

# ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2024



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## October Prayer

May we be thankful for all we have, for the ability to love and laugh  
and for the ability to cry to cleanse our souls, to clear out our eyes.

For every bite we have to eat, for life itself, for each heartbeat.

For our shelter, for warmth and heat.

For what we know, for the great unknown.

For what we've learned, for the way we've grown, for what we've  
seen, for what we've show.

For God's promise, for His perfect love, for His kingdom, for the sky above.

For all our friends, for our family, for what we share so willingly.

For hope, for prayer, for integrity, for compassion, for humanity and for the humility to see what has  
been before, and what could be.

**Amen**



## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that Creation gives to provide us with life. This land upon which we live, work and sustain ourselves is the ancestral and treaty lands of the Michizaaglig Anishinaabek also known today as the Mississaugas of the Credit, the rightful caretakers and titleholders of this land. We also recognize that this land is rich in pre-contact history and relationships, which includes the Anishinaabek and Onkwehonwe and since European contact has and continues to become home for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

As a responsible community we believe all people are sacred and possess inherent and immeasurable worth and dignity. Colonialism displaced and dispossessed Indigenous Peoples of their ancestral lands and continues to deny their basic human rights, dignities and freedoms. We are committed to the sacrament of reconciliation, making reparations and fulfilling our treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Gdoo-naaganinaa (Dish with One Spoon) wampum. This treaty governs and affirms that we actively maintain mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respect and care for the land, water, animals and each other in order to guarantee a good life for our future descendants.

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# Virtue of the Month: EMPATHY

## PEOPLE OF EMPATHY...

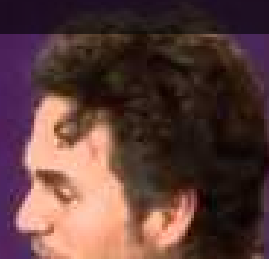
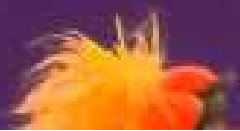
- CAN UNDERSTAND AND NAME THEIR FEELINGS
- CARE ABOUT OTHERS' FEELINGS
- LISTEN CAREFULLY TO OTHERS
- LISTEN FOR CLUES IN TONE OF VOICE
- WATCH EXPRESSIONS AND BODY GESTURES FOR MESSAGES
- NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE IS UPSET
- CAN SEE AND RESPECT HOW OTHERS LOOK AT THINGS
- KNOW THAT OTHERS MAY FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THINGS THAN THEY DO
- RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO HELP OTHERS



## An empathetic person ...

- Listens attentively
- Watches people's body language
- Notices and respond when someone is upset
- Can name their feelings
- Can see a situation from another person's point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing

Sesame Street: Mark Ruffalo: Empathy





## Terry Fox Run

We held our annual Terry Fox event this year on Friday, September 20. We have raised over \$915. Thank-you for supporting this event and special thank-you to Mrs. Russo, Mme. Molinaro and Mrs. Di Tosto for organizing the event.



## SCHOOL BELL TIMES & SUPERVISION



**ARRIVAL:** For your child's safety, please do not send your child to school earlier than 8:45am. Supervision of students begins at 8:45am, students arriving earlier will be unsupervised. As soon as your child arrives to school they should go their designated areas.

School Begins: 9:00am  
Recess: 10:23am - 10:38 am  
Lunch: 12:01 pm - 1:01 pm  
Recess: 2:24 pm - 2:39 pm  
Dismissal: 3:30 pm

**Dismissal:** If you are planning to pick up your child, please ensure **that you will be on time**. There is no supervision after 3:30pm. Please ensure you have a plan for dismissal. If the school feels that this is pattern of being late for pick up, the school will contact the family about possible solutions. **Thank you for your support and patience as we endeavor to make the school the safest place possible for your children.**

## ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind you that St. Joachim is an **allergen aware school**. There are pupils and staff in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as dairy, peanut and nut products. Exposure to even the smallest quantities can cause severe life threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction.

At St. Joachim we would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any lunches or snacks that contain nut or nut byproducts including peanut butter alternatives (i.e. WowButter), or other products containing nuts or nut oils (i.e., Nutella). If a student who has such an allergy comes into contact with anything containing peanuts, nuts, nut oils or derivatives, it could be life threatening. Your child's teacher will inform you of any class specific allergy concerns which could potentially harm a pupil. Please make sure that all of your





children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. **Please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff. We look forward to your co-operation in making this a safe year for all of our pupils.

## Office staff Procedures

The school continues to grow. With this in mind, please book an appointment to see a member of our office staff, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. If you have a question, please use this email: [St.Joachimelementaryinfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:St.Joachimelementaryinfo@dpcdsb.org). **Do not email** school staff directly as our email has many filters and it may not be seen in a timely fashion. If possible please call the office if you have any questions, as they can direct you on who to speak to or can help you with a question.

We ask if that you have changed your pick-up routine, please let your child know beforehand and let the school or the teacher know. Please do not call near the end of the day, as office staff might not be able to answer the phone or check messages in a timely fashion. If you need to pick-up your child please come before 2:15pm.

If you are dropping off a lunch at the office we ask that you label all lunches. Mrs. Ferro will provide labels if needed.

## Kiss and Ride(Parking Lot)

### KISS & RIDE PROCEDURES

1. It is important when you are dropping off your child in the morning that you enter the Kiss and Ride lane and **proceed to end of the lane at the STOP sign before allowing your child to get out of the car.**
2. Students must exit from the right hand side of the car (closest to the school) and parents should remain in the car. Parents may then enter the "drive thru" lane to exit the parking lot.
3. At the end of the day or at lunch, if you are pulling into the Kiss and Ride lane, please **do NOT leave your car.** Many parents have received tickets from the Municipality for this.
4. If you need to come into the school, you must park on one of the local side streets, or in the spots at the **front** of the school, **do NOT park in the side lot as moving traffic is dangerous to children at this location.**
5. These rules are enforced and you could be fined if not abiding by Brampton's By-Laws.
6. If walking your child to school in the morning or picking them up at the end of the day, parents are asked to remain either **behind the black fence by the parking lot, on the path closest to the school, or on the perimeter of the school pavement.** This is for **your child's safety**, as teachers on duty cannot distinguish parents from "strangers" in the yard with such a large school.
7. **Parents are responsible for arranging to pick up their child on time at the end of the day. Students from Grades 2 to 8 are released at their exit door.**
8. Kindergarten and Gr. 1 students ONLY are released hand to hand. Those parents must park and make contact with the teacher for their child to be released.
9. **Only bus students exit at the end of the day through the front doors.**
10. Students walking with siblings are asked to have a **meeting spot** at the **back** of the school. Please meet your child at the back or wait in the Kiss and Ride.





## Pizza & Sub Days

**Pizza day is back it is every Tuesday, starting October 1.** We will only accept cash-online payments.

**Subway orders have begun and the first day is Wednesday, Oct. 2.**

Subs are now every week. We only accept cash online payments.

Here is the list of dates so far for pizza and sub orders:

## World Teachers Day

Saturday, October 5th, 2024 is United Nations World Teachers' Day and we would like to take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our teachers for their commitment and dedication to Catholic Education here at St. Joachim School.



*Teachers have a great influence on us. They help prepare us for life.*

*They teach us skills we need to participate and compete. They help us identify our strengths and weaknesses. They work to make us stronger students and hopefully, better people.*

**We thank our wonderful staff for the work they do on a daily basis.** They are the reason we have such an exciting, vibrant school and the dedication and effort they put forth to help our students to excel.



## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Each and every school within Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is required to have a fire emergency and evacuation plan. We are required under Board Policy to have three practice "Fire Drills" during the first term. The classroom teachers will review these procedures with their students. We are also required to review "Hold and Secure" and practice "Lockdown" and "Shelter in Place" procedures. We will continue practicing these drills throughout the school year. Teacher will be assuring children that this is strictly a practice. Please be assured that we always have the safety of our children as our first concern.



## WATER BOTTLES

Students will be encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle to school each day. Water refill stations can be used to refill water bottles.

## Vaccinations

Vaccine clinics for routine immunizations (Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Hepatitis B (Hep B), or Meningococcal ACYW-135) are coming to our school! To help protect your child from severe diseases and get them back on track, Peel Public Health will be offering these immunizations to Grade 7 and 8 students at their school. Please complete a consent form to ensure your child is vaccinated during the clinic dates at their school. Visit [Peel Region's website](#) and follow the instructions to print and fill out the consent form. Please return the completed form to the school before or on the morning of the clinic date. Students who have existing consent from earlier this school year or from previous years, or if their parents completed an online or verbal consent, do not need to complete a new consent unless your consent choice has changed. If you have any questions or want to learn more, please visit <http://www.peelregion.ca/immunize> or call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700. Please note this is not a school activity any questions/concerns please contact Peel Public Health.



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### VISITORS

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, all schools are asked to monitor and restrict the number of visitors to our school. Anyone entering the school building must use the front entrance. When visitors arrive, they are asked to ring the buzzer to communicate with office staff. **All students must be signed out at the office if being picked up prior to the 3:30 dismissal.**



### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer the School Cash Online Payment System. School Cash Online allows parents and community members to pay school-related fees online safely, quickly, and easily. Parents can purchase items like spirit wear, lunches, and field trips - anytime, anywhere.

Parent registration is as simple 3-step process which will give you email notification of fees or items for payment. In addition, a receipt for payment will be issued to you directly.



### SAFE ARRIVAL

In the interest of your child's safety, it is very important to inform us if your child will be late or absent from school. To record your child's absence, two options are available to families

1. Call the school at (905.453.4472). Press 1 for the attendance line. Message can be left on the school's voicemail at any time. Please leave the following information:

- Your child's name
- Your child's teacher
- Date and time of absence

Please follow the link below to register online.

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at 1 (866) 961-1803.

- Reason and duration of absence

2. Use School Messenger to report absences

- <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- Phone 1-844-435-3440 (Toll Free)
- Download SchoolMessenger App



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## **MEDICAL**

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that the school is aware of it by submitting the proper forms and medication as soon as possible. A Plan of Care will be created for your child. This Plan will be shared with teachers and staff members that interact with your child on a regular basis.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medications and forms are updated for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication, please have the necessary forms completed



## **CONCUSSION PROTOCOL**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has developed a Concussion Policy and Guidelines for students who have been diagnosed with a concussion by either a medical doctor or nurse practitioner. School staff cannot diagnose a concussion. Anytime a student reports to the office with a head injury, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the incident will be entered into the school's "Documentation of Head Injuries" log. This is precautionary only, and we ask that you check your child when he/she gets home for any signs of a concussion or



## **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrollment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage especially if your child participates in sports, excursions/field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.



and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Please call the school for the proper forms to be sent. Please remember to check the expiry dates of all medication before bringing them to school.

illness. A brochure containing information about Concussions is provided upon pick up of the student or when they go home for the day. This is a precautionary measure and for information purposes.

Enrollment in writing is required.

There are two options for enrollment:

1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in.

or

2) Apply online to Reliable Life at <https://insuremykids.com/>

## NEWS FROM ST. ANNE'S PARISH

When you choose to send your child to a Dufferin-Peel school, we assure you a holistic Catholic education. We do this through...

- Teaching Religious & Family Life education in each grade,
- living our faith daily through prayer, celebration and liturgy,
- building community and "retreat",
- active involvement in charity and initiatives of social justice from a Catholic context,
- ensuring everything we do is embedded with Catholic values and content.



Our school is part of the St. Anne's Parish. We consider our Pastoral Team, Rev. Suresh Xavier, Pastor and Rev. Jobin Thomas, Associate Pastor to be an integral member of our school community.

Please visit the church's website for more information <https://stannesbr.archtoronto.org/> or email the church at [stannesbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stannesbr@archtoronto.org)

tel:9054531303

**Mass Times:** Monday to Saturday 9:15 am/Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 10:am & 12:00pm



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## School Council Elections

We will be having an election on **Wednesday, October 9th**. According to the bylaws for our Catholic School Council, the St Joachim Catholic School Council can only have 15 voting members. We have 22 nominations. The times of the election is as follows: **1:30pm to 3:30pm** and **4pm to 6pm**. Any parent from the school community can vote (**you will be selecting 15 people** from the list of 22). The voting will take place in the school's main office, results of the election will be made public on October 10th. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Please note you can still attend our meeting if you are not selected as a voting member

## School Council Meeting

Our First council meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6:30pm in the library. If you like to join online, the link is provided:

<https://zoom.us/j/91437904910?pwd=9v2bwZ1waApHyuiktaRgcQc8VvVnfH.1>

## Upcoming school Dates

October 1-School mass at 11am  
October 1- Jr. Softball Tournament  
October 3- Int. Softball Tournament  
October 9- Parent Council Elections  
October 10- Parent Council Meeting@6:30PM  
October 10- Jr. Volleyball Minis



October 11-PA Day-No School  
October 14- Happy Thanksgiving  
October 15-Jr. Volleyball Family Finals  
October 17-Cross Country Tournament  
October 18-Flag Football  
October 21- Vaccinations for grade 7  
October 24- Picture Re-Take  
October 31- Halloween

## Tuck Shop

If you would like to order a snack/treat for your child. You can now do so on cash online. The first dates are as follows: Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov.1, 8, 15.



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## Highlights of the month



**Truth and Reconciliation Presentation**



**Student council speeches**



**Orange Shirt Day**



**School Mass**



**Book Fair/Open House**



# Thrive in Community

## October 2024

Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being



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