

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. 19th: PPH Immunization Clinic (Gr. 7 & 8)
- Nov. 22nd: P.A. Day (no school)
- Nov. 25th: Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6:00pm (Conference Room)
- Nov. 27th: Intermediate Volleyball Tournaments
- Nov. 28th: Virtues Assembly: Hope @ 2:40pm (Gym)

BULLYING PREVENTION & AWARENESS WEEK

Annually in schools across Ontario, the third week of November is designated as Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week. From November 18th to 22nd, various activities and classroom lessons will continue our efforts to end bullying in our school and larger community. Throughout the week students (and parents/guardians!) are encouraged to participate in our BPAW Spirit Week events. Our Student Council will make announcements each morning to raise awareness and spread positivity to our student body. We continue to work together to make our school a safe, caring and welcoming place to learn and grow!

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 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.

Angel Giving Tree – Hope for All

Advent is the season of Hope. This year we are asking families to consider participating in our Angel Giving Tree initiative. Families will be asked to purchase a gift card (value of your choice) to a local store. These gift cards will be donated to the school and can be wrapped in a new hat, pair of socks or mittens which will hang on our Angel Tree in the front foyer. All donations will go to support families within our school community. More information will be provided to families soon.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, December 4th from 6 -8pm, our school will open its doors to our community to celebrate the season! Crafts, songs, stories, photos with Santa and more will be part of the fun. We invite all families to join us for this special event! Please RSVP to the school using the provided form sent home with students.

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.

ADVENT LITURGY @ ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

On Tuesday, December 3rd our school will gather in prayer and worship at 10:30am at St. John Fisher Parish Church to prepare our hearts during the Advent Season for the birth of Christ. Father Liborio will preside over our mass. We welcome our parent/guardian community to join us in worship. Please kindly ensure permission forms are signed returned to the school promptly when they are received.