

Virtue of the Month: *Self-Control* OCSGE of the Month: *I Am a Team Player & I Have Responsibilities*

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

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>

P.A. Day – January 20th

Please note there will be a P.A. Day on Monday, January 20th. There are no classes scheduled for students and school offices will be closed.

School will resume on Tuesday, January 21st.

Unsure About When to Keep Your Son/Daughter Home Due to Illness?

At this time of year, we often deal with the increased presence of viruses within our school community and beyond. Parents/Guardians are reminded that if you are uncertain about whether or not your child is well enough to attend school, you may use the provincial self-assessment tool available at: <https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>. It is important to remember that if your son/daughter does come to school they will be expected to participate in all daily activities, including recesses. Thank you for your attention to this information as we work collaboratively to keep everyone in our school community healthy and safe!

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Now that that winter weather is here, 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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 IS UNDERWAY!

We are currently accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to register early to ensure that we are aware of the number of students who will be attending our school next year. The registration process can be completed entirely online. Please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/schools/register-for-school/kindergarten-registration> for more information. Families who would prefer to register in-person at the school are asked to please call us at 905-792-2251 to make an appointment to register. Families needing before and after school care are asked to contact PLASP via: <https://www.plasp.com/>.

A New Year's Prayer

God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery.
We face the future, not knowing what the days or months will bring to us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey.
May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through Your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life.
Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of Your walking through the day with us.
God of this New Year, we praise you.
AMEN.

A Look Ahead – January 2025

Please note the dates of various events happening in January 2025 below.

January 15th – Pastoral Visit

January 16th – Virtues Assembly: Self-Control @ 2:45pm

January 20th to January 24th – Mental Health & Well-being Spirit Week

January 20th – P.A. Day (no school for students)

January 22nd & 23rd – Rings & Rocks Curling Program

January 27th – Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6:00pm

January 16th – Virtues Assembly: Respect @ 2:45pm

