



# St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School

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## Virtue of the Month: RESPECT

*For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a servant to all, so that I might win more of them. (1 Cor. 9:19)*

God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

Respect...is seeing the goodness in others. It helps us to see others as God sees them, to accept them as they are, and to treat them with dignity.

## Upcoming Events:

February 17 – Family Day – No School

February 20 – Intermediate Skating

February 20 – Catholic School Council Meeting  
6pm















February 25 – Virtue Assembly

February 26 – Pink Shirt Day

February 27 – Alectra Electricity Assembly

February 28 – Eco Source Workshops



Monday, February 10	Tuesday, February 11	Wednesday, February 12	Thursday, February 13	Friday, February 14
 	  	 	   <b>Winter Walk Day!</b> <b>Valentine's Day Cookies</b>   <b>Parent-Teacher Interviews</b>	 <b>PA Day</b> <b>No School For Students</b>  <b>Parent-Teacher Interviews</b>



**Kindergarten Registration** for the 2025-2026 school year is now OPEN! If your child has differing abilities, please read: <..\Registration\REVISED Registration Information.pdf>

#### **Late Students**

A number of students continue to arrive late daily. Please make every effort to have your child/ren at school on time for 9:00am. When a child is late he/she misses valuable teaching time. Late arrivals cause disruption to the other students and also to the teacher who has already started the lessons for the day. Developing good work habits and time management skills can maximize a child's learning potential.

#### **Dressing For Winter**

Please encourage your children to dress appropriately for the cold winter weather. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board policy states that consideration should be given for modification recess time spent outdoors when the wind chill reaches -20C. At -25C students will be kept indoors. Also, information was sent home via School Messenger regarding our **Winter Walk** on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that your child is prepared to walk outside for 20 minutes on Thursday. This event is an Eco School initiative intended to inspire students to walk to school if possible.

#### **Leaving During the School Day**

When it is necessary for your child to leave school early, please send a note to your child's teacher advising him/her of the time that you will be picking your child up. If you are sending someone to pick up your child, please inform the office of this intent. Students will not be released without parental consent.

#### **Allergy Alert**

St. Lucy is an **"allergen aware school"**. There are pupils in attendance who suffer from severe and life-threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and nut products and, in some cases, sesame seeds, seafood, and eggs. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe life-threatening reactions. **We at St. Lucy would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any lunches or snacks that could potentially harm a pupil. Please make sure that all of your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. Students should be reminded not to share food items. No food treats are to be sent to the school for birthdays or special occasions.** There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils. All food treats sent for sharing will be returned for home use.

#### **Kiss 'N Ride**

To ensure the safety of our students, parents/guardians are asked to adhere to the following drop-off/pick-up rules:

1. Parents/Guardians who are dropping off/picking up students, or those requiring assistance, please park in a designated parking spot and walk your child to the designated area in the school yard.
2. Students who do not require assistance can be dropped off/picked up in the Kiss 'N Ride area.
3. To maintain traffic flow, please leave Kiss 'N Ride area once drop off/pick up is complete.
4. Please do not leave your car unattended or idling. **There is no parking/stopping in Drive Through Lanes, Bus Lanes, and any area along the fence.**
5. Please drive carefully and watch for students. Let's work together to keep everyone safe.



# Parent-Teacher Interviews

## **Important Information – First Term Report Interviews**

This term, interviews will be booked online by parents.

**\*\*\*Booking availability will open for families on February 3\*\*\***

Parental involvement is key to a child's academic success. Please book an interview to discuss your child(ren)'s progress. If you need assistance with booking an interview, please contact the school.

### **To Book an Interview Time:**

1. Go to: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/n2ad5>
2. The event code is: **33dcb**

The deadline to reserve a timeslot is **Wednesday, February 12th at 11 PM** using the link above. Time slots are first come first serve.

## BLACK HISTORY 365: A LOOK BACK, A LOOK WITHIN, A LOOK AHEAD

# 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-

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month celebrations that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities, remembering and acknowledging contributions and achievements both past and present. The 2025 theme for Black History Month is: Black History 365: A Look Back, A Look Within, A Look Ahead. This theme aims to celebrate and acknowledge past and present contributions and the cultivation of hope for Black futures.

This theme aligns with the **2025** theme for Catholic Education Week: Pilgrims of Hope where we have been invited to rediscover the theme of hope and the meaning of hope in our lives.

As such, the events planned for this month are rooted in the virtue of Hope. We invite educators to lead students in February through an intentional **celebration** of the rich history, contributions and achievements of Black communities and encourage educators to continue to share this learning year round.

# Starting This Week!!!



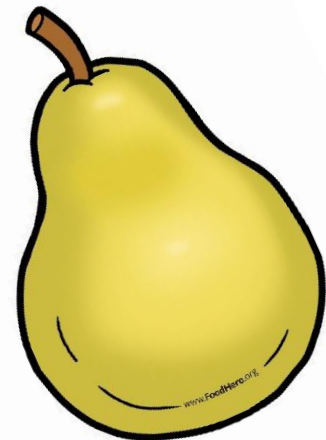
## Grab-and-Go Breakfast



## ***Tuesdays and Thursdays***



## **8:45am**





# Winter Walk Day

Thursday,  
February 13th



OUR ECO CLUB IS RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE  
ADVANTAGES OF ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL.

**NUT-FREE**

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

**COOKIE SALE  
ONLY \$2**

**Delivered to classes on Feb 7 and 13**

**Available on SchoolCash Online**

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION BULLETIN: Self-Identification Option for Indigenous Families

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to supporting Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) students and families in our schools.

If you are First Nation (Status or Non-Status Indian), Métis, or Inuit, you are invited to self-identify as Indigenous. No documentation or proof of ancestry is required. Self-identification is voluntary and confidential.

***“This has been really important for us because of the sense of community and the connection to other Indigenous families.”*** - Melanie Cormier, Parent

Self-identification will provide access to cultural and language programs, as well as monthly programming for Indigenous students and families. Relevant information will be sent directly to families about upcoming cultural events and opportunities which help foster a sense of community and Indigenous pride within Dufferin-Peel.

For more information about the self-identification process and opportunities available to Indigenous students and families, please visit our [Indigenous Self-Identification webpage](#).

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact DPCDSB's Indigenous Education Coordinator, Jodie Williams, at [jodie.williams@dpcdsb.org](mailto:jodie.williams@dpcdsb.org).