

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 24 – Rescheduled Sub day (all lunch orders from Thurs. Feb. 13 will be provided today)

February 25 – Virtue Assembly

February 26 – Pink Shirt Day

February 27 – Alectra Electricity Assembly

February 28 – Eco Source Workshops



Monday, February 17	Tuesday, February 18	Wednesday, February 19	Thursday, February 20	Friday, February 21
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Day v	Junior Boys Basketball Tournament		Intermediate Skating School Council Meeting @ 6:00pm	Junior Girls Basketball Tournament
No school for students			Meeting & 6.00pm	
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	Scholastic Book Fair		Parent-Teacher Interviews	



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

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day started in 2007, when a grade nine student was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two students rallied their peers to send a message to the bullies. The next day, the halls were filled with students in pink T-shirts. Pink Shirt Day started because two boys chose to do something about bullying rather than stand by and watch it happen. Now the movement is worldwide, educating and inspiring others to stand together and take action against violence and bullying. Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated on **Wednesday**, **February 26th**. Wear your pink!

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.

Important Immunization Message from Peel Public Health

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school. Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule. If you receive a letter please ensure that your child has received the required vaccine(s), then give the date(s) your child received these vaccine dose(s) to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child's record. For more information please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.lmmunizePeel.ca Translation services are available.

Student Information

It is very important that we have up to date records of your address, phone numbers and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. If there are any changes, please ensure that we have updated information. If your child's medical condition also changes, please let us know as soon as possible.

Security

A reminder that all visitors, **INCLUDING PARENTS**, must come into the office, sign in and pick up a visitor's badge when on a prearranged visit. Anyone not wearing an identification badge will be asked to return to the office immediately. This procedure helps students and staff recognize visitors to our school. For the safety and security of your children, **ONLY** staff and assigned supervisors are allowed in the school yard during all recesses. Parents are kindly asked to **NOT** go into the students' play yard at the back of school. If you need to speak to your child during a recess, arrangements can be made in the front office. We thank you for your cooperation in supporting the safe environment of our school.



Rescheduled Parent-Teacher Interview Evening

The new interview evening date is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, February 20.

We understand that this may not work for some families due to prior commitments. If this is the case, please connect with your child's teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time within the next two weeks.

If you have already had your interview with your child's teacher, there is no need to book another one.

To Book an Interview Time:

1. Go to: <u>www.schoolinterviews.ca</u>

2. Enter the Event Code: kh6wg

The deadline to reserve a timeslot is **Wednesday**, **February 19th at 3:30PM** using the link above.



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 Last Week!!

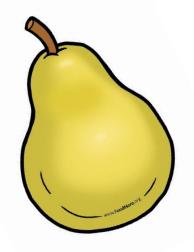


Breakfast





<u>8:45am</u>



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 <u>Indigenous Self-Identification webpage</u>.

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