

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!!!

Staying Safe in the Heat

As we approach the summer, we wanted to provide students and families with important reminders for staying safe in the heat. Please consider the following in preparing for school each day:

- Dress in light-coloured clothing
- Wear a hat and sunglasses
- Apply sunscreen before coming to school
- Bring a reusable water bottle and drink water frequently throughout the day

Please note that our school follows Board policy on extreme heat days and will appropriately modify and/or restrict outdoor activities for students as the temperature/humidex exceeds 30°C. For more information on sun safety, please visit: <https://www.sja.ca/en/resources/sun-safety>. Should you have any questions about the school's hot weather response plan, please contact the Main Office.

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/June 2025

Please note the dates of various upcoming events below.

May 19th – Victoria Day

May 20th to May 23rd – Grade 6 EQAO

May 26th to May 30th – Grade 3 EQAO

May 27th – CCCCAT Meeting @ 3:45pm

May 29th – Virtues Assembly: Fairness @ 2:45pm

June 2nd – Catholic School Council @ 6:00pm

June 9th – P.A. Day: Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting

