



October, 2024

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Catholic Education Week theme for the 2024– 2025 school year is:

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



School Hours:

8:30am – 3:00pm

Recess: 9:53am and 1:54pm

Lunch 11:31am– 12:31pm



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Administrator's Message

Thank you to our parents/guardians for your flexibility and support as we begin another exciting school year at St. Philip Catholic School. Our enrolment stands at 256 students. We are confident that students are embarking on a great journey of learning and growth in our wonderful school.

St. Philip Catholic School is committed to providing students with the best opportunities to promote their spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth throughout the school year. It is our hope, as a staff, to work together: parish, home, and school—to help all students achieve their full potential in an environment that is safe and caring. Early and ongoing communication with the school usually alleviates concerns quickly.

On Friday, September 13th, our school took part in an annual event; the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Thank you to Ms. daSilva and Ms. Berlingieri, who organized the event and parents for supporting our goal to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. So far we have raised \$469.00!

On behalf of the staff of St. Philip Catholic School, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We encourage you to take the weekend to gather with family for a time of prayer and fellowship (*and to eat a little turkey*).

God Bless,
Mrs. Boulanger

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - Empathy

This month we will celebrate the virtue of empathy.

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other – to live together.

Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive and healthy school communities.

We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns.

We believe that in a Faith community we are nothing without relationships.

We have relationships that grow in a spirit of communion – an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body. An empathetic person...

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

P.A. Day

Friday, October 11th, 2024

(no school for students)

Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 14th, 2024

(no school)



ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

At Halloween we must be very vigilant as to what our children bring to school in the way of lunchbox treats. Our school has a number of students who have LIFE THREATENING allergies. All of our affected children have been well prepared to avoid the potential for a life threatening allergic reaction while at school. However, as a community, let us try to minimize the risks for this segment of our student population. **Please carefully check the ingredients of any Halloween treats you put in your child's lunchbox.** Thank you for helping to keep all students safe. **Peanut/ Tree Nut-Free food only, please!!**

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property during school hours. Some students, especially little ones, have a strong fear of dogs (no matter the size of dog). Also, pets may be unpredictable at times. We ask for your cooperation by leaving your dog at home when you bring your child(ren) to school or pick up after school. Thank you in advance for your continuous support.

The Edwin Chromebooks Have Arrived!

Once again, all students in gr. 6/7 and 7/8 will receive their own Chromebook. This technology can be taken home each evening and is used throughout the school day for lessons.

Edwin is a digital learning environment that provides students with a library of curated resources based on the Ontario Curriculum accessible via a Chrome browser. The Edwin ecosystem provides students with a variety of resources and applications to support student learning and achievement.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child(ren) in this endeavor.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.



EVERY CHILD MATTERS

On September 30th, the staff and students of St. Philip Catholic School participated in Orange Shirt Day to observe the National Day For Truth and Reconciliation.



VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

This year, we continue to have a number of classes entering and exiting out the primary doors. **Therefore, we respectfully ask that parents continue to stand back from the doors while waiting for the bell to ring.** Please leave the pavement area for the students to exit the school safely. We would appreciate your continued support in regards to this matter.

Dates to Remember October



- 3 Food Drive Ends
- 4 Corleone's Lunch (Oct. 4,18,25)
- 4. Fire Drill
- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 6-12 Fire Prevention Week
- 9 National Walk, Bike, Roll to School Day
- 9 Krispy Kreme Distribution Date (3:15-5:15pm)
- 10 Photo Day
- 11 PA Day (no school for students)
- 14 Thanksgiving Day (no school)
- 16 Lockdown Drill
- 18 Cross-Country Meet
- 22 Virtues Assembly
- 23 Catholic School Advisory Council meeting 6:00pm
- 31 Halloween Dance-a-thon



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

REMINDER....

PLEASE DO NO LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THE KISS N' RIDE LANES. Thank you

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Our SCHOOLCASHONLINE Board Online Payment option continues to be up and running.

Please take the time to click on the following link and register your children:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Once registered, you will be able to log in and make your payments online.

REGISTER TODAY!!!

HALLOWEEN

All students from Kindergarten to Grade eight are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to school on **Thursday, October 31st**. Please remember that guns, swords, or weapons of any kind are not permitted at school on this day. Also, due to safety reasons, students are not permitted to wear full masks to school.

Also, costumes should not be offensive to any culture, race, gender or religion.

Let's try to keep it fun.

Nothing too scary, please!

TRICK OR TREAT!



CONGRATULATIONS DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC TEACHERS....

**for the caring and generous ways in which you help our students grow in their Catholic faith and expand their knowledge, while developing important life skills and their love of learning. Your dedicated service to students, families, parishes and the broader community is instrumental in helping our students to excel. You inspire and help students to realize their dreams to build a better world! We commend you on Thursday, October 5, 2024.
World Teacher's Day, !**



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St. Philip Catholic School Advisory Council 2024-2025

We look forward to a very exciting year.

This year's meetings have been set for:

October 23

November 21,

6:00pm in the school library

January 29

We hope you will join us!

April 3

May 14



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we encourage all students to donate non-perishable food items (e.g., boxed juice drinks, sugar, flour, pasta sauce, pasta and rice, etc.) toward our Food Drive.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held during the week of **September 30th to October 3rd**. All collected food items will then be forwarded to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul through the parish.

Once again, we thank you in advance for your unwavering generosity.

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD
your
God which He has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17*



International Walk to School Day for St. Philip Catholic School is Wednesday, October 9, 2024

October is International Walk to School Month.

International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is a global annual, premier event of the Active & Safe Routes to School program, taking place each October. It is a mass celebration of active transportation and its related issues are used to introduce communities to the Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) program.

An international event creates a higher level of awareness of the issues surrounding the journey to and from school, and at the same time provides an opportunity to share expertise and promote best practice. For many parents around the world, the car has become the main means of transporting children to and from school. The proportion of journeys to school made by car has increased considerably in the last several years, with the knock-off effect being a gradual decline in the numbers of children walking to and from school on a regular basis. The general themes that are promoted during IWALK include: increasing daily physical activity, improving safety, enhancing the environment, reducing levels of crime, developing community cohesion, promoting social interaction and reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools. If possible, please try to walk to school on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.



SAFE ALL-SEASONAL TIPS and NOTES

Tell your children to always tell you where they are going and with whom.

Tell your children never to go anywhere with a stranger.

Tell them never to talk to strangers or take anything from a stranger.

Teach your children what a “safe” stranger is, in the event they need help (i.e.:...a police officer...a fire fighter...a teacher....etc...)

Develop a “what if” game to get children thinking about how they would respond if they felt threatened or afraid.

Teach your children to TALK to you immediately when someone does anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Encourage your children to use a buddy system as an alternative to walking alone.

Avoid having your child’s name clearly visible on any piece of clothing or accessory. A stranger may read their name and call it out to your child, fooling your child into believing this person knows them.

DPCDSB is on Twitter! For the latest board news and information, follow us @DPCDSBSchools.



EMERGENCY INSTRUCTORS

From time to time, teacher absences may not be covered by a Dufferin-Peel CDSB occasional teacher.

At these rare times, we may require the assistance of Emergency Instructors to supervise students in their classroom.

If you are available on an on-call basis, 5 days per week, and are interested in working as an Emergency Instructor, please let the school office know.

Please note, to be considered for an interview by the school principal, you must have a valid Criminal Reference Check dated within 6 months.

Thank you for considering this opportunity and letting the office know if you would like more information.

Newsletters

School Newsletters will be available during the first week of the month. They serve as a means of communication between home & school. Various school events, procedures, reminders and other board, parish and community information that needs to be communicated will be provided in the newsletter. We will be sending a ‘e-newsletter’. **Please be sure that the school has your current email address.**

Please call the school, if you have not received a monthly school newsletter and we will be happy to send one home and record your email address.



KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

Please help support our KRISPY KREME fundraiser.

School Cash Online has been extended to October 2nd.

\$13.00 / dozen

Pick up date is October 9th. (3:15-5:15pm)



ST. PHILIP STAFF LIST (FINAL)

JK/SK	M. D'Aguanno (LTO– M. Nicdao)
JK/SK	A. Coronado
Grade 1	G. Grossi-Hrovat
Grade 2/3	V. Brown / M. Porter
Grade 2/3	V. deLemos
Grade 4	V. Morgado
Grade 5/6	T. Cox
Grade 6/7	M. Petrusa
Grade 7/8	M. Cherepacha
Grade 5/6EF	M. Iannucci (LTO T. Kapustynski)
Grade 6/7EF	K. Parisotto
Grade 7/8EF	L. Sasso
SERC/PT/SERT	D. Berlingieri
FSL /PT	G. Giannini (LTO TBD)
SERT/ESL	S. daSilva
Library/PT	R. Pilotti
PT	S. Batko
EF PT	P. Degny
ERW	A. Stecka
ERW	I. Gudz
ERW	N. Frangella
DECE	I. Bettencourt
Head Secretary	J. Corvari
Head Custodian	S. Peczkowski
Principal	S. Stesky / C. Boulanger

Support Staff

Psychology	L. Dolente
Social Worker	S. Yalta
CYW	A. Passarelli
SLP	B. Cunliffe

Due to mandatory reorganization, some class allocations have changed and additional staff has joined the school.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2024. Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services is reminding residents about the importance of checking the expiration dates on all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through this year's campaign "SMOKE ALARMS, MAKE THEM WORK FOR YOU!"



<https://www.canops.org/campaigns/2024-fire-prevention-week/>

YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH IS A PRIORITY

Consider discussing the following with your child:

MOTIVATIONAL MONDAYS

Ask yourself "What is my goal for today?"

TIME FOR ME TUESDAYS

Ask yourself "What will I do to be kind to myself today?"

WONDER WEDNESDAYS

Ask yourself "What would I like to know about?" and find an interesting fact about it

THINK OUTSIDE-THE-BOX THURSDAYS

Ask yourself "If I were to invent something new, what would it be?"

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Ask yourself "What character traits or qualities do I most like about myself?"

Please see the following link for DP resources for supporting your child's mental health

Thrive In Community

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Documents/Thrive%20in%20Community%20September%202023.pdf>



A Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have to do chores, help me to remember those who have no home;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;

And by remembering, help me to be compassionate,

And be concerned enough to help;

Help me to remember those who cry out for what we take for granted.

During this time of uncertainty, when many of us would like to gather with

family and friends, but cannot;

Let us remember those who are lonely

Dear Lord, grant your Blessings onto those with whom we celebrate and with

those we miss;

Thank you for our many Blessings.



Amen

Author Unknown



COMING
SOON

Our Catholic School Council
is excited to announce this year's
MAJOR FUNDRAISER as.....

THE HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON 2024

- a fun-filled Halloween Dance-a-thon on October 31, 2024.
- All students from grades JK – 8 are invited to attend.
- students are asked to wear a costume or orange and black on Dance-a-thon Day!
- Parent letters and pledge forms will be coming home soon.
- Grade groupings will attend the dance at scheduled times throughout the day.

MAJOR PRIZES
(will be
announced soon!)
Stay tuned!

All money raised will be
put towards student
activities . (specifics
announced after October
budget meeting

All participating
students will receive
a Halloween Terra
Cotta Vanilla
Pumpkin-
shaped cook-



VANILLA Seasonal Cookies (Pumpkin-shaped)

Enriched wheat flour, soybean and palm oil margarine, sugar, liquid whole egg, inulin, vanilla extract.

*Pumpkin Cookie= Orange and Green Sprinkles: Water, Artificial Colour, (Tartrazine, Brilliant Blue, Sunset Yellow) Citric Acid, Sodium Benzoate)