

Virtue of the Month: *Empathy*

OCSGE of the Month: *I Care & I Have a Voice*

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

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Mr. Diogo

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School Parish:

St. John Fisher

Pastor: Fr. Liborio

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 9th: BRAVE Workshops / Junior Volleyball Tournaments
- Oct. 11th: P.A. Day
- Oct. 14th: Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 16th: Cross Country Meet / Pastoral Visits
- Oct. 22nd: Exploring Indigenous Cultures Day

Vikings Athletics

Cross Country (Grades 4-8) & Junior Volleyball (Grades 4-6) are well underway. Tournaments for Junior Volleyball will occur the week on October 9th. Information and permission forms have been sent to all student athletes. The Cross Country meet will occur on October 16. Information and permission forms have been sent to all student athletes. Up next on the Athletics calendar will be Intermediate Volleyball (Grade 7 & 8). Students are reminded to pay close attention to daily announcements for more information.

BRAVE Education

On October 9th, our school is pleased to host educators from BRAVE! Standing for Bullying Resistance and Anti-Violence Education, BRAVE works with our students and staff to promote a safe, healthy and inclusive school, which values and respects the gifts of all students in our school community.

Specifically, our students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will participate in the Setting Healthy Boundaries program, while Grades 4-8 students will participate in The Bystander workshop. Please refer to the program information sheets provided previously with this update for more information.

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 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 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 Eats, Door Dash, etc.) are not permitted for security reasons.

Catholic School Council

Chocolate Fundraiser with World's Finest Chocolates

Georges Vanier School will be having a Chocolate Fundraiser campaign with World's Finest Chocolates. Our campaign will run from October 22nd to November 6th, 2024. Information will be provided to families very shortly outlining the process for selling chocolates.

We encourage you to participate and sell as much as you can! With your help, our fundraiser will be a great success and will support many of the wonderful programs and initiatives at our school through its proceeds!!!

Thanksgiving Food Drive – ends October 9th

Thank you to the many families who have generously donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We are continuing to collect donations of non-perishable items until **Wednesday, October 9th**. Items collected will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John Fisher Parish to support families in our community.

