

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

REMINDER:

Please note that Monday, June 9th, 2025 is a P.A. Day for all elementary students.

There are no classes scheduled and school offices will be closed. Classes will resume on June 10th.

Are You Moving?

While we sincerely hope that all our families and students will be remaining with our #VanierVikings community, but we do understand that some families may be departing our school community. If this is the case, we kindly request that you inform the Main Office of this change as soon as possible so we can plan appropriately for September. It is also helpful if you can provide the name of the school and school board your children will be attending. Thank you in advance for assisting us in this fashion.

Emergency Procedures Drills

As you are likely aware, each term our school conducts Emergency Procedures Drills to ensure our students are aware and trained in safety procedures in the event of an emergency. Through late May and into the month of June, we will be conducting our Term 2 emergency procedure drills. This will include a Hold & Secure/Lockdown Drill as well as three Fire Drills. Classroom teachers will ensure that students are appropriately prepared for these drills. Should you require any additional information regarding these drills, please contact the school.

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, 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.

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.

A Look Ahead – June 2025

Please note the dates of various upcoming events below.

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

June 4th – Intermediate Soccer Tournaments

June 5th – Junior Soccer Tournaments

June 6th – Spring Market & Family Movie Night @ 5:00pm

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

June 10th – Family of Schools Track & Field Meet

June 16th to 20th – Bike to School Week

June 17th – Volunteer Social (invitations to follow)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS!

As we approach the end of the school year, we will begin the process of collecting learning materials such as textbooks, library books and devices. Please assist your son/daughter in locating these items and returning them to school when requested by your child's teacher. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.