

Virtue of the Month: *Acceptance* OCSGE of the Month: *I Am a Learner for Life & I Have Ideas*

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

P.A. Day & Victoria Day

Please note that Friday, May 16th is a P.A. Day & Monday, May 19th is Victoria Day. There are no classes scheduled for students. Classes resume on May 20th @ 9:00am!

Personal Electronic Devices Reminders

We are seeking the assistance and support of our parents/guardians regarding student use of personal electronic devices, specifically cell phones. **We want to remind our students and parents/guardians that cell phones are NOT permitted to be used anywhere on school grounds.** Students, unfortunately, are not always adhering to this policy, and it is causing disruption in our learning environments. **Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this information with their child(ren) to support our classrooms.**

Georges Vanier School Community Engagement Evening: Spring Market & Movie Night!

Our school will be hosting a **Community Engagement Evening** on **Friday, June 6th, 2025 beginning at 5:00pm.** The evening will include our first-ever Spring Market featuring local vendors and artisans. Then stay for our second annual outdoor movie night in our backyard! This year our feature film will be *Despicable Me 4*!!! We look forward to a wonderful night! Stay tuned for more information!!!

Catholic Education Week (May 4 -9, 2025): Pilgrims of Hope

Annually Catholic School Boards across Ontario celebrate the tremendous gift of Catholic Education. This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope. We invite all our families to reflect upon and celebrate the privilege of learning in an environment where our faith is central to everything we do. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/project/cet-2024-25-pilgrims-of-hope/>. Here at our school, we are looking forward to several events, including our Rosary Apostolate Marian Celebrations, our Caregivers Event and Catholic Education Week liturgy. We are hopeful you can join us during these events and celebrations.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE DURING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

As a school the safety of our students, staff and entire school community is of utmost importance. We want to take a moment to remind parents/guardians of some important items to ensure we keep safe during arrival and departure at school.

- **Children are to be dropped off/picked up, using the Kiss 'n' Ride lane between the hours of 8:45 and 9:00am and 3:30pm.**
- **Cars MUST use the Kiss 'n' Ride lane at the front of side of the school for pick-up/drop-off as directed by staff on duty.**
- As cars enter the school driveway, they are to do so in a **single line, obeying all directional signage, approaching in a cautious and slow manner**, proceeding to the front of the Kiss 'n' Ride lane.
- Cars are to exit the driveway in a **slow and cautious manner** obeying all signage and/or staff direction.
- All pedestrian traffic is to cross safely when entering/exiting school property.

A Look Ahead – May 2025

Please note the dates of various upcoming events below.

May 4th to 9th – Catholic Education Week: Pilgrims of Hope

May 6th – Catholic Education Week Liturgy @ 1:30pm

May 7th – Rosary Apostolate: Marian Celebrations (KG -Gr. 3 @ 10:00am; Gr. 4-8 @ 11:00am) / Journey into Learning Evening @ 4:30pm

May 8th – King of Kings Excursion (Gr. 1-6)

May 13th – PPH Immunization Clinic (Gr. 7 & 8)

May 15th – Track & Field Day (Gr. 4-8)

