

# ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

November 2024



**Principal: Mr. J. Lise**

**Vice-Principal: Mr. S. Salameh**

**Administrative Assistant : Mrs. M.J. Ferro**

**Attendance Secretary: Mr. J. Ekaete**

**Superintendent: A. Scigliano**

**Pastor: Rev. Suresh Xavier**

**Trustee: A. Thomas**

**School Council Co-Chairs: A.Baez/A.Valente**

## November Prayer

# *Remembrance Day*

*Lest We Forget*

*Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same place calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*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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School Board

## Virtue of the Month: CONSCIENCE

### PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE...

- FEEL RIGHT AND WRONG AND PAY ATTENTION
- LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE
- CHOOSE TO DO WHAT JESUS WOULD DO
- KNOW THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WILL HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES
- KEEP PROMISES EVEN WHEN TEMPTED TO GIVE UP
- CAN SEE HOW HIS/HER ACTIONS MAY HELP OR HURT OTHERS
- ADMIT THEIR SINS AND FEEL BADLY ABOUT POOR CHOICES
- SAY SORRY AND TRY TO MAKE UP FOR HURTFUL ACTIONS



### A person of **conscience**...

- Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it
- Can see how his/her actions may hurt others Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly
- Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises

## 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.

**Thank you for your support and patience as we endeavor to make the school the safest place possible for your children.**

## Report cards

You will soon be receiving information regarding interview times. Please note interviews are not mandatory at this time. If you have any questions, about interviews please speak to your child's teacher. Please be advised that Progress Reports will **be distributed through your child's email account. Tuesday, November 12.**

Furthermore, **Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences** will be held on **November 14.**



## Parent Code of Conduct

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

Parents/Guardians,

a) Parents and guardians play an important role in the education of their children and can support the school in maintaining a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

b) Parents/guardians fulfill their responsibilities when they:

- affirm the distinctive Catholic culture of the school;
- ensure that their child regularly attends school on time;
- help their child be appropriately dressed and prepared for school;
- become familiar with the Provincial Code of Conduct and help their child to adhere to the

Catholic Code of Conduct and other expectations;

- communicate regularly with the school regarding their child's progress;
- are engaged in their child's schoolwork and progress;
- promptly report to the school their child's absence or late arrival;
- encourage their child to cultivate leadership skills and demonstrate Gospel values;
- assist school staff in dealing with disciplinary concerns involving their child.

**DPCDSB will NOT tolerate abusive, aggressive and disrespectful parent behaviour in our Schools. In the event of abusive parent behaviour occurring in our office or school, our protocol is to send a warning letter and if it continues to notify the police immediately. At St. Joachim School, we encourage the voices of all parents, but ONLY in a respectful manner which continues to elevate the dignity of all stakeholders.**

**If you're requesting a meeting with Mr. Lise & Mr. Salameh please call St. Joachim School and schedule an appointment. We are happy to meet with you and deal with your concerns.**

## Custody Affairs

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

## HAND HYGIENE

Promoting hand hygiene is an important everyday action we can take to prevent the spread of Flu season and protect students and staff! In order to facilitate best hand hygiene practices, hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school for use. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands (if a sink is available) when transitioning in and out of their classrooms, before and after eating, and when using shared classroom items.



## Treaties Recognition Week

The first full week in November is Treaties Recognition Week. It was introduced in Ontario to further understand the importance of treaty education. A few points to consider:

- Treaties are legal agreements made between two or more Nations.
- Treaty-making pre-dates North American settlement and has been occurring between Indigenous nations here for centuries.
- Treaty outlines the terms, relationship and conditions of settlement in Indigenous Territories.
- Both Settler and Indigenous Nations have a responsibility for knowing and upholding the Treaty obligations.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes, “the urgent need to respect and promote the rights of Indigenous peoples affirmed in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements with States”

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## Who are the Anishinabek?



## Ontario students talk about why treaties matter



## 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 you 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.

## **School Council 2024-2025**

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Co-Chair person- A. Baez/A.Valente

Secretary - T. Johnson-White

Treasurer- L. Pavao

Parish Representative- A. Picano

OAPCE Representative -N. Gluhushkin

Community Representative- S. Davis Parsons

Teacher Representative- G. Russo

### **Voting Members at Large**

R. Castro, M. Castro ,M. Rogato ,I. Nwankwo, S. Luckie, W. Mac, P. Johnson-Powell,A. Szekely

### **Future Meeting dates:**

Nov.18@6:30pm- Zoom Link:<https://zoom.us/j/97660938987?pwd=zTZeeokWOLbvd3zFA0CYS5UDWgawoa.1>

**Jan. 16. 2025/Feb. 27 2025/April 24 2025/May 22 2025**



## **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.

## **Cold Weather**

The days are getting colder and winter will soon arrive. We ask that students dress appropriately; i.e. coats, gloves, mitts, boots etc. If they are dressed warmly, they are better prepared to participate in outdoor activities. Ensuring that your children's items are labelled would be extremely helpful if items are lost or misplaced. As the days get colder, there will be instances when the students will not go out for outdoors. Dufferin -Peel's policy is that the amount of time outdoors should be reduced for children (grade 8 and under) when the temperature is -20 degrees Celsius or colder. When the





temperature or equivalent wind chill temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower children shall be kept indoors.



## 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. 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.



## 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
- 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



## **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 bases.

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 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.

## **Snack Program**

The school is in the process of starting a snack program for students who need an extra snack during the school day. More information will come out through school messenger regarding implementation.

## **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...



## **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 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.



## **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. 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/>

- 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. **Fr. Suresh Xavier**, and Rev. **Rev. Fr. 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

**ST. ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH**  
115 Vodden St E, Brampton, ON L6V 1M4 Tel. No. (905) 453-1303

## Schedules of First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025 **St. Joachim School**

Sacraments	Date	Day	Time	Venue
Holy Confirmation	May 31 <sup>st</sup> /25	Saturday	7:00 pm -9:00 pm	Church
First Holy Communion	June 1 <sup>st</sup> /25	Sunday	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Church

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### Upcoming School Dates

Nov.6- Grade 8's visiting High Schools

Nov.10- World Diabetes Day

Nov.11- Remembrance Day

Nov. 12- Report cards go home

Nov. 14- Parent Interviews

Nov.21- School Council Meeting@6:30PM

Nov. 22- PA Day

Nov. 28- Intermediate Volleyball Tournament

**Nov.25-Nov.29- Spirit week**





Nov.25- Creative Hair Day  
Nov. 26- Comfy Clothes day  
Nov. 27- Sports wear day  
Nov. 28-Colors day  
Nov.29- Accessory Day  
Nov. 29- Movie Night hosted by School Council

## What Is Remembrance Day and Why Is the Poppy its Symbol?



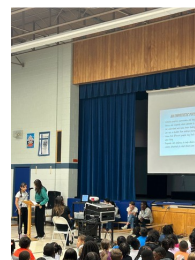
## Highlights of the month



Halloween dance



Halloween Dance



Empathy Virtue



### Phone

905-453-4472



### Email

[St.JoachimElementaryInfo@dp.cdsb.org](mailto:St.JoachimElementaryInfo@dp.cdsb.org)



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**EQAO Results 2023-2024 school year**

## What is EQAO?

The EQAO conducts standardized tests in Ontario to assess student learning in reading, writing, and mathematics at certain grades. These assessments help understand how well students are meeting curriculum expectations. **The attachment will show results from the school on students who achieved Level 3 or higher.**

### Understanding the Results

1. **Score Overview:** The results are typically reported as levels. Level 1 indicates limited understanding, Level 2 indicates some understanding, Level 3 shows considerable understanding, and Level 4 demonstrates a thorough understanding.
2. **Comparison:** The results can be compared to provincial averages, showing how the school, board, or province is performing overall. This can help identify strengths and areas for improvement.
3. **Individual vs. Group Performance:** It's important to remember that the results reflect group performance rather than individual student performance. They help identify trends and gaps in learning.
4. **Impact on Learning:** EQAO results are one of many tools educators use to improve teaching strategies and support student learning. They can guide curriculum development and help identify areas where students may need more support.



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**Joe Lise**

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