

Virtue of the Month: *Conscience* OCSGE of the Month: *I Have Ideas & I Have Responsibilities*

### 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!**

**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 Amaral

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>: CCCCAT Meeting

@ 3:45pm (Library)

- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance

Day Liturgy @ 10:45am

- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: Progress Reports distributed

- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Parents/Guardians are asked to please check their e-mails on a regular basis. This will be the primary form of communication from both the school and our board and provides families with the most up-to-date information. Please note that if you are having difficulty receiving school e-mail communication, it is advisable to check your junk/spam folders. Should your e-mail address change, please contact the school to provide the new e-mail address. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to follow our school on X [Twitter] @GVanierDPCDSB.

### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As we move through the Fall season, cooler weather will prevail. Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school daily prepared for outdoor activities. Students will be outside a minimum of 70 minutes per day at recesses and may also engage in additional outdoor learning in their classes. We request that parents/guardians ensure that students have additional layers to ensure comfort during outdoor times. This includes jackets, hats, mitts/gloves and appropriate outdoor footwear. In addition all students must have a suitable pair of indoor shoes available on a daily basis.

### 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 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.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY @ GVANI

On Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> our school will gather in prayer and remembrance at 10:45am to give thanks to those who have served and those who continue to serve in the armed forces. All families are encouraged to donate to the Royal Canadian Legion via School Cash Online in advance of our liturgy. All students who donate will receive a poppy on November 11<sup>th</sup>.



### We Share the Air

**Parents/Guardians are asked to remind their children that all scented products (e.g., lotions, perfumes, body sprays, etc.) are not permitted for use at school.** We have many individuals in our community (staff and students) who are scent-sensitive and exposure to these products can cause allergic reactions or breathing challenges. Your assistance in keeping our school safe and healthy is much appreciated.

### STAYING SAFE ONLINE

We continue to hear about concerning incidents involving youth and online activity, particularly via social media. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to ensure they directly monitor their child's online activities and engage in frequent and regular dialogue about their experiences. Further, students should never have unsupervised access to social media platforms. For more information, please visit: <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/>