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HERBERT HUB: Community Update - SEPTEMBER 2024



ST. HERBERT CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FAITH: Our Virtue for September

"Find ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world."

-Pope Francis

PEOPLE OF FAITH...

- KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL PART OF GOD'S FAMILY
- WANT TO BE GOOD LIKE JESUS
- PRAY REGULARLY AND FROM THE HEART
- KNOW THERE IS GOOD IN EVERYONE
- SEE GOOD IN THE WORLD
- USE AND RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S RIGHT NAMES
- ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD LOVES US ALL
- BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT
- LEARN FROM BIBLE STORIES
- LEARN FROM THE FAMILY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



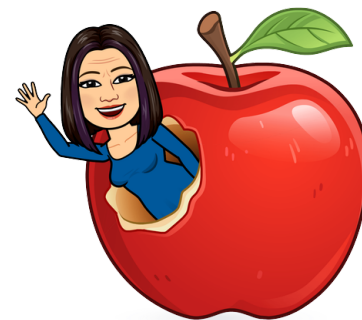
PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Loving and gracious God,
we thank You for the energy and spirit that You renewed in us throughout the summer months,
and now for the wonderful gift of this new school year.
Bless our students, our teachers, our staff, our families, and our entire St. Herbert community.
Guide us to recognize that each one of us is created unique in Your image
as we are all special and loved members of Your family.
May we nurture our minds, our bodies, our spirits,
and our friendships with joy, hope, kindness and respect
as we grow and journey forward together in faith and love
to form a safe, caring and inclusive learning community here at St. Herbert School.
We ask this through Your Son, Jesus,
who lived to show us the way.
+ AMEN

Welcome all!

As we are poised to begin the 2024-2025 school year, on behalf of the staff at St. Herbert School, I am honoured and happy to welcome all the new families and staff members to our school community, and also to welcome back all those who are returning. We hope that you have had a wonderful summer full of many blessings.
Our school looks forward to continuing to nurture collaborative relationships with families at home to ensure our children grow in faith and learning, so they can achieve their fullest potential.

Our school community is enriched by the positive working relationships we enjoy with our pastoral team at St. Joseph's Parish, led by *Fr. Paul Dobson*; our active Catholic School Council with current Chairperson, *Linda Isiekwena*; our new Superintendent of Mississauga South, *Drago Radic*; and our Trustee for Ward 6, *Luz del Rosario*.



We share the responsibility for our children's well-being and success, and will do our utmost to carry out our responsibilities.

As we anticipate the year ahead, we know that a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. Parents are invited to become actively involved in our school, as their efforts, time and talents are always appreciated. Our school community is strengthened when all members collaborate in a climate of mutual respect, support, and commitment to Gospel values, as we recognize our provincial Catholic Education Week theme: *"Pilgrims of Hope."*

A special greeting is also extended to our youngest learners who will form the future Class of 2034. These Junior Kindergarten children will start school for a half day on Wednesday, September 4th (A-L surnames) or Thursday, September 5th (M-Z surnames), and will be joining fully on Friday, September 6th.

Our custodial team, headed by *Mr. Galo* at this time, and our Office Secretary, *Ms. Cascioli* have been working diligently to ensure that the school is ready for your children's arrival next week. My deepest appreciation is extended to them and also our entire instructional and support staff who have been working prior to the start of school to prepare and organize classrooms, and educational programs for another rewarding year of academic achievement and well-being. We are blessed to continue to offer Christ-centred, academic, athletic and arts activities that integrate and demonstrate the distinct nature of our Catholic school, making St. Herbert a safe, caring and inclusive school for your child(ren) to learn, pray, play and grow. *"Together We Are One"*
Wishing everyone a successful school year. God Bless.

A. Aguilar
Principal



HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOURS

8:45 – AM OUTSIDE SUPERVISION and Kiss n Ride begins

9:00 Bell Rings / School Begins

10:26 – 10:41 Recess AM

12:04 – 1:04 LUNCH

(20 minutes indoors to eat followed by 40 minutes outdoors weather depending)

2:27 – 2:42 Recess PM

3:30 Bell Rings for Dismissal / School Ends

OFFICE TELEPHONE: 905-858-1171

E-MAIL INFOBOX: st.herbertinfo@dpcdsb.org

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NEW BEGINNINGS: First Day of School - Tuesday, Sept 3, 2024

Class Placements:

- Before the first day of school, you will receive an automated e-mail through the Board's School Messenger service, to confirm any teacher/classroom assignments. Check your child's **DPCDSB student e-mail account**. (*NOT TO WORRY* - Staff and teachers will be available outside to assist families on the FIRST DAY)

- All students in **SK to Grade 8** will start school on September 3rd. JK students will begin with a modified schedule, and **all students from JK to Grade 8** will be in attendance by Friday, September 6th. Please note, ***all class placements are tentative***. More information will follow as notices of the need to re-organize classes is provided by the Board around the September P.A. DAY on Monday, September 16th.

Arrival and Entry:

On the first day of school, **SK students** will gather in the gated Kindergarten yard. Starting at 8:45 AM, students will be met there by the Kindergarten educators and will play in the yard until the bell rings at 9:00 AM. Parents are respectfully requested to remain outside the fence during drop-off and pick-up times.

JK STUDENTS:

As previously communicated to families:

JK Surnames: A-L - Wednesday, September 4 - AM only

JK Surnames: M-Z - Thursday, September 5 - AM only

All JKs - Friday, September 6 for full day and going forward

What to Expect the First Day of School:

- Students in **Grades 1 to 8** will gather at the back of the school on the playground pavement, where classroom teachers will be ready to receive students from their different grades. If it is raining heavily, we will gather in the school gymnasium.
- After the first day of school, parents/caregivers are requested to wait in the designated areas for their child to facilitate clear sight lines at entry/exit times. Refer to diagram below.
- Only new students registering for the first time should come to the Office.
- Students should stand in a line in front of the sign for the grade level they are beginning.
- Teachers will be outside with a class list and call the names of each student before bringing students into the school.

Parents are not permitted to enter their child's class with them on the first day.

Dismissal:

Bus students will gather in the front Atrium to await the arrival of the bus and staff will assist with loading. If your child is in the Family Day after-school program, please make the teacher aware. Teachers of students in JK-Gr 3 will be with their students to ensure that they are picked up by an adult/older sibling/babysitter, as they arrive in the waiting areas. Ensure the names of those picking up your child are listed on the contact list (verification sheet) with the Office. Teachers of students in Grades 4-8 will walk their students to their dismissal doors and ensure that their students have left school property. Students are to head home, and are not permitted to remain on school property with friends after hours unsupervised.

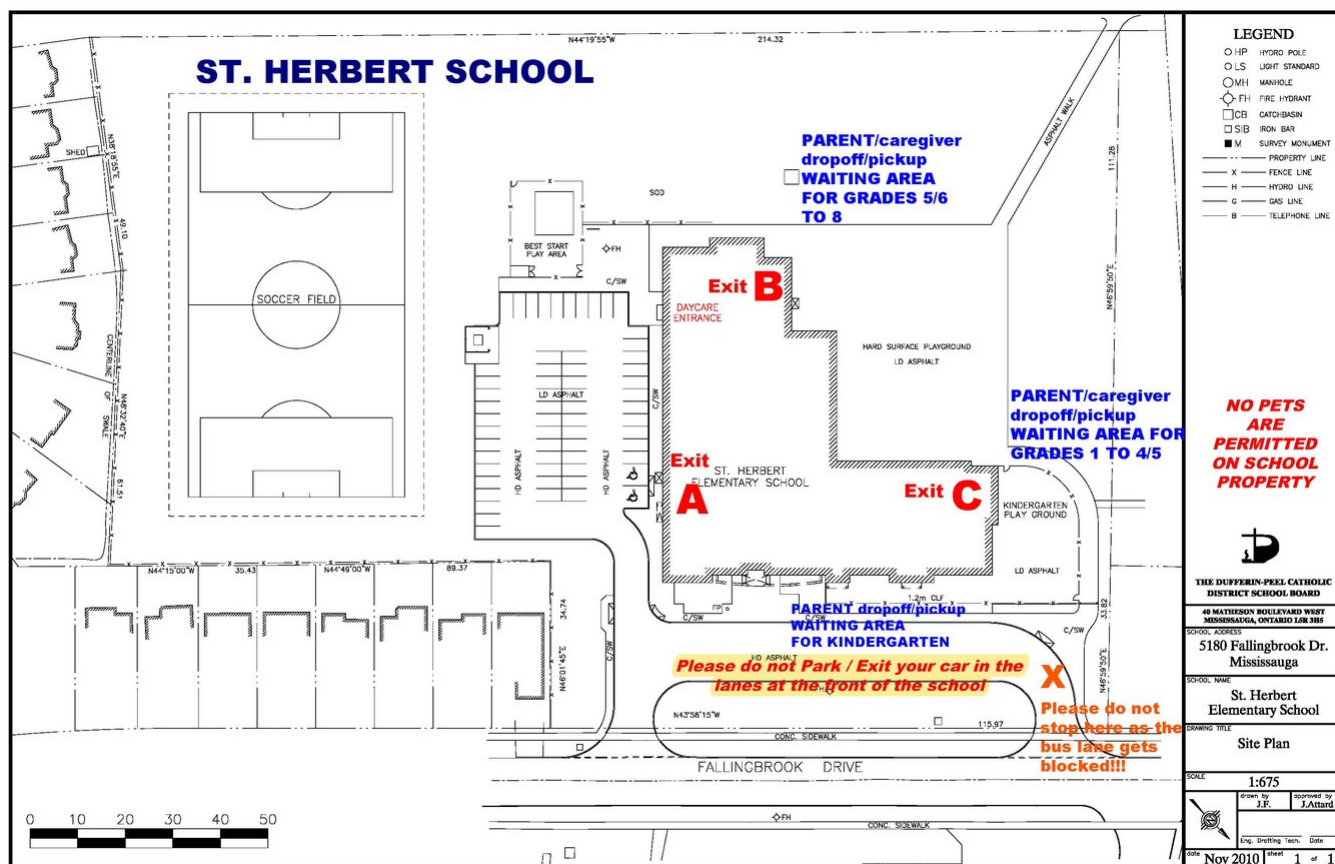
Reminders:

SAFETY TRUMPS CONVENIENCE! Please be reminded **NOT TO PARK OR STOP** your vehicle for an extended period in the Kiss & Ride lane at **anytime**, which will avoid blocking the entry laneway for busses and cars. If you want to get out of your vehicle, please park in a designated area, and observe parking signs. Active transportation (walking to school) is a great way to reduce gas emissions and increase physical activity.

PHOTOS: The first day of school is often a day when parents enjoy taking photos of their children to keep their memories of these times. Please be reminded that you are not allowed to photograph

or video any child other than your own on school property. We discourage photography on school property due to privacy and safety concerns. School property is private property and adults are discouraged from observing children during lunch and recess play time. We strive to maintain a safe environment at all times for our staff and students.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, September 3, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



IMPORTANT DATES

2024-2025 DPDCSB BOARD CALENDAR is attached below

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

Labour Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SK -Gr 8 students)

SEPT 4 (A-L) AND SEPT 5 (M-Z) : Junior Kindergarten soft start (A.M. only)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

P.A. DAY - NO SCHOOL for students (Re-organization as needed basis)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION for Grade 2 students (who have been baptized)
7:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church *information will be sent home during the first week of school

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 (WELCOME BACK OPEN HOUSE)

6:00 - 7:00 PM Meet the Teacher and Visit the Classrooms

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for Grade 7 students (who have been baptized)
7:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church *information will be sent home during the first week of school

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

National Truth & Reconciliation Day - Orange Shirt Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

SMILE :-) SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

P.A. DAY - NO SCHOOL for students (Provincial Priorities and Faith Development Staff Activities)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - School is Closed

NOTE:

PLEASE REMEMBER to be patient, kind, and considerate as we navigate the new school year.

RE-ORGANIZATION: Classroom changes may occur and will be decided by Friday, September 13, 2024. Reorganization of classrooms is sometimes required. We will keep you informed.

Please see the attached letters from DPCDSB about Re-Organization and Combined Grade Classrooms

WEATHER: Extreme HEAT may be forecasted during the early weeks of school. Please ensure students have a reusable water bottle, wear sunscreen preferably before arrival at school, and may wish to have a hat. We are fortunate that the school is air-conditioned. Please refer to the attached Hot Weather Plan below.



2024-2025 School Year Calendar FINAL.pdf

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STAFFING UPDATES

The beginning of each school year is always marked by unexpected changes which require all of us to be understanding, accommodating and flexible. The September school organization is based on projected enrollment prepared by the Board's Planning Department. Such enrollment projections determine the number of teachers assigned to the school and consequently the grade and class configurations. In the event that student enrollment falls below or increases above projections, an adjustment to the number of teachers assigned to the school follows, which in essence may affect the placement of your child. Therefore, as we start the year, **staffing is still tentative** and until actual numbers are realized and assessed, reorganization of classes is always a possibility. **If we need to reorganize the school, it will take place on Monday, September 16, 2024, during our PA Day.** You will be notified ahead of time if changes need to be made. **No changes in class placements will be made prior to this date.**

We also want to welcome our new staff joining the St. Herbert C.E.S team recently this year.

S. DeMello (Special Education Resource Class - SERC -Teacher)

L. Williams (Educational Resource Worker - ERW)

C. Han (Educational Resource Worker - ERW)

A. O'Connor (Child and Youth Worker - CYW)

S. Bhattacharyya (Speech & Language Pathologist - SLP)

F. Nabi (Pscyhologist)

J. Galo (Acting Head Custodian)

We are excited to work with them this year.

Principal: A. Aguilar

Head Secretary: H. Cascioli

Kindergarten Early Learning Teams:

FDK-A: S. Heinisch with A. Ebrahim (DECE)

FDK-B: S. O'Donnell with L. Lin (DECE)

Homeroom Teachers:

Grade 1: M. Paolone

Grade 2/3-A: B. Ariganello

Grade 2/3-B: C. Gibson

Grade 3/4: A. Szymczak

Grade 4/5: C. Johnson

Grade 5/6: M. Davi

Grade 6/7: M. Milczarczyk

Grade 7/8: G. Poropat

Grade 8: E. Munisteri

Resource Team: A. Thalachira (SERT/ESL); S. DeMello (SERC/SERT)

Teacher-Librarian / PT/ ESL: K. Zefkic

French as a Second Language (FSL): A. Pereira

Planning Time Teacher: T.B.D.

Educational Resource Workers (ERWs): S. Choi; C. Han; L. Williams; T.B.D.

Support Services Staff: A. O'Connor (Child & Youth Worker- CYW); F. Nabi (School Psychologist); S. Bhattacharyya (Speech & Language Pathologist for L. Wilk on maternity leave); F. Browne (Social

Worker - on leave)

Custodial Staff: T.B.D. (Head Custodian), J. Galo; N. Lalvani (Evening Custodians)

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?

1

Get involved in your child's school life

Ask about their day – school work, friends, their teacher. Let them tell you about the best part of their day, and about what was not so good. This will help you share their successes and uncover any problems.

2

Stay connected with the school

Talk to your child's teacher. Ask questions. This can be as simple as sending a note to school with your child. Or check with the school to see if you can volunteer to help.

3

Make learning fun

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Simple activities can build your child's skills and confidence. Talk about prices on a trip to the grocery store to help older kids with math. Make reading fun for younger ones by pointing out the words all around you – on street signs, posters, even cereal boxes!



The Ministry of Education has many tools to help both teachers and parents. Visit www.edu.gov.on.ca and discover how you can help your child succeed in school.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO COMBINED GRADES



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2024-2025 Elementary School Organization Plans Parent Letter.pdf

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GF068 HERBT 2024.pdf

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Print copy of GF068 will be sent home for signature

Lunches

Students will eat lunch in their classes and are encouraged to bring *reusable water bottles* to school. These water bottles can be refilled at our water bottle refill stations. Students should bring

to school a packed lunch each day to limit the amount of visitors in the building. In the event that a student forgets a lunch, a parent/guardian will be contacted. If needed, lunches can be dropped off at the table (labels are available) in the front foyer. As an EcoSchool and mindful of our responsibility to care for our earth, we *encourage litterless lunches* with reduced waste (e.g. reusable containers) whenever possible. Please remember to *include cutlery* if needed.



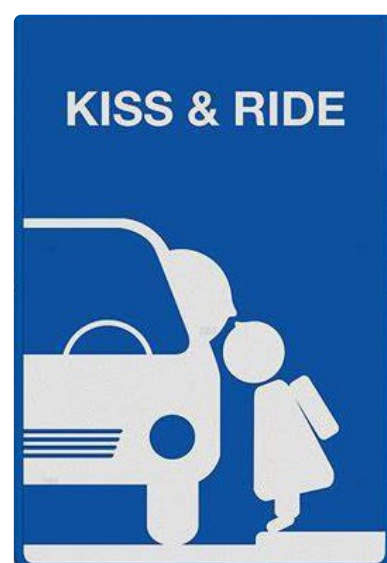
Students may also go home for lunch. If you choose to have your child go home for lunch on a *daily* basis, please notify the school or let your child's teacher know. **If your child is to go home on an *occasional* basis, a written note or email must be provided to the teacher and/or Office for each occasion.** For safety, verbal permission from the student will not be honoured.

KISS 'n' RIDE: Arrival and Dismissal SAFETY REMINDERS

The Kiss n' Ride program is available to provide the safety and convenience for our students and parents driving to our school. Please take a moment to review the following procedures to ensure safety for all students and parents using Kiss N' Ride.

1. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE

Kiss 'n' Ride lanes are to be "moving lane ways", not parking spots. This ensures that emergency vehicles or buses may enter the school. Please do not leave your vehicle at anytime. If you need to directly drop off your child, please park your car. For safety reasons, have the children exit the car from the passenger side of the vehicle only. If they are unable to do this without your help, you must park your car and walk your child in.



2. DO NOT drop your child(ren) off in the bus loading zone or in the bus lane, only in the DRIVETHRU lane.

3. Teach your child to watch for buses in the bus lane before they cross into the lane and on to the sidewalk. Once on the sidewalk, they can walk along the sidewalk to the back of the schoolyard.

4. RAIN OR SHINE - Students can enter the school at their designated doors for Soft Entry between 8:45 and 9:00 AM.

5. PLEASE CONTROL YOUR SPEED

Kiss 'n' Ride is the type of environment where students behave unpredictably and could quickly 'pop out' in front of you. Please give yourself the greatest chance of avoiding an accident. We are all working together to minimize risks to our children. Please remember that the driveway is a one-way only. Please follow the signs to ensure that safety for all students and families.

We want to ensure the safety of all students at all times. Please drive slowly. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Please feel free to direct any questions or safety concerns to Ms. Aguilar.

BUSSING

STOPR - Transportation Procedures

The distance criteria for transportation eligibility must be more than:

- **1.0 kilometre** for Kindergarten and Grade 1
- **1.6 kilometres** for Grades 2 – 4
- **2.0 kilometres** for Grades 5 – 8
- **3.8 kilometres** for Grades 9 – 12



If your child is moving to grade 2, grade 5, or grade 9 in the **2024-2025** school year, their *eligibility status for transportation may be changing*. Eligibility information can be accessed at the website noted below.

PRIMARY PROTOCOL: All transported Kindergarten and grade 1 students are required to be met by a parent/caregiver when disembarking from their bus on their return trip from school.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.stopr.ca/documents/8f7aa97a-94f7-4e03-9022-98656c940c6c/TFL008%20-%20Primary%20Protocol.pdf>

A print copy of this document will be provided on the first day of school for FDK and Grade 1 students who ride the bus.

The **STOPR website (link below)** provides up-to-date delay and inclement weather cancellation information in addition to policy, procedures and frequently asked questions. **Please consider registering for notice of alerts regarding issues such as buses running behind schedule.** The STOPR website also allows parents to access information specific to “what school do I attend” and “am I eligible for transportation”. This site also provides parents access to specific bus stop location and pick-up and drop-off times for their children who are eligible for transportation.

COURTESY SEATING: If your child is not eligible to ride the bus, and you would prefer that they do, **you will have to obtain a form available at the Office and apply for courtesy seats**, even if they have a sibling who rides the bus. Courtesy seats are granted only if there are empty seats on the bus (e.g. eligible riders decline transportation). **STOPR does not grant courtesy seats until at least 3-4 weeks after the start of the school year and will only be routed for existing bus stops.**

STOPR Telephone: 905 890-6000

STOPR - SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Allergies and Food

As we begin a new school year, we would like to inform you that St. Herbert CES is an **allergen aware school**. There are pupils and staff in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as dairy, peanut and nut products. Exposure to even the smallest quantities can cause severe life threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction.



The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems. We, at St. Herbert, would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any lunches or snacks that contain nut or nut byproducts including peanut butter alternatives (i.e. WowButter), or other products containing nuts or nut oils (i.e. Nutella). If a student who has such an allergy comes into contact with even a trace of anything containing peanuts, nuts, nut oils or derivatives, it could be life-threatening. Some students have such a severe allergy that only the smell of the allergen may cause a reaction. Your child's teacher will inform you of any class specific allergy concerns which could potentially harm a pupil.

Please ensure that all of your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. **Please do not send food items for birthdays or special occasions.** If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff. We look forward to your co-operation in making this a safe year for all of our pupils.

Medical

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that the school is aware of it by submitting the proper forms and medication as soon as possible. If you did not receive the necessary forms in June, kindly please contact the Office.



Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medications and forms are updated for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication, please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the Office as soon as possible.

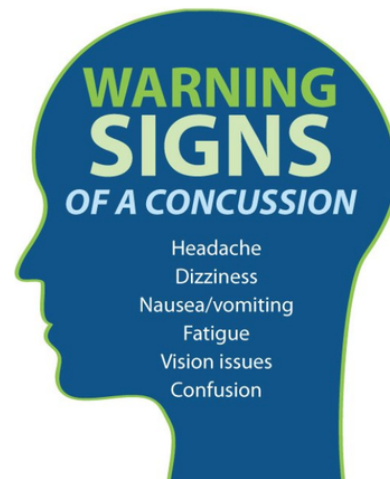
Please remember to check the expiry dates of all medication before bringing them to school.

Medication that is sent to school without the proper documentation will not be stored or dispensed by school personnel. This also applies to over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen, cough medicine, Benadryl, and allergy medications.

All medication with the exception for Kindergarten or students who carry their medication (ie. fanny pack) will be stored centrally in the school office. Kindergarten student medication will be stored in their classrooms for accessibility. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Concussion and Head Injuries

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has developed a Concussion Policy and Guidelines for students who have been diagnosed with a concussion by either a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. School staff cannot diagnose a concussion. Any time a student reports to the Office with a head injury, even seemingly slight ones, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the incident will be entered into the school's "Documentation of Head Injuries" log, as per DPCDSB policy. This is precautionary only, and we ask that you check your child when they get home for any signs of a concussion or illness. We encourage you to click on the Concussion Resources button below which will take you directly to the board website for further information. Again this is a precautionary measure and we request that you review the attached form, as it has live links with further information.



GF 088A - Concussion Attestation: This printed form will be sent home for signature to confirm awareness of the resources and protocols. It is required for any physical activity at the school, including extra-curricular activities. The form will be kept on file in the Office and is valid for the whole current school year.



GF088A Attestation - Concussion Awareness Resources.pdf

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Child Safety - Duty to Report

The Child and Family Services Act compels educators to report any issues that may compromise a child's welfare. If a staff member suspects any issue that may affect a child's safety, then Children's Aid Society (CAS) must be contacted. It is our **Legal Obligation** as employees of the school board to report any suspicions directly to the Children's Aid Society. *It is not the role of educators to investigate, only to report any disclosure or concern.* CAS worker is responsible to determine next steps, including possible investigation, and they inform parents directly of the issue.



PIZZA DAYS

PIZZA DAYS will continue on **WEDNESDAYS** (pepperoni or cheese only) and will start **toward the END OF SEPTEMBER**. For clarification, **there is no pizza order during the first 3 weeks of school**. **Students must bring their lunch everyday**. We will continue to offer monthly blocks for ordering pizza, but **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT CASH ORDERS ON PIZZA DAY**.

If you have not already done so, **please register for School Cash Online**, and you will receive email notifications every time

something is available for purchase at the school.



SchoolCash Online

Pay for student items online

SchoolCash Online

MOVING to School CashOnline

Please follow the link below to register online - it takes less than two minutes!

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

You will need your child's name and date of birth. Use of student number is optional.

Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at **1 (866) 961-1803** or the support link on the school cash online website.

PAY WITH: Credit Card or Debit Card

1. Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://dpcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".

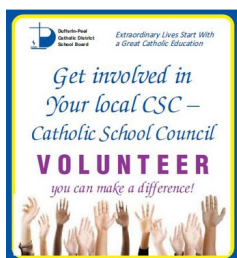
2. Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details:

1. School Board name
2. Select a school
3. Legal First Name
4. Legal Last Name
5. Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)



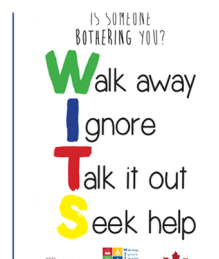
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

It is a pleasure to invite all Parents/Guardians to consider



STUDENT INSURANCE

The Board takes every precaution to provide a safe learning environment for



W. I. T. S.

WITS is a problem-solving strategy at ST. HERBERT CES that helps students to resolve

becoming a member of the School Council. Please note that our School Council will be comprised of Parents/Guardians, School Staff and a Parish Representative. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Council please visit the school Office for a nomination form and return it to the Office by **Friday, September 27, 2024. Elections (If necessary) will take place at the beginning of our first School Council Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm.**

Even if you do not wish to hold a council position, everyone is always welcome to attend the meetings. Our first Council meeting is **Monday, October 7th at 6:30 pm** in the staff room. The purpose of Catholic School Council is, through the active participation of Parents/Guardians, to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to Parents/Guardians. A Catholic School Council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this policy and regulation to the Principal of the school and to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. Also, to help the Principal and the Teachers bring appropriate community resources to the school and to help the Principal and the Teachers ensure that Parents/Guardians recognize and exercise their right to

students, but accidents can and do happen. Some families have private accident insurance which is able to respond to costs arising from injuries. However, many families do not.

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage.

'Insuremykids Protection Plan' brochures/forms will be distributed to students the first week of school, accompanied by an acknowledgement form which will need to be signed and returned to the school.

DPCDSB requires parents/guardians written acknowledgement that they have received information regarding Student Insurance especially for those students participating in out-of-school excursions and/or extracurricular sports activities and is indicated on the respective parent permission forms (ref: **GF115 Elements of Risk**) distributed every time students participate in educational activities and excursions. ***Although enrolment in the student insurance is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage,*** if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

issues in class and outside at recess. Preventative strategies help to resolve and extinguish problems before they become more serious. Teachers and admin continue to model these problem-solving strategies on a regular basis. Parents/caregivers are encourage to also review them with their child(ren) at home.

T. H.I.N.K.

T - is it True?

H - is it Helpful?

I - is it Inspiring?

N - is it Necessary?

K - is it Kind?

The students at St. Herbert CES are also taking a stance and THINKING before they speak, write or post. Please use these strategies at home, as to support the learning at school. Together we continue to support student safety and well-being, as we model the virtues of our faith.

participate in the education of their children.

More information is also available at:

<http://www.insuremykids.com/>

Save the Date: SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 at 6:00 - 7:00 PM

MINISTRY UPDATES for the 2024-2025 School Year

As a publicly funded school board, DPCDSB must follow each of the Ontario Ministry of Education's Policy/Program Memoranda (PPM). Recently, the **Ministry of Education's Policy/Program Memoranda (PPM) No. 128 Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct** was updated.

The update and direction to school boards covers two specific areas: cell phone use during the school day and vaping. DPCDSB has updated related existing policies and our Catholic Code of Conduct to align with these Ministry directives, which are in effect as of September 2024.

CELL PHONE USAGE

- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 must now keep their phones turned off or set to silent mode and out of sight for the school day, unless otherwise allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.
- Students in Grades 7 to 12 must store their phones out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during instructional time, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.
- Students who need to use their phones or other electronic devices for health and medical reasons, e.g., glucose monitoring, medication administration reminders, etc., or to support specific special education needs, may continue to use them during the school day following consultation with school administration.
- Contravention of these Ministry of Education expectations will be addressed according to the procedures outlined within DPCDSB's Catholic Code of Conduct.
- DPCDSB is not considering the creation of a central phone depository in schools or classrooms. Instead, DPCDSB recommends students keep their devices stored in their backpack or pocket when not in use for educational purposes or for health, medical, or special education needs.
- DPCDSB is also not looking for educators to confiscate phones, rather, school administrators will deploy a progressive discipline approach with those found to be in violation of the outlined restrictions. It is hoped that student behaviours and actions will align with the new rules. Nevertheless, we will be closely monitoring the situation during the first weeks of school, so we have a better idea of the reality in classrooms before we consider additional steps.
- It is recognized that some parents need to communicate with their children during the school day, and in such instances, parents should contact the school office.
- Report cards may include comments on students' distraction levels in class.

ANTI-VAPING

- PPM 128 also includes a strict anti-vaping policy where parents and guardians are to be immediately notified if their children are found vaping on or within 20 metres of school property, and the vapes in a student's possession will be confiscated. There are immediate consequences for students caught with vapes, vaping, supplying vapes, or in possession of illegal substances as outlined within DPCDSB's Catholic Code of Conduct.
- The Ministry is also providing school boards with funding to install vape detectors as well as wraparound supports for students to support learning, address addictive behaviours, as well as dedicated training for teachers and supports for parents on how best to manage this change. Additional information will be shared as available.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- PPM 128 identifies the removal of social media sites from school board networks. DPCDSB had previously removed these sites so there was no action required on this component of PPM 128.

PROGRAM/CURRICULUM CHANGES

The Ministry of Education has put into effect the following changes for students entering Grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year.

BRING OUR OWN DEVICE (B.Y.O.D.)

Our vision of education in Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools is rooted in the gospel values of faith, hope and love. All sectors of society, including the education sector, must work to keep pace with our rapidly changing world. Our teaching and learning environments - our schools and classrooms - must continue to change and adapt to ensure that our students continue to succeed. Our students and staff are already engaged as 21st century learners, living and shaping ways of being, becoming and belonging in our world. **St. Herbert Catholic Elementary School** is a PED ready school. DPCDSB Personal Electronic Device Use form with Wi-Fi Network Student Agreement will be signed for all new registrations. It is also be available on our website for download. Please review and have yourself and your child sign it so that they may bring their device to school **to be used for educational purposes as directed by staff.**

Personal Electronic Devices on Board Premises and/or Board Sanctioned Events for Educational Purposes:

*The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board acknowledges the value of the use of technology for learning. Students are permitted to register and use personal electronic devices (PEDs) on board premises and/or board sanctioned events for educational purposes, **under the direction of staff and only with parent/guardian permission** (GF 066, **Network User Application and Agreement**). Students may register their PED for the purpose of connecting to the board wireless network. Students are required to adhere to the student "Personal Electronic Device Used with WI-FI Network Student Agreement" and the "Network User Application and Agreement." **Please be advised that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will not be responsible for any cost incurred through the use of personal data plans.***

PEDs are to be used responsibly and should not interfere with learning; their use must comply with the Catholic Code of Conduct, board policies and procedures. **Any personal communications (i.e., phone calls, text messages, etc.) will continue to be directed through the main office.** Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in a loss of PED privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by school administration.

The school principal may authorize limited acceptable uses of personal electronic devices during school-sanctioned activities for a specific designated purpose outside of instructional spaces and/or in common areas.

Students are responsible for the safety and security of PEDs at all times and the Board assumes no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen devices.

THRIVE - COMMUNITY WELLNESS SEPTEMBER



Thrive in Community - September 2024.pdf

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3.6 MB

KIDS HELP PHONE

TANGERINE COUNSELLING SERVICES

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION - CONTACT THE CHURCH

Information will be sent home with Grade 2 and Grade 7 students early in the school year. If your child does not have a baptismal certificate and you want them to receive the Sacraments, you must contact the parish office to inquire about baptizing your child.

SAVE THE DATES:

COMMUNION REGISTRATION (Grade 2): **Tuesday, September 24, 2024** at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION (Grade 7): **Friday, September 27, 2024** at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church



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PARENT MATH CORNER

Help your Children at home build their math skills. Every week we will provide you with some at Home - Real Life Math problems or scenarios for you to work with your children.

GROCERY LIST

Give your child a budget when visiting the Grocery Store this week. Choose to give a small amount to start with. If it seems too easy for them, add some extensions such as:

1. How much change would you get back? (Subtraction/Adding Up)
2. Give them a list of items to purchase but a stipulation of only spending a certain amount (Saving Money - Finance)
3. Which item is more cost effective? Does the cheaper item always have better value for the size? (Measurement)

Give it a go and HAVE FUN !!! Making Math Fun is the most important part :-)

"If you are remembered for anything ... be remembered for being KIND"

W.W.J.D.

What Would Jesus Do?



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