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ST. ANNE NEWSLETTER  
"MODELLING GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE"



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## PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future.

We pray that they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well.

May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.

Amen

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire staff at St. Anne's, we want to welcome you and your child to the 2024-2025 school year. We hope that summer has been a time of rest and relaxation for all of us and that special times were had with loved ones, family and friends. We want to extend a special welcome to new members of the St. Anne community, including Ms. Baiana, our new Vice Principal and Ms. Alaimo, our Grade 5 Extended French teacher.

We are blessed to be a part of an amazing school community who strive each and every day to provide our students with the best school experience that they can have. As partners with our families and Parish team, we will continue to nourish the roots of Catholic education in our community. This school year, we will focus on promoting our Catholic faith life through the theme of this year's Catholic Education Week, which is "Pilgrims of Hope".

I would like to thank our Custodial Staff who worked diligently throughout the summer and our Administrative Assistants, Ms. Conte-Senra and Ms. Hale for their support in accomplishing all the tasks necessary to get our school building ready to welcome students back. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to each of our educational staff who have truly extended themselves in preparing for the upcoming school year.

Finally, we want to thank you for your support, generosity and kindness. Your support of your child's learning and for our staff is greatly appreciated. The staff of St. Anne are excited to work with you to guide your child to attain their goals, develop spiritually and achieve success!

## PD DAY – SEPT. 16

A reminder of our PD Day on **Monday September 16th**. There is no school for students on this day.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are excited to announce that construction has begun on our new school! Thank you to those who send us updates via pictures!



## VERIFICATION FORMS

Verification forms will be sent home with students after re-organization. Once the forms are sent home, it is important that families verify the information, make any changes necessary on the sheet and return the forms to the school as soon as possible. If all of the information is correct, simply sign the sheet and return it to the school.

Should any information change during the year, please inform the office in writing. We need correct information in order to be able to contact you in case of emergencies.

## ANAPHYLAXIS

In order to maintain a safe environment for all our students, parents are reminded that St. Anne is an Allergen Aware School. Please ensure that you do not send **any peanut or nut products** to school in your child's lunch or snacks. This also includes peanut alternatives such as "Wowbutter", or other products containing nuts or nut oils (i.e. Nutella). If there is a particular allergy in your child's class, the classroom teacher will send that information home.

## ASTHMA – WE SHARE THE AIR

Students and staff in our school have asthmatic reactions to air pollutants and scented products such as scented/smelly markers, paint, hairspray, colognes and perfumes.

This is a severe, potentially life-threatening condition. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting a safe learning environment for all students and ask that you not send these products to school. Please have your child refrain from using them during the school day and at all school related events.

We thank you for your support and understanding in keeping our classrooms safe for all students.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

To reduce the handling of cash, any payments made to St. Anne can only be done through the School Cash Online system. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to register via the following link: <https://dpcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

You will need your child's name and date of birth. Should you require support, parents are able to call the parent help desk at 1-866-961-1803.

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

STOPR is the organization which administers transportation for the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Their website is [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) Information regarding transportation eligibility, routes, times etc. can be found here. A reminder that it is important for families to be at the bus stop at **least 10 minutes** prior to the scheduled time.

Please note: With our community housed in two different locations, transportation is not always as straight-forward as it may have been in the past. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we do our best to ensure everything is correct.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are scheduled for October 3rd, 2024 at both locations. Retakes are scheduled for November 5th at both locations. Further information will be forthcoming closer to the date.



## SAFE ARRIVALS/STUDENT ABSENCE

We begin our school day at **promptly 8:40 a.m. (8:45 a.m. for St. Angela Merici)** Students who are not present in class at 8:40 a.m. are marked late or absent. Classroom teachers are now taking attendance electronically which is why students **must be present in class at 8:40 a.m. (8:45 a.m. for St. Angela Merici)** Ensuring your child is on time to school also helps them develop important life skills.

If you know your child is going to be late or absent, please use School Messenger to let the school know. School Messenger can be used 3 ways:

Web: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

App: School Messenger

Phone: 1-844-435-3440 (toll-free)



## PICK UP OF SIBLINGS

We know that several of our students are picked up at the end of the day by older siblings who attend our local secondary schools. We are noticing that many of these siblings are bringing friends with them to our school yard. This is causing some difficulty as there are many individuals on our yard after school, and staff are unable to clear the yard in a timely manner. We are asking for parents to help us by reminding siblings that friends can wait off of school property while younger siblings are picked up. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House is scheduled for **the end of September**. We will have further information for parents next week - look for a flyer to come home with your child! Students are invited to come by with their parents to introduce them to their teachers and visit our School locations.

More details will follow soon - we look forward to seeing you!



## MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that the school is aware. A Plan of Care will be developed for your child. This Plan will be shared with teachers and staff members who interact with your child on a regular basis.



## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

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 via student courier.

Although enrollment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrollment is required in writing. Information brochures were sent to parents through email.

Please note that Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board requires that parents, guardians and adult students provide written acknowledgment that they have received information regarding Student Accident insurance.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Each and every school within Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is required to have a fire emergency and evacuation plan. We are required to have three practice Fire Drills during each term. Classroom teachers will review all emergency procedures with their students. We are also required to review "Hold and Secure" and practice "Lockdown" and "Shelter in Place" procedures. We will continue to practice these drills throughout the school year. Teachers will be assuring students that all of these emergency drills are strictly practice. Please know that we always have the safety of our students as our first concern.

## TERRY FOX MARATHON OF HOPE

St. Anne has a proud history of supporting the Terry Fox Run. Our school community will be taking part in this year's Terry Fox School Run on Friday September 27th. Students will run/walk a route around our community on this day. We are asking our families to show their support this year by donating online. Receipts are emailed immediately and there is no minimum donation! Please don't delay, donate today!

Use the following [link](#) to donate online! Let's keep Terry's dream alive!



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The Virtue of the Month is Faith. As we begin the school year, we focus our attention on our faith and how it helps us in our lives. Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us. A faithful person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God. Faithful people pray regularly and reverently, honours others and assumes there is good in everyone.



## DONATIONS – GAMES, BOOKS, PUZZLES!

Have you been decluttering over the summer? If so, we would love to put your old board games, cards, books or puzzles to good use here at St. Anne! When it is indoor recess, these activities give students a quiet activity to do with friends.

Thank you in advance for your support and donations!



## LUNCH OPTIONS

This year, beginning in October, parents/guardians will have the option to purchase pizza lunches for their child(ren) on Thursdays.

We are also looking to expand our lunch offerings - stay tuned for more details!

Proceeds from lunch sales go towards items for students such as new gym equipment, field trip subsidies, presentations and more!

A reminder that food delivery services such as Uber Eats and Door Dash are not permitted. Drivers will be turned away at the door. We appreciate your kindness and understanding.

## VIRTUE OF FAITH THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE

God made us to live together as a family community. Faith is an attitude which encourages us to involve God in our lives and helps us to maintain and develop our relationships with God and with others both when things are going well and when they are not. As people of Faith, we are called to cultivate and develop relationships with others. We are encouraged to listen and learn about the experiences of those whose stories and voices have been historically erased or silenced. As September approaches we invite you to think about ways you can continue to build relationships with God and with others both when things are going well and when they are not. Think about the many ways you can learning about the stories of members within our community.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

We believe that education extends far beyond the walls of the classroom, and that's why we wanted to share with you the importance of participation during offered school trips. School trips are not just a fun day out; when they are offered, they are an important component of your child's learning experience. School trips offer real world learning, cultural awareness, experiential learning, social development, opportunities to build memories and connect with nature as many of our school trips involve the outdoors.

At St. Anne we are committed to providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond academics, and school trips play a vital role in achieving this goal. We believe that the experiences gained through these outings are invaluable in shaping well-rounded, informed, and engaged individuals. Thank you for your continued support in making these enriching experiences possible for your child.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The aim of the Catholic School Council is to support school activities and students through involvement and fundraising. We always welcome new parents/guardians to join us! If you are interested, please complete the nomination form attached and return to the school no later than Friday September 20th at 12:00p.m.

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK/ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Truth and Reconciliation Week is an opportunity to reflect on, and learn about, the impacts of residential schools and the historical and ongoing injustices towards Indigenous Peoples. It is also an opportunity to teach and learn about the beauty, joy, and incredible contributions of Indigenous Peoples.

On September 30th, we celebrate Orange Shirt Day. Canadians wear an orange shirt to demonstrate commitment to reconciliation and opening and continuing the dialogue about residential schooling. We honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about those schools.



## LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

Staff must be aware of where your child will have lunch: at school or at home. Any changes to the agreement throughout the year must be submitted in writing to the teacher and office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Students who leave for lunch must do so at 11:41 a.m. (11:46 a.m. at St. Angela Merici) and return at 12:41 p.m. (12:46 p.m. at St. Angela Merici). Once children have arrived back at school, they must return directly to the classroom.

Students who leave the building to go out for lunch **must** have a written note signed by a parent/guardian. Phone calls are not sufficient. Students are not to bring back food for others, or back to the classroom. Food delivery services are not permitted. Please also note: students housed at St. Angela Merici who receive permission to leave for lunch are crossing Bovaird Drive in order to get to the plaza. This is a very busy crossing that is potentially dangerous. We strongly recommend students do not leave the building for lunch.

If your child will be eating lunch at school, please ensure your child comes to school with a peanut/nut-free lunch, water in a reusable bottle and snacks each day. If there are any other allergens of note in your child's class, the classroom teacher will let you know.

## CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

DPCDSB has developed a Concussion Policy and Guidelines for students. Prior to participation in any athletic extra-curricular activity, students and parents must review and sign the concussion protocol forms.



## CELL PHONES AND BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (PEDS)

Our vision of education in Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools is rooted in the gospel values of faith, hope and love. As part of our efforts to create and promote a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the Board recently approved a new policy regarding PEDS on school property. We encourage you to read this message as it may impact your child.

The Board acknowledges that the dignity of the human person, as promoted by the Catholic Church, may be compromised by the potential for invasion of personal privacy made possible by inappropriate use of cell phones on school premises. The board also recognizes that unregulated use of cell phones or PEDs may pose a risk to the individual safety of students, staff and visitors in our schools. Further the board realizes that the promotion of academic excellence and the preservation of academic integrity may be compromised by the unregulated use of PEDs and cell phones during the instructional day and at assessment times.

All students and parents sign a Personal Electronic Device Use form with Wi-Fi Network Student Agreement. Signing this agreement means the student and parent acknowledges and agrees to all policies and guidelines outlined by the School and Dufferin Peel.

In this regard, effective immediately, all cell phones or PEDs should be turned off or put on silent mode, be out of sight - either in a backpack or the designated storage area provided by the classroom teacher, and **not used within school premises or during school sanctioned activities such as field trips, sports events, etc. The recording of classmates, teachers, lessons or any other individual without their explicit consent is strictly prohibited. Accessing social media platforms or engaging in non-academic online activities while on school devices is not allowed.**

**Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in a loss of P.E.D. privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by school administration.** Parents are strongly encouraged to review and understand what their children are doing while online, the types of apps they are using and to monitor their child's social media activity. Many apps that children are using (TikTok, Snapchat, Discord etc.) have an age of majority requirement and have content not suitable for children.


**To prevent the loss or damage of cell phones/PEDs, we encourage students to leave these devices at home or in their backpacks/designated area in the classroom. The Board assumes no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen devices.**

## STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO IDENTIFY AS FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND/OR INUIT

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is providing an opportunity for students to self-identify their First Nation, Métis and/or Inuit ancestry in a voluntary and confidential manner. This program will allow the Board to provide expanded supports, events and opportunities to First Nation, Inuit and Métis students. Indigenous students and families will have access to culture and language programs, funding opportunities through potential scholarships and bursaries, and monthly programming for students and families. Relevant information will be sent directly to students and families about upcoming cultural events and opportunities which help to build community and a sense of Indigenous pride in DPCDSB.

Watch what Indigenous students and family members have to say about their experience:  
<https://youtu.be/7-fagv-27rQ>

For more information and how to self-identify please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/students/indigenous-self-identification>





## ST. ANNE SCHOOL HOURS 2024 – 2025

Time	St. Anne @ St. Ursula	Time	St. Anne @ St. Angela Merici
8:25 a.m.	Supervision Begins in Classrooms	8:30 a.m.	Supervision Begins in Classrooms
8:40 a.m.	Classes Start	8:45 a.m.	Classes Start
10:03 a.m.	Morning Recess	10:08 a.m.	Morning Recess
11:41 a.m.	Lunch	11:46 a.m.	Lunch
12:41 p.m.	Afternoon Classes Start	12:45 p.m.	Afternoon Classes Start
2:04 p.m.	Afternoon Recess	2:12 p.m.	Afternoon Recess
3:10 p.m.	Dismissal	3:15 p.m.	Dismissal