

# ST. JOACHIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 2024/January 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Lord you wait for us  
to come and see you.  
You wait to shine light  
where there is darkness,  
To show love  
where there is hate,  
To share peace  
where there is conflict.  
Lord you wait for us  
to come and see you.  
You wait for us  
to remember  
what has been fulfilled,  
to prepare  
for what must still be done.  
You wait in hope and expectation,  
Longing for us  
To shine your light,  
To show your love,  
To share your peace.



## Virtue of the Month: HOPE

### PEOPLE OF HOPE...

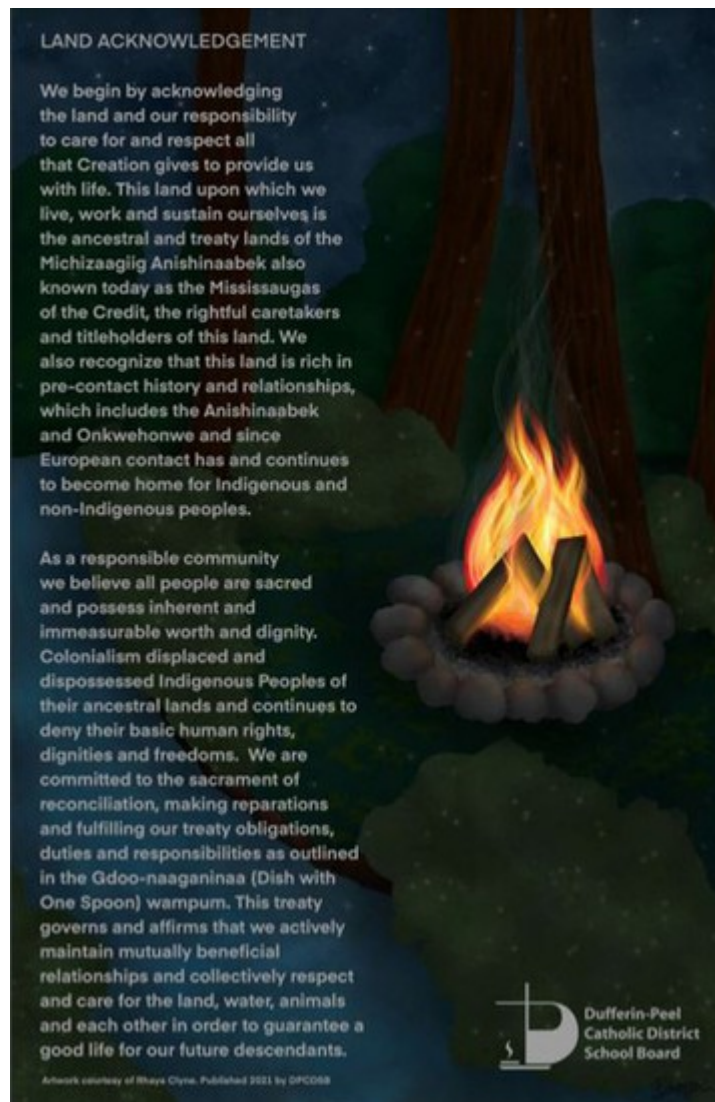
- EXPECT THE BEST TO HAPPEN FOR EVERYONE
- HOLD ON TO THEIR DREAMS
- ALWAYS COUNT ON GOD TO HELP THEM IN TOUGH SITUATIONS
- TRUST THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT IN GOD'S WAY
- LOOK FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO COME OUT OF PROBLEMS
- ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LIFE'S BLESSINGS
- SET AND STICK TO THEIR OWN GOALS



### People of **hope**...

- Keep up a positive attitude
- Can bounce back from tough situations
- Set and stick to their goals
- See the good in others even when they make mistakes
- Work to include others
- Let others know that they are good people





## Season of Advent

"Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." (Matthew 24.44)

As we approach the Christmas season, we are reminded of the great gift of love that God gave us through the birth of Jesus Christ.

This is a time of celebration, reflection, and gratitude for the blessings of the year, and we want to take this opportunity to wish

you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. We ask that God's grace transform us, so that we can be beacons of light to the world, just as Christ is to us

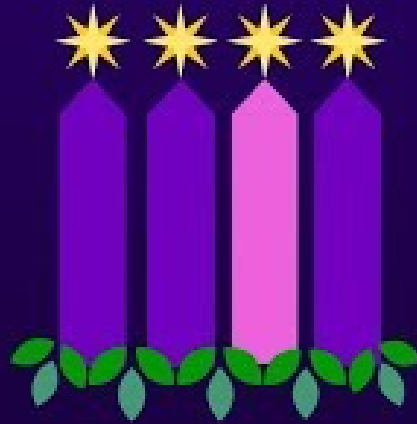


Here at St. Joachim School, we emphasize the implications of the birth of our Saviour through our Christian actions. We continue to foster a safe, caring, inclusive healthy environment where students can grow and learn. We ensure that Advent is a time where we emphasize charity and social justice. It is a time to prepare the way, to make God real each and every day through prayer, charity and social justice. As we celebrate this sacred season, we thank you for supporting Catholic education. May God bless all of you during this Advent Season as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour.

**We would like to wish all students, families, and staff a Blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year 2025**

Mr.J. Lise/Mr.S.Salameh

# Advent in 2 minutes



## Bus Cancellations

Winter weather is fast approaching and it is important that all of our families understand our winter weather procedures. STOPR Transportation Service will monitor weather and road conditions during the winter months and will make a decision to cancel school transportation by **6:00 am each morning.** The website is <https://www.stopr.ca/>.



## 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.



## Appropriate Dress for 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.

## Christmas Community Night

We will be having a Christmas Community night on Wednesday, December 18 from 6pm to 8pm. This is a drop in event. Please note the school is not able to accommodate parking, please park on the side streets.








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### Ordering of Pizza and Subs

Starting Monday, December 2 you can order Pizza and Subs on cash online. Deadline is Dec. 12.

**ROUND 2**

**PIZZA** **SUBWAY**

**TUESDAYS**  
**JAN 7, 14, 21, 28**  
  
**FEB 4, 11, 18, 25**  
  
**MAR 4, 18, 25**  
  
**APR 1**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**JAN 8, 15, 22, 29**  
  
**FEB 5, 12, 19, 26**  
  
**MAR 5, 19, 26**  
  
**APR 2**



Dear Parents/Guardians

Starting on Monday, December 2nd our St. Joachim School community will

be having our annual Christmas Food Drive. We will be collecting non-perishable food from Monday, December 2nd to Wednesday, December 18th. This collection will be distributed to needy families in our

community. Some of the most needed items are canned fish, cereal, peanut butter, canned pasta, soup, granola bars and personal items such as toothpaste and shampoo. There will be a special prize for the class in each division who brings in the most items. We will also be accepting gift cards if families wish to donate. Together at St. Joachim we can make a difference. Thank you for helping families in our community during this season of Advent.

Sincerely,

The St. Joachim Food Drive Committee



## Food drive



## Sock Drive

## Snack Program

As previously stated, the school will begin a snack program, for students who need a snack. The snacks will be in the main office and students will have time during the day to get a snack.

## Upcoming School Dates

Dec. 3- Confessions

Dec. 4- Family Volleyball Tournament

Dec. 5- Hearing and Vision

Dec. 9- Advent Mass @ 11am

Dec. 11- Grad Photo Day

Dec. 13- Virtue of Hope assembly

Dec. 16- Christmas Spirit Week/ **Christmas/advent colors day**

**Dec. 17- Christmas character day**

**Dec. 18- Christmas Glam day**

Dec. 18- Christmas Showcase 6 to 8pm

**Dec. 19- Christmas comfy clothes day/Christmas Movie Day**

**Dec. 20- Christmas sweater day/Christmas sing along**

Dec. 20- last day before the break

Jan.6- First day back from the Holidays

Jan.10/24-Brave Education

Jan.15- Black Shirt Day

Jan. 16- School council meeting done Virtually

<https://zoom.us/j/96003654738?pwd=sE1bFjJATEo8ojLXmjBHyEMth6nxng.1>

Jan. 20- PA Day

Jan.23-31 Drumming for all Grades

## Ray Kingsmore Drumming Event

Ray Kingsmore (BA, MS.ED) has over 45 years' experience in the music and education professions. He is bringing his love for Drumming to our school. Here is a brief description of the program:

### School Drum Clinic Lesson Plans

Clinic expectations are modified to meet the different abilities of students from JK to grade 8.

If desired, the music department head can contact Ray Kingsmore for suggested Pre-Visit and Post-

Visit classroom programming suggestions. Those with special needs, mobility issues and visual or

hearing deficiencies can be accommodated.

Concepts vary according to grade levels. Primary students will be exposed to 3 basic Drum Rudiments. Older students will have a much more in-depth experience. All grade level participants will enjoy creating "Free Style" applications of Rudiments while playing their drums to music.

## Brave Education

Brave Education will be visiting Grade 6 to Grade 8 classes to discuss a variety of topics. Their workshops inspire resilience through emotional and social skills. Please review the attachments about topics being discussed in the classrooms.



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**Brave-Bullying Conflict Relationships.pdf**

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## School Council Thursday hot lunches is coming back

Our Catholic School council is offering patties for lunch starting Jan. 23/2025. Please look for the email(Dec.16) on cash-online to purchase patties. Also, please review the ingredient list regarding any allergy concerns.



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## Kindergarten Registrations

**Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open**



Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at [dpcdsb.org](https://dpcdsb.org).

Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2025.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process:

- Proof of age of the child
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original baptismal certificate from a church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome or an Eastern Catholic Church.
- Immunization Reference #'s from the local Public Health Unit
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of home address
- Proof of English Separate School Support

Please refer to the [Register for School webpage](#) for accepted forms of documentation.

Inquiries about home school locations/boundary areas should be directed to the DPCDSB Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the DPCDSB website at [dpcdsb.org](https://dpcdsb.org), or call DPCDSB's Admissions Department at 905-890-1221.



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**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. **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



### Congratulations

Congratulations to the intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball team as they both won their mini tournament and now advanced to the Family Tournament. Thank you to the following coaches: [Mr. Ferrari](#), Ms. Di Tosto, Ms.Molinaro, Mr.Williams and Ms. Penney.

Girls Team: Winta, Jaya-Reese, Raquel, Laragh, Mattia, Isabella, Jaira, Avery and Mya

Boys Team: Etin-Osa, Kevin, Tyler, Cohen, Toreign, Mofiyin, Tavoy and Matias



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**Thrive in Community - December 2024.pdf**

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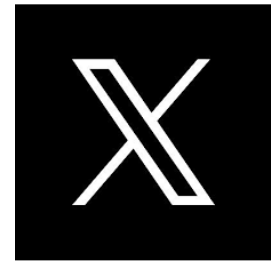
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@StJoachimDPCDSB

A festive graphic with a dark red background. On the left, a stylized Christmas tree is formed by a cascade of yellow and white stars and snowflakes. In the center, the words "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" are written in a white, serif font. Above the text, there are small white snowflakes and a small evergreen tree.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

A festive graphic with a dark blue background. The year "2025" is written in large, colorful, stylized numbers. The "2" is pink, the "0" is green, the "2" is yellow, and the "5" is blue. Each number has a starburst or firework pattern inside. Below the year, the words "Happy New Year!" are written in a white, cursive font. The background is decorated with various colorful starbursts, fireworks, and small stars.

2025  
Happy New Year!

3 Hours of Christmas Music | Instrumental Christmas Music with Rain Sounds | Cozy Christmas Ambience





St. Joachim

