



HAPPY NEW YEAR

🔥 The SFA Sizzler 🔥

Living Our Vision Everyday - January 2025 Newsletter



SCHOOL INFORMATION

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OUR PARISH

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Tel: (905) 822-8132

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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

What's Coming Up

Check back here frequently for updates!

Jan 6 School resumes after Christmas holiday

Jan 16 Catholic School Council Meeting in Library @ 6pm

Jan 17 Rosary Apostolate AM 

Jan 20 PA Day: Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

Jan 22 Bell Let's Talk Day: WEAR BLUE AND WHITE TO SCHOOL TO SHOW SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Jan 24 Chocolate Fundraiser boxes sent home 

Feb 11 Term 1 Report Cards sent home digitally

Feb 13 Interview Evening

Feb 14 PA Day: Interview Day

Feb 17 Family Day (no School for Students)

Feb 28 Rosary Apostolate AM 

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 18 Good Friday

Apr 21 Easter Monday

Apr 23 Easter Mass @1pm

Apr 24 Catholic School Council Meeting in Library @ 6pm

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 27 Final day of school
Aug 23 [First Time Rider Safety Program](#)

Click for [DPCDSB Events](#)

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.

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.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: SELF-CONTROL

In January, we celebrate the virtue of **self-control**.

God wants us to do what we know and feel is right.

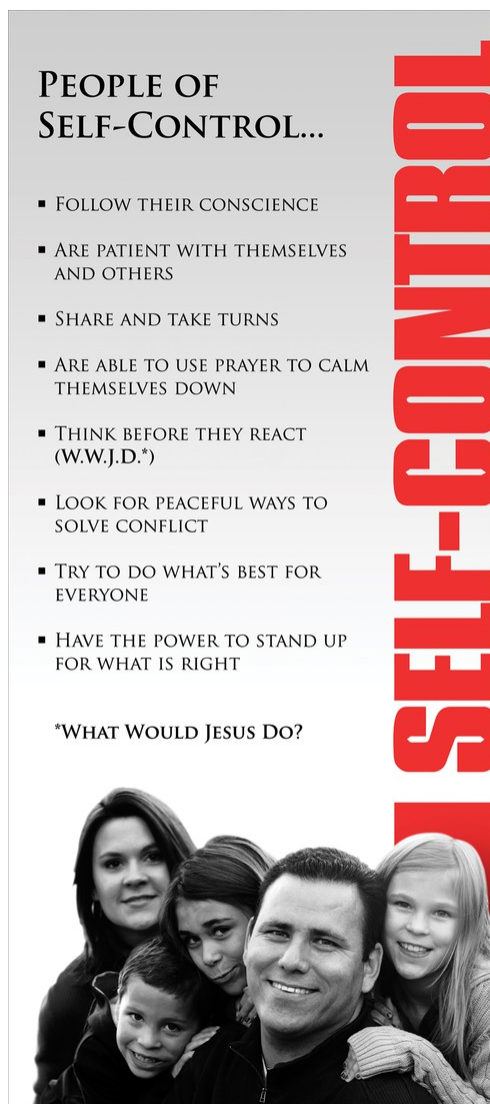


Let us pray: God, you gave us the virtue of self-control - *so that we will resist the temptation to cause harm to ourselves and others around us. Amen*

A person with self-control...

- is patient
- knows how to wait his/her turn
- can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, etc.) **can** think things through
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Moment of Reflection... What can I do today to show self-control?



SCHOOL PROCESS INFORMATION 🙄👉

INTERVIEWS

School interviews will occur this month to discuss your children's academic successes for Term 1. Please select from the following time options below and then either scan the QR code or click the

link to schedule the interview with your child/ren's educators.

- Thursday, February 13th (evening)
- Friday, February 14th (within the school day)



[Click here to schedule your child\(ren\)'s interview time](#)

PERFUME ON BUSES

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.

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**

SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES



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

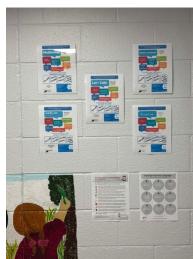
Promoting Wellness at SFA 👍

Our Bully-Free Pledges at SFA - Wellness Team

As part of the Wellness Team's ongoing commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive school environment, intermediate leaders have worked together to create an informative and educational week on Bullying Prevention and Awareness. Students have actively shared information on the announcements regarding anti-bullying practices and the importance of being an upstander. As a school, classes took part in an initiative titled, "Our Bully-Free Pledges" which encouraged students to co-create promises that they will hold each other accountable for as we all strive to create a safe and positive learning environment here at St. Francis of Assisi CES.



Anti-Bullying Bulletin Board



Anti-Bullying Posters



FALL TEAM UPDATES 🔥



Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team

The Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team have had an amazing finale to their season! The team won the Board Tournament and have proudly brought home another banner to display in the school's

gym!! The athletes attended the Board Tournament on December 13th at St. Marguerite d'Youville CSS! Way to go Flames, SFA is super proud! 🏆 🏆 🏆
Congratulations to: Luna, Martina, Fiona K., Mya, Dylann, Yazmin, Kiera, Jaiden, Olivia, Fiona P. & Isabella!
Coaches: Mr. Naughton and Ms. Toufeq



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



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.

Entry Planning Evening For Students With Differing Abilities

Please see the attached flyer below for both in-person and virtual participation options.

Flyer & Registration Information

Gifted Identification Information Session

This session is open to all families who are interested in learning more about the Gifted Identification Process in DPCDSB. Please see the flyer regarding registration for the virtual session.

Registration Information for Virtual Session

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 January

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: January 2025 Information



January 2025 School Health E-Blast

from Peel Public Health

Contact Us Peel Public Health – School Health Inbox

Free Dental Screening for Children in Peel Public Health Dental Clinics

Peel Public Health offers free dental screening for children 17 years old and younger in Peel Public Health dental clinics.

What is a dental screening?

- A dental screening is a quick look inside a child's mouth.
- A registered dental hygienist provides the dental screening.
- A dental screening in our Peel Public Health dental clinics is provided to children who:
 - o did not receive a dental screening at their elementary school.



- o are not yet in elementary school.
- o missed their elementary school dental screening.
- o are in high school or out of school and are 17 years old or younger.

What are the benefits of a free dental screening?

- It's quick.
- It helps identify children who may need dental care.
- It helps increase access to free dental services for eligible children.

How do I book an appointment for a dental screening for my child?

- Call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 to book an appointment for a dental screening for your child.

National Non-Smoking Week is January 19-25

National Non-Smoking Week is taking place January 19-25!

This is the perfect time to talk with youth about the harms of smoking and vaping.

Smoking and Vaping: The Facts

- Both cigarettes and vape products contain **nicotine**, which is very addictive. Kids can become addicted to nicotine faster than adults because their brains are still developing.
- **Second-hand smoke** is very harmful to children as their lungs are still growing. The long-term effects of **second-hand vape aerosol** are unknown.
- Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of illness and early death in Canada that can be prevented.
- The long-term health effects of vaping are still unknown. It took 20-30 years to discover that cigarettes cause cancer.

Help to Quit Smoking or Vaping

There are tools that can help youth quit smoking and vaping such as quit apps. Check out some quit apps at [NotAnExperiment.ca/Quitting](https://www.notanexperiment.ca/quitting).

The Canadian Cancer Society offers tools to help those who want to quit. You can use their online quit program on their website, get phone help by calling 811, or text iQuit to 123456. Learn more at [SmokersHelpline.ca](https://www.smokershelpline.ca)

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



Thrive in Community - December 2024

The Thrive Newsletter is a monthly newsletter that has been created by The DPCDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Team

[Download](#)

5.6 MB

School Messenger

School Cashionline

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

DPCDSB Community Information Bulletin Webpage

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