saturday, December 28, 2024 9:00 am
<b><u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</u></b> Vigil 4:30 pm Saturday Sunday, December 29, 2024 8:00 am   9:30 am   11:00 am   12:30 pm   6:00 pm
<b><u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u></b> VIGIL Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 4:30 pm Wednesday January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025 8:00 am   9:30 am   11:00 am   12:30 pm

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*Prayer for the Third Week of Advent*

*Lord God,  
may we, your people,  
who look forward to the birthday of Christ  
experience the joy of salvation  
and celebrate that feast  
with love and thanksgiving.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
Amen*



The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)** - St. Joseph Church Conference, expresses their gratitude to St. Herbert School community for your generosity in the **Christmas Outreach Program**, supporting local families in need with the following two programs.



**Pancake Syrup – Christmas Bag Option:**

We collected 25 **bottles of pancake syrup**, which they are using for Christmas bags of food and goodies, for families in need to enjoy on Christmas Day.

**ADVENT ANGEL TREE – Gift Cards**

We are overjoyed at the generosity of our families in donating gift cards to support families in need. We collected a total of **\$1205.00 in gift cards**, which were picked up by St. Vincent de Paul on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our **Advent Angel Tree** in the Office is full of beautifully decorated angels from our student families' gift card donations.



Thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph Church parishioners and parish schools, like St. Herbert CES, our Christmas Outreach Program has brought joy to many needy families each year.  
We are deeply grateful for your continued support.





## **Invitation from Archbishop Leo to Celebrate the Ordinary Year of Jubilee – December 29, 2024**

**Nov-29-2024**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

*May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.*



As we prepare for our Advent journey and the anticipation of the birth of Jesus, be assured of my prayers and spiritual closeness.

You may be aware that the Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be **"Pilgrims of Hope"**. In the words of Pope Francis: *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."*

The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. I extend a warm invitation for you to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

You will be hearing more about the Jubilee Year in your own parish and I pray this Holy Year will provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

Resources for personal, family or parish use, along with helpful links and other information related to the Jubilee Year can be found by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)

I hope you will join us on Sunday, December 29 at 5:00 p.m. as we launch this special milestone in our faith journey. You and your loved ones will continue to remain close in prayer with special gratitude for all that you do to strengthen the Body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



*"For unto us, a Child is born ..."*

*Isaiah 9:6*



On behalf of the staff of St. Herbert Catholic Elementary School,  
we wish you and your loved ones all the peace, love and joy that this holy season brings.

My God bless you and your families  
and keep you safe, healthy and happy in the HOPE of the LORD.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**





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send “Y” or mobile  
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