

# St. Alfred November 2024 Newsletter

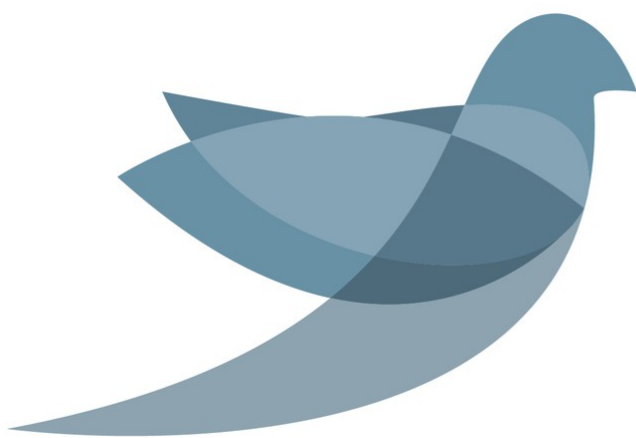
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**CATHOLIC  
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**MAY 4 – MAY 9, 2025**

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EVERY CHILD, A PROMISE

## A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus You said to your disciples, "I leave you peace, my peace I give to you." You know how much the world needs your peace. Yet in so many places there is only conflict and war. Bring peace into the world by bringing Your peace into the hearts of all. Fill us with the fire of Your love and the desire to ensure justice for all. Teach us to love our enemies, and to do good to those who hate, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who abuse us. Lord, through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to turn away from sin and to see You in the face of others. As we remember the souls of those who have passed from this earth we pray for the victims of violence and war. For those wounded in body and for those wounded in soul. We pray in your Holy Name. Amen

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead.  
Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

By: John McCrae



## About Us

- J. Lavalley - Principal
- A. Di Giovanni - Vice Principal
- G. Lapicciarella - Head Secretary
- D. Belchior - Superintendent 905-890-1221
- Mario Pascucci - Trustee - 905-302-3096

- Sts. Martha & Mary Parish - Rev. Xavier De Pinto <http://stsmarthaandmary.org/> and/or <https://stsmarthaandmarymi.archtoronto.org/en/>
- S. Seidell - School Council Chair



## Follow Us on X (formerly known as Twitter)

Did you know that St. Alfred is on X (formerly known as Twitter)?

Follow us on Twitter to learn more about what fantastic activities happen every day at our school. Getting frustrated that you keep missing out on Cookie Day or Spirit Week announcements to name a few? Get important reminders so your kids don't miss out on special events like this! Join us today.

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## School Hours

8:00 – School office opens  
 8:45 – Morning bell  
 10:30– 10:45 - Morning recess  
 11:35 – 12:35 – Lunch  
 2:10 – 2:25- Afternoon recess  
 3:10–3:15 – Dismissal  
 4:00 – School office closes



## STS. MARTHA AND MARY PARISH

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.

\*Wednesday - 7:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotion

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

\*First Friday of the Month- Holy Hour at 6:00 pm with devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy chaplet

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## Sts. Martha and Mary Parish - Sacramental Information

Please find attached below information regarding Reconciliation, Holy First Communion, and Confirmation.



### Dates to Remember

- St. Alfred Catholic School Council Meeting - Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 6:30pm
- Remembrance Day - Monday, November 11, 2024 (St. Alfred will be having a School Liturgy)
- Progress Reports Go Home - Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- Parent-Guardian/Teacher/Student Conferences - Thursday, November 14, 2024 (evening)
- PA Day - Friday, November 22, 2024 (no school)



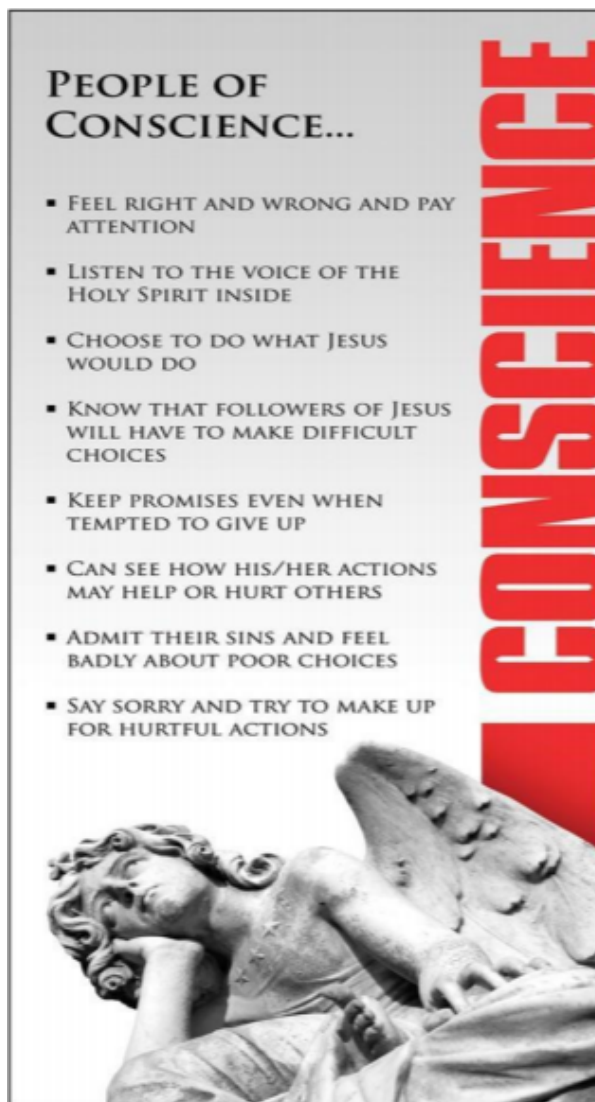
### November Virtue - Conscience

Therefore, I do my best always to have a clear conscience toward God and all people. (Acts 24:16)

A person with conscience...

- Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it
- Can see how his/her wrong-doing affects others and feels badly
- Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well-formed. A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.



## Progress Reports

Students in Grades 1 through 8 will be receiving a progress report on **November 12, 2024**. Parents/Guardians of FDK students will receive a Communication of Learning Initial Observation Report. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress during the Parent/Guardian-Teacher-Student Conferences. These conferences for grades FDK – 8, as requested by the classroom teacher or parent/guardian, will be scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, November 14, 2024**. You are, however, encouraged to contact your child(ren)'s teacher at any time if you require clarification, or if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress. Teachers will endeavour to meet with all parents/guardians during the Term One reporting period in February 2025.



## Junior Volleyball (Triple Ball)

Our boys and girls joined forces and practiced together in preparation for our Pod Play tournament at Sts. Martha & Mary on Wednesday, October 9th. Both teams displayed wonderful teamwork and commitment on the court, rising to all of the challenges that were presented with a positive attitude. There were some great rallies and miraculous plays on both sides of the net, which made it an exciting experience for all. Way to go Eagles!

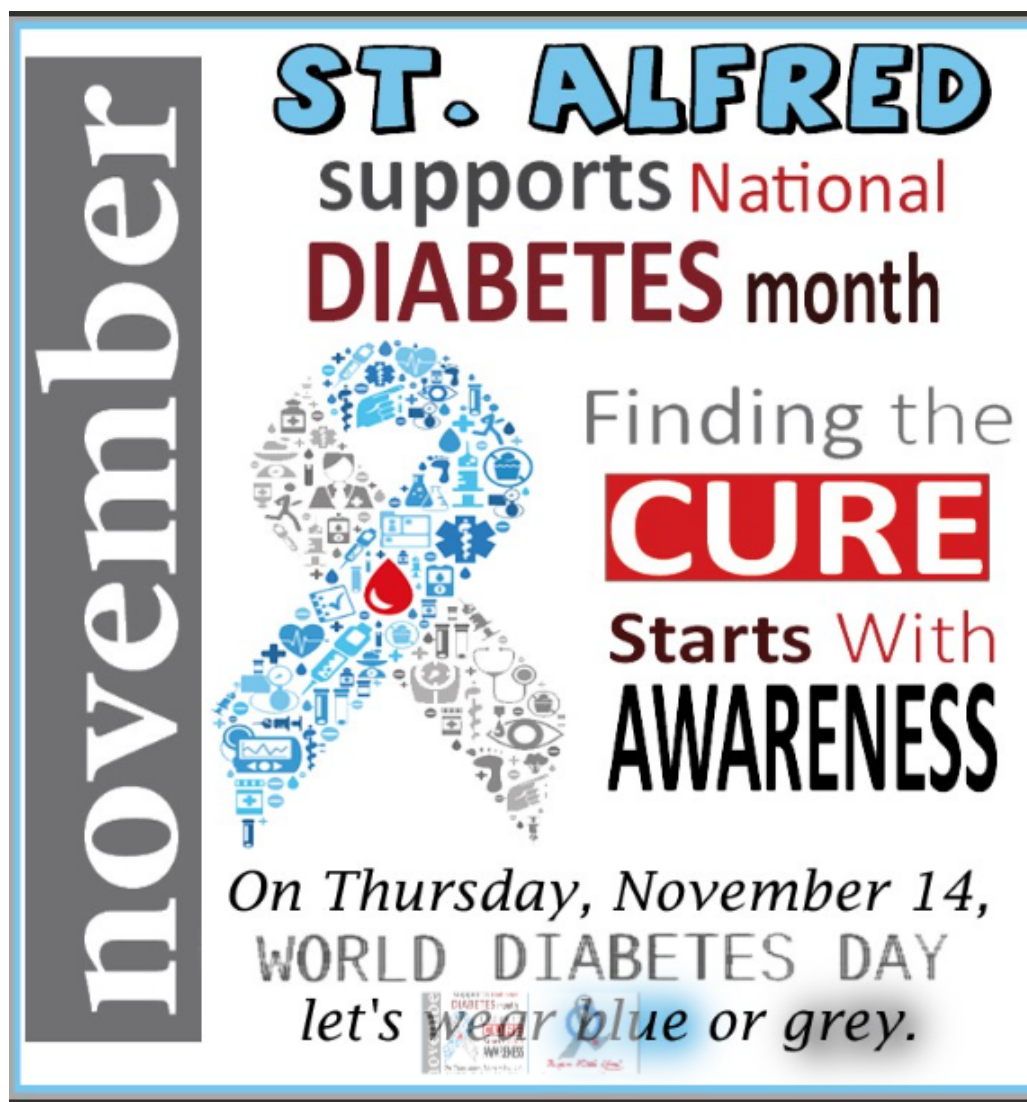
Thank you to Ms. Ceccorulli and Mr. Toner for leading this initiative!



## Remembrance Day Liturgy - November 11, 2024

Mr. D'Agostino's class will be leading our Remembrance Day Liturgy.

Thank you to Mr. D'Agostino's class for all their efforts in preparing and delivering the liturgy.



### Snacks and Treats for Classrooms

We are asking that all parents please refrain from bringing snacks/treats (any edible items) to classroom for sharing amongst students. Several students in our school suffer from severe food allergies to nuts, peanuts, nut products, fish as well as other foods. There is also a Ministry PPM - a memorandum that sets out nutrition standards for food and beverages in publicly funded elementary schools in Ontario. If you would still like to do something special for your child's class, a classroom gift, (e.g. board game) for inclement recess may be a great alternative. Again, we thank you for your cooperation.

### The 2024 Black Excellence Professionals Expo

The Black Excellence Success Team (B.E.S.T) is hosting the 3rd annual Black Excellence Professionals Expo on November 6, 2024, at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Brampton, Ontario.

Doors will be open to students, parents and guardians, and community members at 6:00pm. The Expo is an opportunity for Black students to meet Black



professionals and mentors in a career fair atmosphere. Students and families are invited to attend this event, which aims to build community and provide students with an opportunity to talk to professionals from a variety of fields. The evening will include Black professionals from various industries, a keynote speaker, food trucks, a DJ and so much more. Black representation matters, and is key to addressing and eliminating Anti-Black Racism within the educational system. In response to Dufferin-Peel's Catholic Community, Culture and Caring survey data, and as part of the Multi-Year Strategic plan, the B.E.S.T committee is creating opportunities and affinity spaces for Black youth, staff, and the broader community to have a voice, feel affirmed and share lived experiences. This event is designed to build bridges with Black businesses, support post-secondary pathways, and connect students with professionals from a variety of industries.

Please use this [registration link](#) to register for the event. Please see attached for more information including registration information.



**Guest Invite Expo 2024.pdf**

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## **Grade 1 French Immersion at DPCDSB - for 2025-26**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As a parent/guardian of a child in a Dufferin-Peel Year 2 Kindergarten classroom, you may wish to consider the French Immersion program as a possibility for Grade 1 in September 2025.



DPCDSB currently offers the Grade 1 French Immersion Program at eight school sites. Students registered in this Grade 1 program will spend 90% of their year learning in the French language. All subjects and activities in the French Immersion classroom, except for Religion and Family Life, will be delivered in French.

In Grades 2 and 3, 70% of the instruction will be in French, with the proportion of English increasing to 50% in later years. This means that after at least 3,800 hours of French instruction by the end of Grade 8, students will be able to participate adequately in French conversations and develop intercultural awareness of French-speaking communities.

For more information, please see the attached flyer.



**2025-2026 French Immersion Promotional Poster.pdf**

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## **Extended French**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) will hold two online public information sessions on November 5 and 7 for parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in the DPCDSB *Extended French Program* for the 2025-2026 school year. The information sessions will provide an overview of the *Extended French Program* and application process.

## **2025-2026 Extended French Virtual Information Sessions**

### **School Region**

#### **BRAMPTON, CALEDON & DUFFERIN**

**Holy Family C.E.S.** (Caledon/Bolton)

**St. Andrew C.E.S.** (Orangeville)

**St. Anne C.E.S.** (Brampton West)

**St. Jean Brebeuf C.E.S.** (Brampton East)

**St. Monica C.E.S.** (Brampton Central)

**Session Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024 @7:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Information**

### **Virtual Extended French**

#### **Information Session #1**

[Meeting Link](#)

### **School Region**

#### **MISSISSAUGA**

**San Lorenzo Ruiz C.E.S.** (Miss. Central)

**St. Christopher C.E.S.** (Miss. South)

**St. Philip C.E.S.** (Miss. Southeast)

**St. Rose of Lima C.E.S.** (Miss North Central)

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus C.E.S.** (Miss. North)

**St. Thomas More C.E.S.** (Miss. East)

**Session Date & Time:** Thursday, November 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Information**

### **Virtual Extended French**

#### **Information Session #2**

[Meeting Link](#)

**Note about Microsoft Teams:** *For optimal access, use a computer device (desktop, laptop, or Chromebook) or use the Microsoft Teams App.*

The *Extended French Program* starts in Grade 5 and offers 50% of the total instruction in French. The program includes studies in French Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and one of either: Visual Arts, Music, Drama or Physical Education. The program leads into Extended French at the secondary school level, where French Language Arts, Geography, History and World Religions are offered.

Students in *Extended French* will receive a minimum of 2,670 hours of French instruction during their school career. When complete, students should also be able to participate in conversation and demonstrate their knowledge of French culture, society, and customs.



Information about the application process and submission deadline will be announced at the Extended French information sessions.

For more information, visit the [Extended French webpage](#).

## Information from EarlyON

EarlyON is inviting parents/guardians/caregivers to informative and interactive sessions where you will learn all about nutrition for both parents/guardians/caregivers and babies. Anika Dhalla, a registered nutritionist, will share valuable tips, recipes, and information on how to provide the best nutrition for you and your little one. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents. Whether you're a new parent or have been on this journey for a while, there's always something new to learn when it comes to nutrition. See you there!

**Time:** 10:00am to 11:00am (EST)

**Location:** Brian W Fleming P.S EarlyON

### PRESENTATION TOPICS:

#### November 18

PROTEIN - Muscle me into this one

Snack: Tofu smoothies

#### November 25

Let's balance out our meals together

Snack: Savoury oats

Here is the registration link for **Parent/Guardian/Caregiver and Baby Nutrition Sessions with Anika Dhalla hosted by DBNC EarlyON on Mondays, from 10:00am to 11:00am for Sessions: November 18, and 25**. Parents can register for as many sessions as they'd like!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parent-baby-nutrition-sessions-w-anika-dhalla-tickets-1028050305137>

## DPCDSB Thrive in the Community Newsletter



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## Math@Home Newsletter

Each **Math@Home** newsletter will:

- Highlight a mathematical concept/skill;
- Include related *Family Math Activities* that can be done at home;
- Spotlight a resource that can be used to further support doing math at home.

Please see the attached PDF for details. This month's focus is: **Mental Math**



**Math@Home---MENTAL-MATH.pdf**

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458.3 KB

## Philip Pocock Grade 8 Information Night

When: Wednesday, November 6 th, 2024 6:00 pm: Presentation 6:30 – 7:30 pm: School Tour and Program Fair

Where: Philip Pocock C.S.S. 4555 Tomken Road, Mississauga, ON L4W 1J9

Please see the flyer below for more information.



**PPCSS FLYER - OPEN HOUSE 2024.pdf**

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## Peel Public Health November 2024 E-Blast

What you'll find in this edition:

For Parents/Guardians

- November 24-30 is National Addictions Awareness Week
- Quash: An App to Help Youth Quit Vaping and Smoking
- Free Virtual Dental Screening for Children
- Tips for Managing Screen time



Please see the attachment below for more details.



**For Parents-Guardians - Peel Public Health November EBlast**

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## Student Absences - SafeArrival Absence Reporting System

At Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

This is a reminder that here at St. Alfred, we will be using the **SafeArrival** absence reporting system this school year.

Please be informed that **parents are required to report student absences prior to the bell time for the current day**, future absences, or absences that span 2 or more days up to 5 consecutive days.

Absence which exceeds 15 days will need to be communicated with the school office directly.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger App** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Once you are signed up and logged in, select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1 (844) 435-3440** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. If further assistance required on how to report an absence using **SafeArrival** can be found on the following link: <https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting>

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website, or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications. We appreciate your diligence and attention regarding the reporting of your child's attendance for the upcoming school year.

Thank you!

## Protocol for Student Accidents, Injuries, Illnesses

As per Dufferin-Peel General Administrative Procedures (GAP), the Principal of each school is responsible for establishing a communication procedure to parents/guardians for student accidents, injuries, or illnesses.

### General Expectations

All accidents, injuries, and illnesses requiring first aid will be reported to parents/guardians. This communication procedure shall be used regardless of the severity of the accident, injury, or illness. Where an accident, injury, or illness occurs at school, standard first aid treatment shall be given immediately by a qualified First Aider, when available. In the case of an injury, staff shall not move the injured party if there is a suspected back or neck injury as this could potentially cause further damage.

Where an accident, injury, or illness occurs on a school sponsored excursion, first aid treatment shall be given by the excursion provider/location, when available. If a qualified first aid provider is not available, the students' parent/guardian and/or emergency services will be contacted, as

appropriate. A staff member shall report any accident or injury to the Principal as soon as possible on the day of the illness, accident, or injury.

If an accident or injury involving a student has occurred while at school but has not been discovered until a later time, the Principal, when informed of such accident or injury, shall inform the parent(s)/guardian(s)/emergency contact and their instructions acted upon, as appropriate.

If the Principal or their delegate believes that the injury or illness may not be of a serious nature, the parent(s)/guardian(s)/emergency contact shall be informed and their instructions acted upon, as appropriate.

### **Serious Accident, Injury, or Illness Response**

If the accident, injury, or illness appears to be of a serious nature, which may require diagnosis and/or treatment by a qualified medical practitioner, the following procedures shall apply in the order described below:

- a) An ambulance shall be called immediately (911) to transport the accident/injury victim and/or person experiencing a serious illness to a hospital. A staff member shall accompany the victim to the hospital.
- b) For serious accidents, injuries, and/or illnesses which occur on DPCDSB property during school hours, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student shall be notified immediately.
- c) Where the accident, injury, or illness involves a student, Emergency Response Services personnel shall be provided with a copy of the Student Index Card.
- d) If a student is admitted to a hospital as a result of an accident or injury, or if the accident or injury results in a serious or fatal injury, DPCDSB's Risk Management and Insurance Officer, Health and Safety Department, will be notified by telephone on the same day as per GAP 519.01 – Board Insurance – Incident Reports.
- e) Principals shall complete the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) on-line incident report form as soon as possible. Principals must ensure that the red box at the top of the on-line incident report form is checked.
- f) OSBIE and DPCDSB's Risk Management and Insurance Officer shall receive copies of on-line OSBIE report forms simultaneously. OSBIE prioritizes reports daily and will follow-up with the Principal and/or the Risk Management and Insurance Officer regarding serious or fatal injuries.

**\*Source: Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board GAP 101.02**

## **International and Indigenous Languages Elementary Program**

Please see attached for more information regarding the DPCDSB International and Indigenous Languages Elementary Program



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## **School Yard Supervision**



A reminder to both parents/guardians and students that yard supervision does not begin until 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring student safety.

## **Kiss & Ride**

The Kiss and Ride lane is a convenience provided to parents with the intention that parents remain in their cars. If you need to assist your child, or exit your vehicle, please park in a parking spot or on the street in a designated area.

### **Rules to Remember**

- Never park in the Kiss and Ride lane and get out of your car.
- Always pull up to the front of the line and let your child out at the sidewalk where the supervising teacher will be standing. Do not let your child out anywhere else!
- If you are parked in the school lot, please wait for the supervising teacher's signal to exit the lot

Thank you for your assistance in making our school the safest it can possibly be for our students!

## **Valuables**

Students are requested NOT to bring valuables, items of importance or money to school. This includes video games, iPods, phones, expensive sports equipment, etc. The school cannot accept responsibility for valuables brought to school. Personal items should be marked with the child's name.

## **Information for Parents/Guardians about DPCDSB**

Ontario's Ministry of Education has provided parents and guardians with the document, [Your child's education: A parent guide to our school system](#). Information specific to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) on topics listed in the Ministry of Education's guide for parents and guardians can be found in the [DPCDSB Companion Resource](#) and/or on the DPCDSB website ([www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org)). DPCDSB also has a policy regarding advocacy and responding to concerns and inquiries. The policy includes information regarding roles and responsibilities, procedures regarding contacting appropriate staff and timelines associated with receiving a response to inquiries and/or concerns. [Policy 2.0 Advocacy: Responding to Concerns and Inquiries](#).



## **Catholic Code of Conduct**

DPCDSB is committed to the implementation in every school of the Catholic Code of Conduct that clearly reflects the need to provide a safe, caring, inclusive and healthy Catholic school community. All community members will work together to develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally by aspiring to the highest possible standards of Catholic behavior, in living out the gospel values, and by fostering a Catholic culture of respect, responsibility and concern for the common good. The Catholic Code of Conduct is available can be found on the DPCDSB website (<https://www.dpcdsb.org/students/catholic-code-of-conduct>). Parents, Guardians, Students and Community members are invited to provide feedback regarding the Code of Conduct using the link provided on the DPCDSB website.

## Student Handbook

The student handbook is posted on [DPCDSB website](#) under the Students Tab ([Elementary Student Handbook](#); [Secondary Student Handbook](#)). The student handbook contains information regarding DPCDSB policies, guidelines, and expectations for students. Please note, failure to review the handbook does not remove the onus of responsibility from a student to adhere to school policies, rules, and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact your school's main office.



## Fire Drills

Please note that we are required to conduct 3 fire drills each school term. The drills occur during the school day.

## Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations inform the teaching and learning in all of our classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Our instructional practices reflect the knowledge, skills and mindsets embodied in these expectations. The Catholic Graduate is expected to be:



**A discerning believer** formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection, and moral living

**An effective communicator** who speaks, writes, and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values

**A reflective, creative, and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good

**A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner** who develops and demonstrates God-given potential

**A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity, and vocation in work that respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good

**A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish, and the community

**A responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice, and the sacredness of human life.

## Late Students

Please note that the school day **begins promptly at 8:45 AM**. Students **must** enter through their designated doors at the back of the school if they arrive prior to 8:45 AM.

Parents/Guardians are **not permitted** to park in the front of the school to wait for the bell and have their child(ren) enter through the main entrance doors.

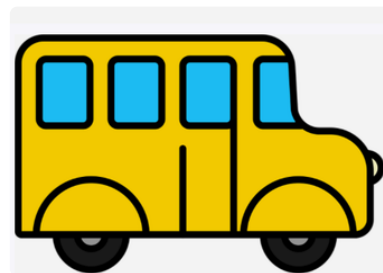
If students are entering through the main entrance, they will be required to sign in at the office and marked as Late.

## Transportation Information

### Web Access to Transportation Information

The STOPR website address is:

[www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca)



This website provides access to up-to-date information regarding delayed buses and bus cancellations. Parents must have their child's OEN in order to obtain transportation information.

\*\*\*Please see the attachment below for information on Inclement Weather School Bus Cancellation Procedures and Weather Zones. Note: St. Alfred is in Zone 1\*\*\*



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## Student Information

Please remember to update the office with any new information regarding your child. The office needs to be advised of any changes to telephone numbers, emergency contacts, and/or address so that we always have the most up-to-date information for your child in case of emergency.

The office must be advised of any medical concerns. All medication must be kept in the office.

## Emergency Evacuation

Teachers and students regularly practice emergency evacuation procedures. These include safe exit from the building in the event of a fire, precautions in the event of a bomb threat and safety actions / lock downs to be taken in the event of an intruder alert. In the unforeseen event that we must evacuate the school for emergency purposes, our students will evacuate to B.W. Fleming School.

## St. Alfred Catholic School Council

Communication between home and school is greatly enhanced by parental involvement with the Catholic School Council. Please note that our Council will be comprised of parents, school staff as well as community and parish representatives. The aim of the School Advisory Council is to support school activities and students through involvement and fund raising. The School Council also provides a forum for parents to meet and share information and ideas concerning the school community.



Our next meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:30pm at St. Alfred**

The following members will represent the St. Alfred Catholic School Council 2024-2025:

**Council Chair** – S. Seidell  
**Treasurer** – M. Manuel  
**Secretary** - L. Myers  
**OAPCE Rep.** – A. Kore  
**Teaching Rep.** – S. Campbell  
**Non-Teaching Rep.** - P. Jorge

For previous meeting minutes, please visit our school website: <https://www.dpcdsb.org/ALFRD/news>

## **Students Who Are Unwell**

As we do our part in keeping St. Alfred a healthy and safe environment for all students, it is important that we continue to be diligent in isolating students who are unwell.

**Please note: it is a requirement that we follow the safety protocols set out by Peel Health and the DPCDSB. It is important that you have a plan in place if you receive a phone call to pick up your child. Also, it is important that you have an alternate pick up person ready to pick up your child(ren) if you cannot do so. We are aware that this is sometimes hard to coordinate however, the expectation of the school, board, and Peel Health continues to be that pick up of ill children is mandatory.**

Thank you to the St. Alfred school community for continuing to keep us safe!

## **Pediculosis (Head Lice)**

From time to time, there may be cases of pediculosis or head lice in our school. This should not be cause for alarm. Lice are a nuisance, but not hazardous to your child's health. An alert letter will be sent home to parents and guardians of the affected classes. If more information is required you may visit the Region of Peel at the following website:

<https://peelregion.ca/health/shp/reference-guide/head-lice.htm>

## **Allergen Awareness Alert**

In addition to our Board Policy, the passing of Sabrina's law serves as a reminder of the seriousness of anaphylactic reactions. It compels a continued call for action and ongoing monitoring of existing practices to support the safety, health and welfare of all students at St. Alfred School. As there are a number of students in our school who have a severe life threatening allergy to nuts, we ask our families to refrain from sending to school any food, etc. that contains nut products (e.g., peanut butter sandwiches, snacks with nuts, etc.). While we cannot guarantee a "Nut Free" or "Allergen Free" environment, you can help to reduce the risk to our students by not sending in peanuts, nuts of any kind, products containing nuts, nut oil, or nut by-products, foods that MAY have come in contact with nuts or nut products and fast food or commercial snacks where the content or exposure to nuts of commercial foods or snacks is unclear (e.g., Timbits).



Edible birthday treats will not be shared with students at school. Please do not send cakes, cookies etc. for distribution. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Storage and Administration of Medication

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication, please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible. Parents are reminded that children are NOT allowed to keep medication in their desk, backpack or classroom (with the exception of an epi-pen or puffer if allergies are severe). All dispensing of medication requires medical permission and must be stored in the office.

## Ryan's Law - Ensuring an Asthma Friendly School

We would like to inform you that St. Alfred continues to participate in 'We Share the Air' a Scent Sensitivity Awareness Campaign. There are students in attendance who suffer from life-threatening asthmatic conditions to air pollutants. Exposure even to minimal odours may cause potential life-threatening reactions. Very common severe chemical triggers are: perfume, cologne, scented products and personal care products (such as hairspray). These products may cause severe reactions for students. The safety and well-being of all of our students is a priority. In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, we request that our school community refrain from wearing scented personal products complying with our Scent Free Zone Campaign at school and all school events. Please ensure that all caregivers are also aware of our awareness campaign. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the schools staff.

## Custody of Children

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at our school asking to visit with their child or take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect the child when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial agreements between parents. We require that a copy of all legal documentation be kept in your child's school records.

## School Cash Online

### Benefits of using School Cash Online

**Fast** – With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past!

**Convenient** – Receive email notifications regarding school fees and events, and then pay the fees, anytime, anywhere.

**Simple** – Keeping track of what's going on at your student's school can be overwhelming. With School Cash Online, you can easily manage all of the items and activities your student needs.

**Safe & Secure** – Pay for your child's fees without the worry of them carrying funds to school. When



you use School Cash Online, you can also feel confident knowing we use industry leading practices to protect your information.

To directly login or to register, visit:

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## PLASP Information

Before and After School Programs – Register Online Today

PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for their before and after school programs, including programs at this school. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. Available space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



PLASP programs are licensed by the Ministry of Education and are adhering to strict public health guidelines. Highly trained staff facilitate fun, age-appropriate activities both indoors and outdoors.

Before School programs operate from 7:30 a.m. until school starts and include breakfast daily. After School programs begin at school dismissal, include a substantial daily snack, and run until 6:00 p.m.

PLASP Child Care Services is a charitable organization, operating on a not-for-profit basis, providing award winning programs for children, for more than 40 years.

Visit [plasp.com](http://plasp.com) to register, or contact the PLASP Support Services Centre at 647-484-4372.

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