



CELEBRATING **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The SFA Sizzler

Living Our Vision Everyday - February 2025 Newsletter



SCHOOL INFORMATION

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Damian Ali

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (English)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)

Please refer to the [Parish's events page](#) for upcoming community gatherings.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please check our [school website](#) for information about our Catholic School Council.

For any school council related inquiries or to propose agenda items, please send an email to:
assiscscinfo@educ.dpcdsb.org.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

What's Coming Up

Check back here frequently for updates!

Feb 6 National Wear A Sweater Day 

Feb 11 Term 1 Report Cards sent home digitally

Feb 13 Interview Evening: POSTPONED DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE
/ INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Feb 14 PA Day: Interview Day

Feb 17 Family Day (no School for Students) 

Feb 18 Winter Walk/Roll to School Day

 Feb 24 MAKE UP PIZZA DAY DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE ON FEB 13th 

Feb 25 Virtues Assembly at 10:20 am

Feb 25 Jr. Girls' Basketball Family Tournament @ IONA 

Feb 27 Jr. Boys' Basketball Family Tournament @ St. Martin 

Feb 27 Rescheduled Interview Evening

Feb 28 Rosary Apostolate AM 

Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day: Bullying Awareness

Mar 4 Shrove Tuesday 

Mar 5 Ash Wednesday 

Mar 10-14 March Break

Mar 20 Grad Photos - Grade 8 and SK 

Mar 21 Rosary Apostolate 

Mar 26 Catholic School Council Meeting in Library @ 6pm

Apr 11 Rosary Apostolate 

Apr 17 Junior & Intermediate Speech Competition

Apr 18 Good Friday



Apr 21 Easter Monday
 Apr 23 Easter Mass @1pm
 Apr 24 Catholic School Council Meeting in Library @ 6pm
 Apr 25 MS Family of School Speech Competition
 May 6 Rosary Apostolate ☪
 May 7 Dental screening FDK, Gr 2 ☺
 May 15 Confession for Confirmandi @ 7pm
 May 19 Victoria Day
 May 29 Catholic School Council Meeting in Library @ 6pm
 June 1 First Communion @ 4pm
 June 6 Year End Mass @ 10:15 am
 June 12 Holy Confirmation @ 7pm
 June 19 Grade 8 Graduation - Renaissance by the Creek Banquet Hall
 June 27 Final day of school
 Aug 23 [First Time Rider Safety Program](#)

Click for [DPCDSB Events](#)

St. Valentine's Spirit Week

St. Valentine's Spirit Week			
Monday February 10th, 2025	Tuesday February 11th, 2025	Wednesday February 12th, 2025	Thursday February 13th, 2025
Cozy Sock Day!  Wear any cozy socks!	Valentine's Accessories/ Fun Hair day!  Wear anything Valentine's themed Tuck Shop proceeds to ShareLife!!	Comfy, Cozy & \$2 Coin Day for ShareLife!  Wear something comfy and cozy	Valentine's Day Colours!  Wear red, pink, purple, or white

LUNCH OFFERINGS AT SFA 📍

📱 The list below includes a schedule of lunches which can be purchased through SchoolCash Online for the weeks ahead. Please see the link below for details for ordering through SchoolCashonline. Please note the specific dates in which Cashonline purchases close, thank you!

Weekly Schedule

- Tuesday: Subway 🚇
- Wednesday: Harvey's 🍔
- Thursday: Pizza 🍕
- Friday: Pita Pit

TUCK SHOP TUESDAYS 🍿🍪



Calling all students! 🍿🍪

Items will be for sale at lunch recess & will range from \$2.00 - \$5.00 / item.

St. Valentine's cookies and popcorn will be available while quantities last!!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: RESPECT

In February, we celebrate the virtue of **respect**.



God wants us to recognize that all people are worthy of respect and to treat everyone with the respect they deserve.

A respectful person...

- uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures
- says 'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Pardon me'
- avoids gossip

Moment of Reflection... What can I do today to show respect?

We all deserve to be treated respectfully by others. However, in order to be respected we also have to respect ourselves. Everyone has a right to go to school/work free of gossip, name-calling, and put-downs. We should expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet – our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Respect Prayer

Dear God,

Remind us that respect is an attitude of honouring people and caring about their rights. Guide us in the ways in which we treat one another, the way we speak, and the way we treat other people's belongings. Show us your ways in speaking and acting respectfully to others and to show the people the dignity they deserve. Through you, let us strive to treat one another with a feeling love.

PEOPLE OF RESPECT...

- SEE GOD'S PRESENCE IN THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
- WELCOME OTHERS WITH SMILES AND FRIENDLY GREETINGS
- ALWAYS DISPLAY GOOD MANNERS
- SAY 'EXCUSE ME', 'PLEASE' AND 'THANK YOU'
- AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO SWEAR OR GESTURE INAPPROPRIATELY
- LOOK FOR WAYS TO ENCOURAGE AND PRAISE OTHERS
- TALK KINDLY ABOUT OTHERS AND AVOID GOSSIP

RESPECT



SCHOOL PROCESS INFORMATION 🙄👉

PERFUME ON BUSES 🚌 AND SCENT FREE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

STOPR kindly reminds all students that spraying perfume or any scented products on the school bus is prohibited. Strong scents can cause discomfort and allergic reactions for some passengers. To ensure a comfortable and safe environment for everyone, students **must refrain** from using these products while on the bus and at school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

REMINDER: Prevalent Medical Conditions

All students with a *prevalent medical condition*: (Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy), must complete a plan of care with the assistance of a physician. A plan of care is only required to be completed *one time* and when there are updates to the student's plan; including medication changes and protocol.

Students with any medication stored at school either in student backpacks or in the health room must complete the Authorization for Storage and Administration of Medications Form (GF 035) annually and submit it to the school office. Please see the attachment below.



GF035.pdf

Download

736.5 KB

SAFE ARRIVALS - Reporting Student Absences 📞

There are **3 ways** to report your child's absence, late arrival or early departure:

1. Using the **Safe Arrival App** (download from Google or Apple Store)
2. Using the **SafeArrival website**, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home> .
3. Calling the toll-free number **1.844.435.3440** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

The above 3 options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

NOTE: For absences greater than five consecutive days, please call your child's school directly.

Remember to: Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

School Messenger

Morning Arrival 🕒

Students are welcome to arrive to school at **8:15 a.m.**

Please note that supervision is *not provided at the school prior to this time* in our school yards. To support student safety, students should not arrive before 8:15 a.m. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!

Morning Attendance 🔔🔔

Thank you to our families for your support in establishing school routines. Your assistance in continuing to have children at school before 8:30am to begin their school day on time with their peers is appreciated and helps all children begin their day participating within the regular class routine.

Lunch Drop Off 🥪

Please ensure that your child arrives at school with all the items they need for the day. We realize that there will be occasions where students forget something at home. There will be a table located outside the office in the vestibule for the convenience of parents/guardians who are dropping off items so that entry to the office is not necessary.

Please label the item clearly with the CHILD'S NAME AND TEACHER.



If you plan on bringing your child's lunch in the morning, let your children know that you will be leaving the lunch on the table in the vestibule.

Please note, that in accordance with our safety protocols, we do not allow unknown individuals to drop off lunches. This includes UberEats, Skip the Dishes, or any other delivery. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Outdoor Clothing 🧥🧤

As winter weather sets in, we would ask that students come to school prepared for recesses and time spent outdoors. Students should be equipped with warm layers, including jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and winter boots to stay comfortable and safe during outdoor playtime. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child(ren)'s name(s) to help students to organize their belongings. Backup socks and mittens can help to maintain students' comfort level throughout the school day.



If your family needs provisional assistance of winter gear, don't hesitate to reach out to the office. Let's keep everyone warm and active this winter season!

Indoor Shoes & School Footwear 🦶

Student safety is a priority at SFA.

Students **are required** to wear running shoes during physical education classes, active outdoor play or participation in sports at recess. At no time should students be barefoot, in sock feet or wearing Crocs to participate in sports or physical games/activities at recess. Crocs may be worn as indoor shoes but students **must bring** an alternative to participate in physical education.

All students should have indoor shoes during the winter months to keep our classrooms clean and dry.



WINTER WEATHER

2024-2025 Weather Related Bus Cancellations/System Closures Information

REPORT CARDS !

Reporting of Student Achievement Term 1

- Feb 11 Term 1 Report Cards sent home digitally
- Feb 13 Interview Evening (in-person)
- Feb 14 PA Day: Interview Day (telephone and in-person)

As we approach the distribution of Provincial Reports for term 1, please note that the practice of *electronic delivery system* will continue at SFA.

This means that your child's Report Cards will be sent directly to **your child's registered DPCDSB student email account**.

This new process aims to provide families with quicker and more convenient access to your child's academic updates.

Families will receive a follow-up email from the school which will include instructions on how to access the report cards ONCE they have been sent digitally.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LINK IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS ONLY, PLEASE ACCESS THE REPORT CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID EXPIRATION TIMEOUTS.

If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding the electronic delivery of Provincial Reports, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our school office at st.francisofassisiinfo@dpcdsb.org.
[Instructions](#) can be located on the [school's website](#).

Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated as we implement this new electronic delivery system.

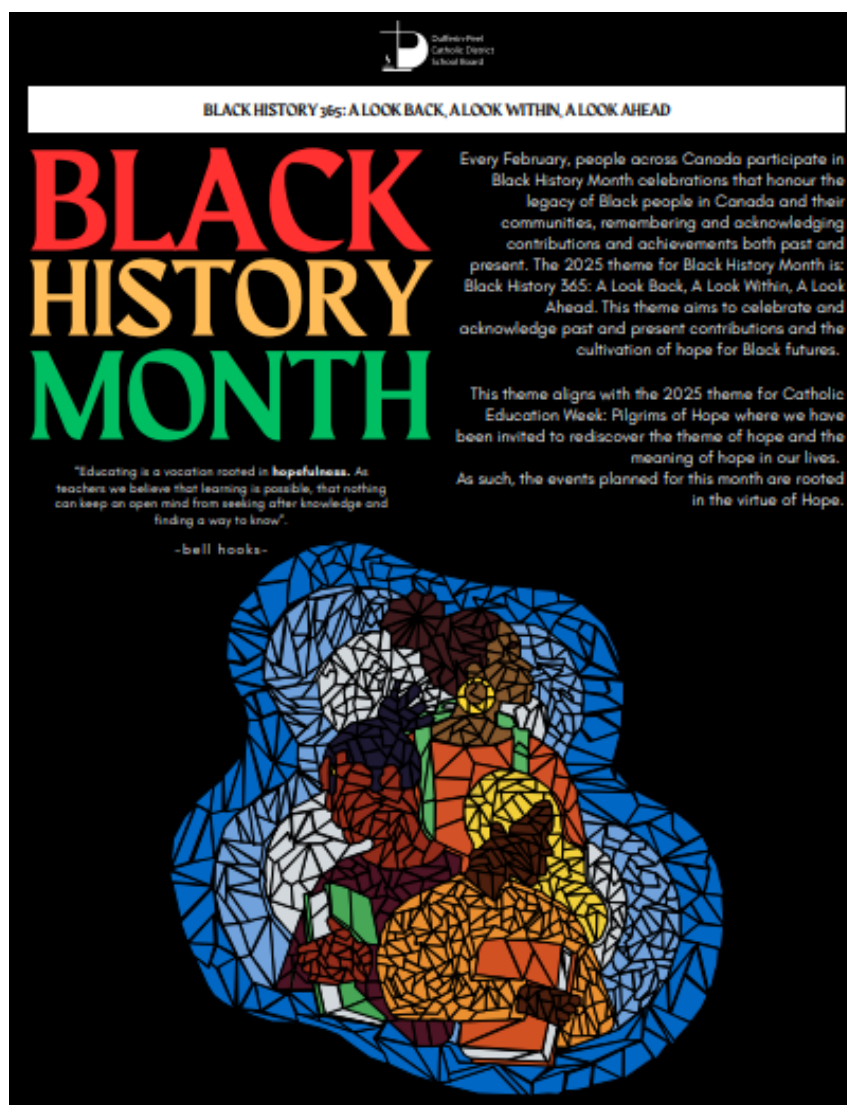
REPORT CARD ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"Educating is a vocation rooted in hopefulness. As teachers we believe that learning is possible, that nothing can keep an open mind from seeking after knowledge and finding a way to know".

~Bell Hooks

At SFA, educators will be leading students in February through an intentional celebration of the rich history, contributions and achievements of Black communities. Although we celebrate Black excellence during the month of February, educators continue to share this learning year round.



💋❤️ ST. VALENTINES' DAY

Share the LOVE this Season 📧❤️

As we celebrate the season of kindness and community, we invite students to bring in cards and **non-edible** items to share with their classmates!

- In order to maintain a safe environment for all students, any shared **edible items** will be sent back home with the student.
- Please consider the inclusion of all students in the classroom in the distribution of cards.

Please note: Specific guidelines and instructions will be provided by your child's classroom teacher, so be on the lookout for more details coming soon.

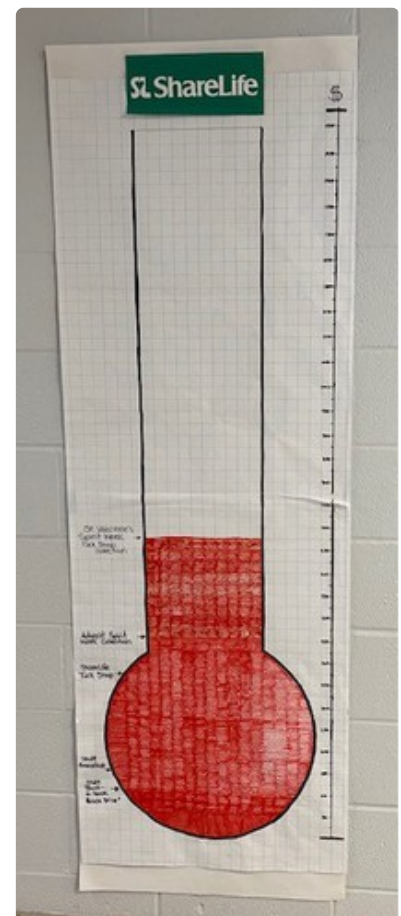
SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES

ShareLife

St. Valentine's Spirit Week Contributions ❤️👯❤️

During the St. Valentine's spirit week, students were encouraged to support ShareLife. Donations were received during Tuck Shop Tuesday and during comfy cozy day. Throughout the week, \$545.00 was raised. The ShareLife thermometer that is displayed in the front foyer is a visual goal setter for our school community. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,500 by the end of the school year.

ShareLife supports numerous agencies in the region that carry out the mission work of the Church. Its efforts serve marginalized communities, from immigrants and refugees to seniors and people with special needs.



Eco News 🌳🌲🍃

"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs"

–Canticle of the Creatures, St. Francis of Assisi

National Sweater Day

On February 6th we will be celebrating National Sweater Day. Since 2010, more than a million Canadians have shown their support for limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by turning down their thermostats by the same amount (or more) and wearing their favourite sweaters to stay warm.

On February 6th we will turn down the heat at school by about 2 degrees and challenge our students wear their favourite and warmest sweaters to school that day.

National Sweater Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution. Collectively, we can have a powerful impact.



Winter Walk/ Roll to School Day

On February 19th we will be hosting Winter Walk Day

Winter Walk/Roll Day will be celebrated on February 18th in schools across Ontario. On this day, and throughout February, students are encouraged to walk or wheel to school. The event promotes active school travel and the enjoyment of the outdoors, even in the colder months! At St. Francis of Assisi, we'll be participating by walking to school and holding some science classes outside. Be sure to bundle up with your hats, mitts, and scarves, and we hope you'll join us in embracing winter and getting active! Let's get moving!

Promoting Wellness at SFA 👍

Join the Conversation at SFA - Wellness Team

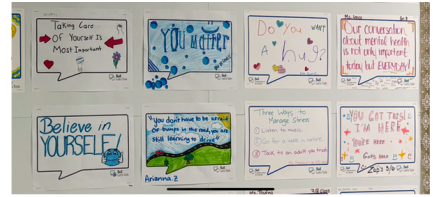
In preparation for Bell Let's Talk Day - a campaign that promotes conversations about mental health, wellness promotion, and addressing the stigma attached to mental health - the Wellness Team was super excited to carry out an initiative titled, "*Join the Conversation*." As a school, classes had the opportunity to share a positive or encouraging message surrounding mental health and colourfully design a speech bubble that would be posted on our bulletin board as daily reminders. In addition to this school-wide initiative, members of the Wellness Team also went around to each class to distribute tool kits containing stress balls, kindness boxes, positive affirmation stickers etc. to help aid classes in their discussions surrounding mental health. The Wellness Team was very proud of SFAs contributions and look forward to sharing more information through our announcements on Mindful Monday and Wellness Wednesday.



Wellness Centre Bulletin Board



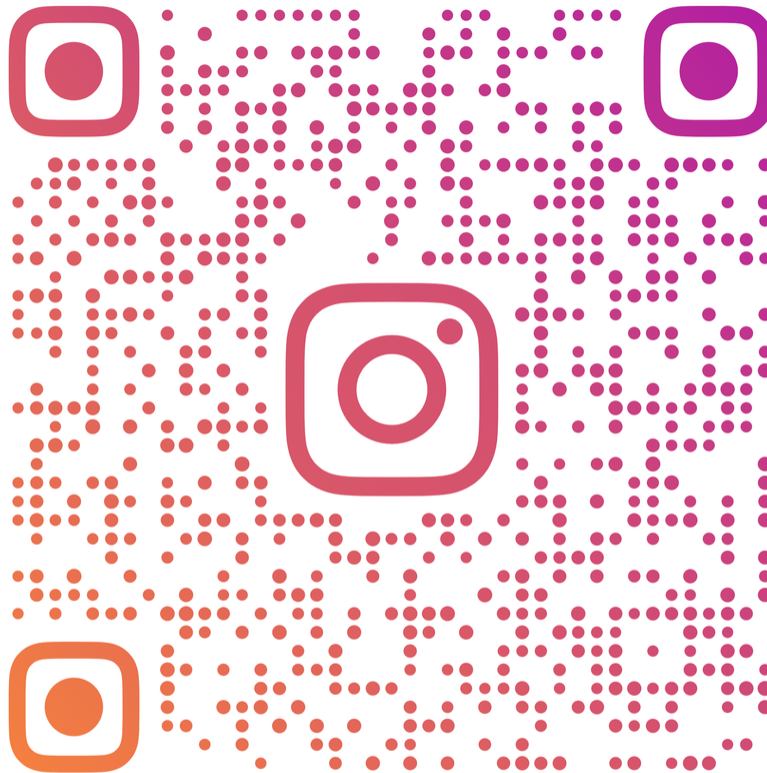
Wellness Team Members



Join the Conversation
Speech Bubbles

SFA's INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT LINK



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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE 🙏

Board Games Wanted! 🎲 🎲

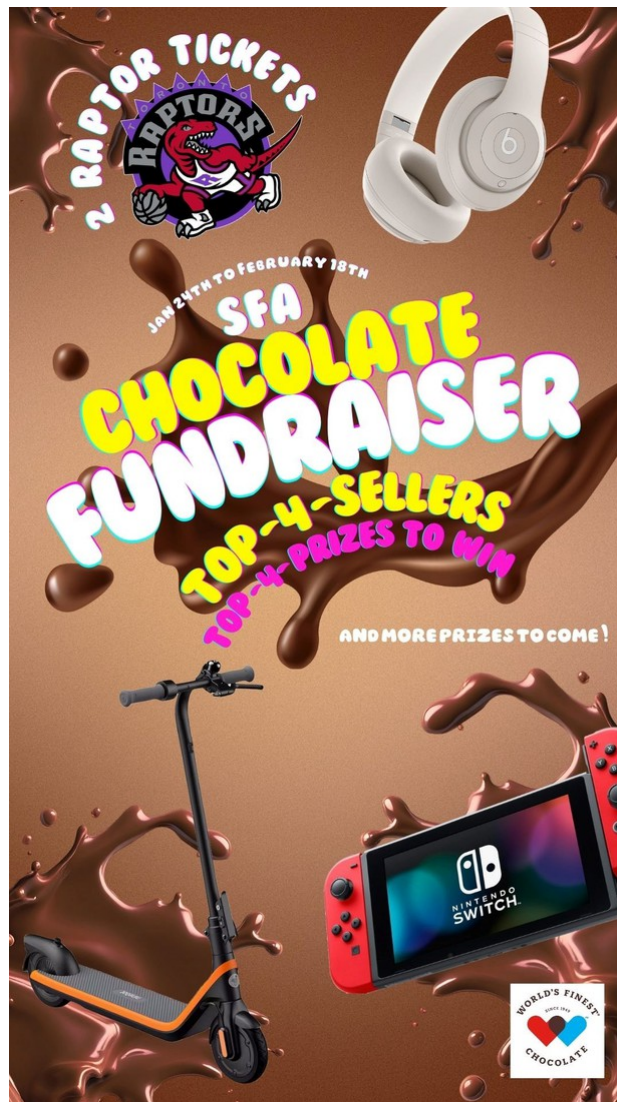
As we transition to colder seasons, our classes would like to prepare for potential recesses spent indoors. Donations of gently used board and card games for our students to play during indoor inclement weather recess are appreciated. If you have any games you would like to donate, please send them to the main office.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

CSC Chocolate Fundraiser

- Jan 24: Chocolate Fundraiser boxes sent home 📦



DPCDSB's RESOURCES

February Thrive Newsletter: Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing

DPCDSB's EVENTS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year👉

Parents and Guardians can register for the 2025-2026 school year by completing the online Application Form and emailing supporting documents to the school.

Please refer to DPCDSB's [Registration](#) webpage for further information and instructional videos to support the online registration.

Information For Secondary School Programs ⌚

See the link below to DPCDSB's webpage for information for Secondary School programs.

DPCDSB Secondary School Information Sessions Webpage

DPCDSB COMMUNITY BULLETINS

Device Refresh Plan

UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Transportation News for February



Only SFA students who are eligible for transportation may ride the bus to and from school.

Students are reminded to follow the Catholic Code of Conduct while riding the bus. All students must follow the expectations of

the bus driver to maintain a safe experience for all students.

Any families eligible for bussing however will not be accessing transportation this year are asked to "opt out" via the STOPR website, this includes students with special education needs. This action will make available courtesy ridership for families where possible.

STOPR website and X (twitter) information:

STOPR encourages all parents to check out their website at stopr.ca for transportation procedures and eligibility policies & to follow them on X [@STOPRinfo](https://twitter.com/STOPRinfo) to receive important updates.

A Message From Peel Region: February 2025 Information



February 2025 School Health E-Blast

from Peel Public Health

Healthy Smiles Ontario Program – Free Dental Services for Eligible Kids

What is the Healthy Smiles Ontario program?

- It is a program that provides free dental services for eligible kids 17 years old and younger from low-income households.

What services are covered?

The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of treatment including:

- Check-ups
- Cleaning
- Fillings (for a cavity)
- X-rays
- Tooth extraction

- Urgent or emergency dental care (including treatment of a child's toothache or tooth pain)

Who is eligible?

Kids 17 years old and younger may be eligible if they:

- live in Ontario
- are members of a household that meets the income eligibility requirements

How to apply?

- Visit ontario.ca/healthysmiles.

Do you need help applying?

- For more information, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

National Pink Shirt Day is February 26 💕

Pink shirt day started in Canada in 2007 after a grade 9 student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school.

To take a stand against bullying, a group of grade 12 students bought pink shirts for every boy in their school.

This annual event raises awareness about bullying online, at home, in workplaces and schools.

Wear something pink on February 26 [Pink Shirt Day](https://pinkshirtday.ca) (pinkshirtday.ca)



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Winter Walk Month Bookmark.pdf

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION & LINKS

Password Re-set Tool

You can now reset your password remotely by registering for the Password Reset Tool. You must know your old password to create a new one.

To reset your password remotely you must first register with the "Password Reset Tool", which you can do by following one of these two steps:

Students: students.dpcdsb.org and select Password Reset

Staff: <https://account.activedirectory.windowsazure.com/PasswordReset/Register.aspx>

**Access to personal email/cell phone is required for registration.

Once you are registered, please follow the [Password Reset Instruction](#)

EQAO Results 2023-2024

Parent/Guardian access to Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results are now available.
Select the link below to access.

Parent/Guardian Access to Grades 3 and 6 EQAO Results 2023-2024

School Messenger

School Cashonline

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

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Rosanna Commisso

Rosanna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters