



# St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School

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## Virtue of the Month: Faith

Faith is an attitude which encourages us to involve God in our lives and helps us to maintain and develop our relationships with God and with others both when things are going well and when they are not.

A Faithful person...

- Knows the saving story of our Christian faith
- Speaks the language of life
- Prays and worships God

*Faith*

## Upcoming Events

September 15 – Reorganization Day – No School for Students  
 September 16 – Wellness Warriors – Grade 8  
 September 18 – **OPEN HOUSE** (see below for more information)  
 September 19 – Catholic School Council Nomination Forms DUE  
 September 25 – Picture Day  
 September 29 – Virtue Assembly  
 September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day  
 October 8 – School Mass  
 October 9 – Terry Fox Run  
 October 10 – PA Day – No School for Students  
 October 15 – Bus Safety Presentations  
 October 13 – Thanksgiving Day  
 October 17 – Vaccine Clinic – Grade 7 and 8



Monday, Sept. 8	Tuesday, Sept. 9	Wednesday, Sept. 10	Thursday, Sept. 11	Friday, Sept. 12
Remember to send in your Catholic School Council Nomination Form by September 19 <sup>th</sup> . We would love to have you as a member of our Catholic School Council this year!	Get your pizza order in for our <b>Open House</b> on September 18 <sup>th</sup> . Order by the slice or a whole pizza for the family! Pizza will be available for pick up at 6pm.			

## Other Reminders:

If your child has a medical concern, please return the completed Plan of Care to the school as soon as possible.

Please review the Student Verification Forms and other important forms requiring parent/guardian signatures and return them to the school ASAP.



# YOU'RE INVITED TO ST. LUCY'S OPEN HOUSE & PIZZA PICNIC

Thursday, September 18, 2025

ORDER PIZZA ON **SCHOOLCASH ONLINE**



CHEESE SLICE \$2.50

PEPPERONI SLICE \$2.75



LARGE CHEESE PIZZA (8 SLICES) \$16

LARGE PEPPERONI PIZZA (8 SLICES) \$18

6PM - PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

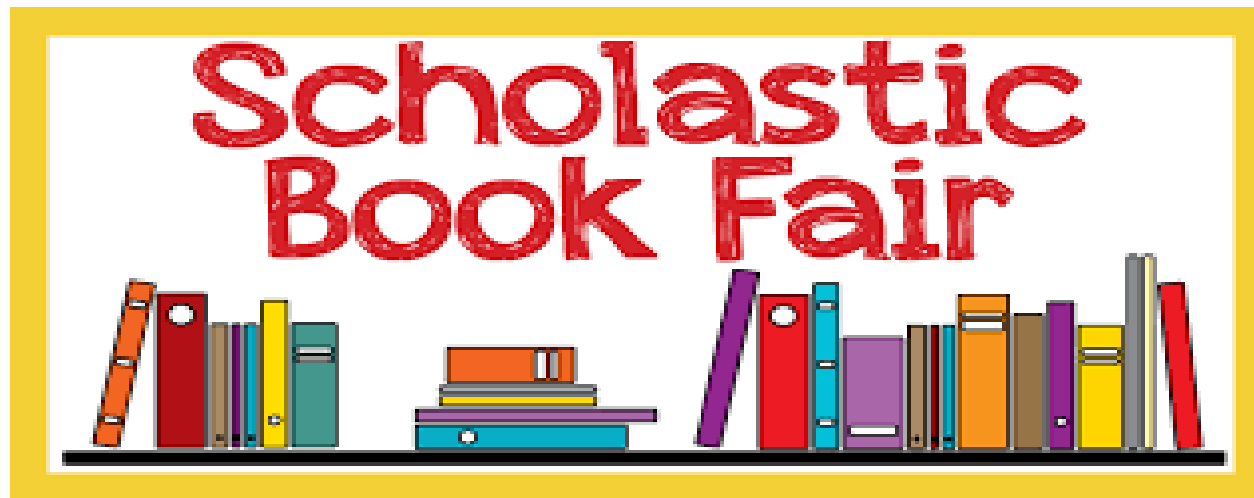
6:30-7:30PM - VISIT CLASSROOMS

★ DON'T FORGET YOUR  
PICNIC BLANKET! ★

BOOK FAIR HAPPENING IN  
THE LIBRARY



PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF PIZZA WILL BE PUT TOWARD EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.



GREAT NEWS! St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School is welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair at the school, the week of September 11-19th. Purchasing books from your school's book fair helps raise much needed funds to purchase new books and materials for the library and classrooms.

Students will visit the fair in the library during the week. A flyer with prices of select items will be sent home soon. **Students may purchase books with Apple Pay, Debit/Credit and cash during their scheduled library periods.** Students will be given the opportunity to make Wish Lists so families can review purchases before they are made. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss what can be purchased with their children prior to students visiting the fair with money during the school day. **Please note that classroom teachers do not always visit the fair with their students, so the students are making shopping choices on their own.**

Our book fair will also be open during the evening of our Open House on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for families to visit the fair together and make purchases.

# Catholic School Council

## Catholic School Council

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At St. Lucy CES, we deeply value the partnership between home, school, and parish. One of the best ways to strengthen this partnership is through our **Catholic School Council**.

The council plays a vital role in supporting student learning, building our faith community, and ensuring that families have a strong voice in the life of our school. Whether it's helping to plan faith-based initiatives, supporting school events, or sharing your ideas and perspectives, your involvement makes a real difference.

We warmly encourage you to consider becoming part of our Catholic School Council this year. No experience is required—just a willingness to share your time, energy, and ideas to help our school continue to grow in faith, community, and excellence.

If you are interested in joining, please complete a nomination form:

[Nomination Form](#)

Nomination forms are due on **September 19, 2025**.

If you have any questions about the roles of Catholic School Council members, please read the following:

[Catholic School Council Roles](#)

We would be blessed to have your voice at the table.

Thank you for your continued support and for all that you do to make St. Lucy CES such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.



# YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

September 25th, 2025



## Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



### DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



### GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



1 (866) 707-3343

[edgeimaging.ca](https://edgeimaging.ca)

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## **Important Information for parents/guardians of students in Grades 2 and 7**

This is a reminder that the registration deadline for First Holy Communion (Grade 2) or Confirmation (Grade 7) is

**Saturday, September 21, 2025.**



These sacraments are beautiful steps in your child's journey of faith. First Holy Communion invites children to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, deepening their connection with Him and with the Church. Confirmation strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism and empowers our young people to live out their faith with courage and joy.

It is a true blessing to walk alongside your children as they grow spiritually and encounter Christ more fully. We encourage you not to miss this special opportunity for your child to experience God's grace in such a powerful way.

If you have not yet registered, please do so before **September 21**. If you need help or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Guardian Angels Church.

We look forward to celebrating these sacred milestones with your family.

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:**

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ONLINE REGISTRATION**

<https://guardianangelsbr.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/first-reconciliation--first-holy-communion-eucharist/the-sacraments-of-first-reconciliation--first-holy-communion/>

#### **CONFIRMATION ONLINE REGISTRATION**

<https://guardianangelsbr.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/confirmation/confirmation--at-guardian-angels-parish/>

#### **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ONLINE REQUIREMENTS & FORM**

<https://guardianangelsbr.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/confirmation/2024-confirmation-sponsor-declaration-form/>

### **MANDATORY INFORMATION, FAITH FORMATION & RETREAT FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN:**

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, October 29, 2025 | 7:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m. | Guardian Angels Church

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 7:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m. | Guardian Angels Church

September 2, 2025

Dear Families:

**RE: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION PLANS FOR 2025-2026**

Welcome back from what I hope was a very restful and safe summer spent with friends and family. We are especially excited to welcome our Junior Kindergarten students and any students new to our schools this year.

A number of years ago, the Ministry of Education implemented a cap on the maximum number of students that may be enrolled in primary classes (Grade 1 to Grade 3). We continue to ensure primary classes are capped at 20 students. In rare instances, a small number of primary classes may have up to a maximum of 23 students, while still being compliant with ministry of Education requirements.

Full Day Kindergarten operates on a board-wide average of 26 students per class with a teacher and a Designated Early Childhood Educator (DECE). This means that some Kindergarten classes may be smaller than 26 and some may be larger. Where a Kindergarten class has 15 students or less, there is a teacher only. The provincial government also requires that the average class size of Grade 4 to Grade 8 classes not exceed a board-wide average of 24.5 students. This means that some classes will be larger than 24 or 25 students, and some classes will be smaller.

As has occurred in past years, parents/guardians should be aware that grade/class reorganization for September may be necessary in order to meet these mandated class size requirements. All school organization plans are subject to review during this time, based on actual enrolment. Where the need to adjust class plans is identified due to unanticipated enrolment fluctuations, both in remote only and in-person classes, reorganization will be implemented effective Tuesday, September 16. This reorganization may also occur for students who are in remote only classes.

A school reorganization may result in your child(ren) moving from one class to another. Teachers will be preparing for the transition on September 15 Professional Activity Day. Please know that your child(ren)'s school principal will keep you duly informed should there be a change to your child(ren)'s class placement, including remote only students.

The Ministry of Education publication, *"An Introduction to Combined Grades,"* provides information for parents/guardians regarding combined grade classes and is attached for your additional information and reference. Please be assured that the DPCDSB will continue, as always, to provide a faith-based quality education for all students entrusted in its care with an emphasis on student safety, well-being and achievement.

As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding and best wishes for a safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,



Max Vecchiarino  
Associate Director, Instructional Services

## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?

1

### Get involved in your child's school life

Ask about their day – school work, friends, their teacher. Let them tell you about the best part of their day, and about what was not so good. This will help you share their successes and uncover any problems.

2

### Stay connected with the school

Talk to your child's teacher. Ask questions. This can be as simple as sending a note to school with your child. Or check with the school to see if you can volunteer to help.

3

### Make learning fun

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Simple activities can build your child's skills and confidence. Talk about prices on a trip to the grocery store to help older kids with math. Make reading fun for younger ones by pointing out the words all around you – on street signs, posters, even cereal boxes!



The Ministry of Education has many tools to help both teachers and parents. Visit [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca) and discover how you can help your child succeed in school.

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO COMBINED GRADES





## WHAT IS A COMBINED CLASSROOM?

Combined classes group children from two or more consecutive grades in one classroom. Schools combine classes for a variety of reasons. This includes organizing classes to meet student learning needs and combining grades to balance class size.

All classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

## HOW ARE STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR COMBINED CLASSES?

Principals and staff consider a variety of factors when grouping children into classes, including:

- Learning styles
- Social skills
- Academic needs
- And many other factors

All classrooms, whether single-grade or combined, include students performing at a range of achievement levels. In every case, schools strive to create a classroom environment that will support the needs of all students.

## HOW WILL A COMBINED CLASS AFFECT MY CHILD?

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Several studies have found that students in combined classes do just as well as students in single-grade classes. In fact, some students actually do better in language and reading.

### IMPROVED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Canadian studies show that children in combined classes have **more opportunities for emotional and social growth**. The rich social environment helps students:

- Learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- Build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- Develop decision-making skills, and become more self-motivated and responsible
- Learn in an environment that reflects the real world. The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives.

## WILL MY CHILD GET ENOUGH INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION?

Every day, in both single-grade classes and combined grades, teachers work with large groups, small groups, and individual students. But students in combined classrooms also benefit from a broader support structure.

Younger children can ask students from the higher grade for help. Older students learn by explaining problems to their younger peers. In fact, peer tutoring can help higher achieving and older students reinforce their knowledge and positive social behaviours.

## HOW CAN THE TEACHER TEACH MORE THAN ONE GRADE AT A TIME?

Teachers use many different strategies to teach students in combined grades. They may:

- Introduce a common topic then give each grade a different task or problem.
- Break students into groups to study different problems and report back to the class. These groups can be flexible, including students with varied interests and skills.
- Bring students together for activities like health, physical education, and the arts.

The Ministry of Education has developed strategies that help teachers reach a range of learners. For example, teams from every school in Ontario have been trained in differentiating instruction. This is a strategy that looks at the individual learning needs and progress of each student. The teacher can then identify the range of needs in the classroom and plan a program that meets the needs of all the students.





**Securely and confidentially** share concerns about any kind of **victimization, harassment, discrimination, or bullying** – whether you experienced it or witnessed it.

**Visit [dpcdsb.org/SafeVoice](https://dpcdsb.org/SafeVoice) or click on the Safe Schools Tool link in the Student Portal.**

### **DPCDSB SafeVoice Safe Schools Tool**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to the safety and well-being of all students. To support this, DPCDSB offers SafeVoice, a confidential Safe Schools Tool for students to share concerns about bullying, harassment, discrimination, or other issues. Students can access SafeVoice from the DPCDSB homepage, the Student Portal, their school website, or directly at [dpcdsb.org/SafeVoice](https://dpcdsb.org/SafeVoice).

The form allows students to provide information about incidents they've experienced or witnessed, including details about who was involved and when and where it took place. Students may choose to remain anonymous or include their name and contact information if they wish to be contacted directly by a school administrator.

All submissions are reviewed by the school Principal and Vice-Principal, unless a concern involves a Principal or Vice-Principal, in which case it is directed to the Superintendent.

SafeVoice is one of the many ways DPCDSB works with students, staff, and families to foster safe, caring, inclusive, and faith-filled school communities. If you need to share information about a crime, please contact Crime Stoppers, Peel Regional Police, or the Ontario Provincial Police.

If you have questions, please contact the school.