

Virtue of the Month: *Faith*

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### School Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Parents/Guardians are reminded of the importance of consistent and regular punctuality and attendance for their children. **Please ensure you create a routine that allows for students to present and on-time at school each and every day!** Please refer to the enclosed information to tips and strategies to support these important habits.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER:** Did you know that our School Messenger tool is a convenient, safe and secure tool that parents/guardians have access to for reporting student absences and receiving school communications? If you would like more information about this web-based program and app, please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting>.

School # 905-792-2251

Principal: Mr. Birkenbergs

Secretary: Mrs. Gill

Superintendent:

Mr. Diogo

Trustee: Mr. Xaviour

School Parish:

St. John Fisher

Pastor: Fr. Liborio

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>: X

Movement

- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: Community BBQ & Open House @ 5:00pm

- Sept. 27: Terry Fox Event (AM) / Opening Liturgy @ 1:30pm

### Information for Students & Families Who Identify as First Nations, Metis 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. Please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/students/indigenous-self-identification> for more information.

### #VANIERVIKINGS ATHLETICS & CLUBS

As the school year starts, so to have our co-curricular opportunities for students. Currently our softball team is working hard to prepare for the upcoming tourney (date TBC). Our Junior Volleyball teams are in the process of being finalized and tryouts for Cross Country will occur shortly. We will also have our first meetings for two important student voice committees, Student Council & Youth Faith Ambassadors, shortly. Throughout the year many additional opportunities will be available for our students and we encourage them to get involved.

### Arrival/Dismissal & Lunch Reminders

Please be reminded that school yard supervision does not start until **8:45 a.m.** Please do not drop off your child(ren) in the schoolyard yard before this time. **Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m.** Students will be dismissed through the doors to the school yard. **Please arrange for prompt pick-up of your child(ren) at the end of the day.** Parents/Guardians are reminded to not crowd doors to ensure safe dismissal procedures. Please refer to the recent communique regarding arrival and dismissal for more information.

Please be reminded that we do not have a lunch table this year. Students should come to school with a lunch packed for the day. Where this is not possible, parents/guardians will be required to drop lunch during the school lunch hour only and wait until their child is called from class. Please note that third-party food delivery services (i.e., Uber East, Door Dash, etc.) are not permitted for security reasons. **Our Pizza Day program begins on September 25<sup>th</sup>!**

### TERRY FOX WALK RETURNS TO GEORGES VANIER!

We are once again excited to participate in our annual Terry Fox walk. We will be hosting our event on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Students are encouraged to wear red and white on this day. Further information has been sent home with students. **We encourage all students to donate \$2.00 each. Donations are being accepted online only. Please donate at:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/68445>



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE – BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

Our school will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John Fisher Parish. **Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted from Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please give generously.** All items will go to support those less fortunate in our community.

### BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 30- OCTOBER 4 PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

**Monday:** Orange Shirt Day – a day for reflection and reconciliation.

**Tuesday:** This is Me Tuesday! Wear something uniquely you.

**Wednesday:** Vanier Gear/Colours Day – show some #VanierVikings love by wearing your Vanier gear and/or colours!

**Thursday:** Creative Hair/Hat Day – show off your unique personality and have a little fun.

**Friday:** It's Sports Day! Wear your favourite team colours or gear.