


St. Alfred February 2025 Newsletter

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EVERY CHILD, A PROMISE



A Prayer to Saint Valentine

Love is patient and kind,
It doesn't envy or boast and It's never proud.
Love is not rude or selfish,
It doesn't get angry easily or keep track of wrongs.
Love doesn't delight in bad things,
But it rejoices in the truth.
Love always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres.
Love never fails.

- St. Paul to the Corinthians



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



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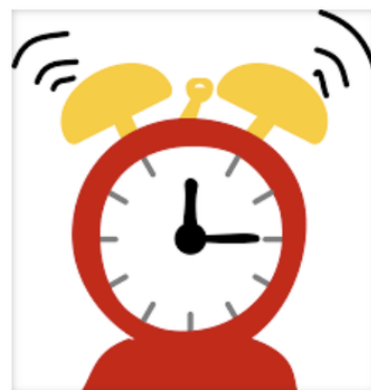
Did you know that St. Alfred is on X?

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.

[@StAlfred_dpdsb](https://twitter.com/StAlfred_dpdsb)

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.



Sts. Marth and Mary Parish Sacramental Flyer 2024 2025.pdf

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Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 6:30pm - Catholic School Council Meeting
- Thursday, February 6, 2025 - National Sweater Day
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - Report Cards Distributed
- Thursday, February 13, 2025 (evening) - Student-Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, February 14, 2025 - PA Day: Reporting to Parents/Guardians (no school; Student-Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences

continued)

- Monday, February 17, 2025 - Family Day (no school)
- Monday, February 24, 2025 to Friday, February 28, 2025 - Junglesport Inc. at St. Alfred

February Virtue - Respect

This month we will celebrate the virtue of self-control. Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others. Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person. When we use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.

A person with self control...

- Is patient.
- Knows how to wait their turn.
- Can calm themselves down and think before reacting to a situation.
- Knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.).
- Can think things through and do what is best for all.



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.

For more information, please see the attached document below.



Community Bulletin - Self-Identification Option for Indigenous Families.pdf

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Black History Month

In February we celebrate Black History Month. In addition to ongoing culturally responsive pedagogy, our students will be involved in various classroom activities focusing on and celebrating the many contributions of Black Canadians, both past and present, who have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today!



One Stop Talk

One Stop Talk offers children, youth (within 18 years of age) and their families immediate access to free mental health support. The program provides single session counselling support and ensures direct referral to additional service when needed. Services are provided through an integrated network of infant, child and youth mental health agencies across Ontario.



For more information, please see the attached flyer and handout.



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OST Handout.pdf

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Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025. Parent/Guardian-Student-Teacher Conferences will take place on the evening of Thursday, February 13th, 2025 and during the day on Friday, February 14th, 2025.



Message From Our EcoTeam

National Sweater Day - Thursday, February 6, 2025

On Thursday, February 6, 2025 staff and students are encouraged to wear sweaters as the indoor temperatures of the school's classrooms get reduced to conserve energy. National Sweater Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution. You can continue this initiative at home by turning your temperature down by 1oC and wearing a sweater. We look forward to seeing everyone in their sweaters!

Thank you to Ms. McGregor and Ms. Hayter and the EcoTeam members for leading this initiative.



EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians

EQAO staff are hosting free LIVE webinars for parents and guardians.

Staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments in **Grades 3, 6 and 9**. During the webinar, [EQAO](#) staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

We invite you to share this information and the registration links with families in your school community.

Webinar Registration Links:

- [Tuesday, February 18, 2025](#) 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125

Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org.

Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students

must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2025.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process:


- Proof of age of the child
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original baptismal certificate from a church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome or an Eastern Catholic Church.
- Immunization Reference #'s from the local Public Health Unit
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of home address
- Proof of English Separate School Support

Please refer to the [Register for School webpage](#) for accepted forms of documentation.

Inquiries about home school locations/boundary areas should be directed to the DPCDSB Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the DPCDSB website at dpcdsb.org, or call DPCDSB's Admissions Department at 905-890-1221. Also, please see the attached flyer for more information.

It's Kindergarten Registration time!



Students must be at least 4 years of age by December 31, 2025 to start Kindergarten in September 2025.

Parent/Guardian School Volunteers Needed

Parents/guardians are an integral part of our Catholic school communities. Parent/guardian engagement, advocacy and support for Catholic schools gives you a voice, and signals that support for Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel and Ontario is strong. We appreciate the involvement of parents/guardians at the local school and encourage participation in school activities and events. Parent/guardian school volunteer activities include: field trips, lunch events, and other school events.

All parent/guardian school volunteers need to have a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening on file at the school. If you are interested in volunteering at St. Alfred please contact the office to obtain a School Volunteer Letter that is submitted to the Police Department as part of your request for a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening.



Anyone who has not previously submitted a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening is strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid delays. Please allow up to 6 weeks to process the application.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has the responsibility, under law, to provide a safe and secure working and learning environment for students and employees. The Board is in a position of trust with regard to students and must protect their intellectual, physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

All individuals are required to provide an original Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening that is satisfactory to the Board prior to the commencement of any duties. The Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening must have been executed within the preceding 6 months of receipt.

Once Your Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening is Completed:

Peel Regional Police or your local Police Department will return the results using their preferred method. A copy certified by a Principal or Designate of the school must be held at the School.

Do I have to get a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening each school year?

No. If you have a Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening on file, you will receive an Annual Offence Declaration (AOD) for the calendar year. This must be signed and returned to the school to keep your Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening on file current. An AOD may be obtained at the St. Alfred School Main Office.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at St. Alfred School. Thank you for your interest and support.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR: 2023-2024 DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is with great honour and pleasure that I present the 2023-2024 Director's Annual Report.

What makes the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board such an exceptional place to learn and work is our ability to collaborate effectively, not only within our schools but also with our parish partners, parents, guardians, and community stakeholders. Together, we work for the benefit of the thousands of learners, both young and old, who entrust us with their education.

The 2023-2024 school year was not without its challenges. We are navigating a significant budget deficit which, coupled with declining enrolment, creates a financial strain that impacts us on so many fronts. Yet we persevere and continue to thrive in many other areas. I invite you to explore the 2023-2024 Director's Annual Report, where you will find clear evidence of the strength of our efforts as we work diligently to achieve the goals outlined in the Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

As I have said many times before, we often exceed expectations, not because it is required of us, but because our work is deeply rooted in our call to serve. As Pope Francis reminds us, "According to Christian tradition, (work) is more than a mere doing; it is, above all, a mission. We collaborate with the creative work of God when, through our work, we cultivate and preserve creation; we participate, in the Spirit of Jesus, in his redemptive mission when, by our activity, we give sustenance to our families and respond to the needs of our neighbor."

I am both proud and privileged to serve alongside such talented and dedicated faculty, staff, and system leaders, as well as our focused and committed Board of Trustees.

I extend particular thanks to the Board of Trustees for its guidance and unwavering support, which has enabled DPCDSB to continue being a leader in Catholic education in this province. I also wish to express my gratitude to our faculty and staff at all levels, our unions and associations, our parish and diocesan partners, the Ministry of Education, our students, and their families. May God continue to bless and keep you all.

Dr. Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.

Director of Education

To access the Director's Annual Report please visit: <https://annual.dpcdsb.org/2023-2024/>

Early ON - Children and Family Centre @ Brian W Fleming PS



EarlyON is a high-quality, free drop-in child and family program that supports early learning and development for families with children from birth to 6 years old. It offers a range of programs that support children's early literacy and numeracy development as well as their physical, social and emotional development.

DBNC EarlyON offers: Play-Based Learning, High-Quality Programs, Community connections.

Visit us at:

Brian W Fleming PS, 3255 Havenwood Dr, Mississauga, ON L4X 2M2 (access it from outside, east side of the building)

Phones: 416-294-9965 or 437-213-4229

Please see attached for programming in February.



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.



Changes in Weather

As colder weather is upon us, a few friendly reminders. We recognize that temperatures can change throughout the day and suggest that children come dressed in layers. Students need to wear the necessary clothing and shoes/boots in order to ensure they are appropriately dressed for outdoor play during the winter season. During the winter season, many parents/guardians are concerned about school policy on outdoor recess. It is generally accepted that when the wind chill factor drops below -25°C ,

students should not go outside for recess. Dufferin-Peel C.D.S.B. policy uses a wind chill of -20°C as the determining temperature for modified recesses. At St. Alfred School, students will remain inside when the wind chill is reported at -25°C or lower and we will modify the duration of recess when the temperature reaches -20°C . As always, ensure your child is prepared for the extremes of winter weather.

Snow Stays on the Ground

The weather and the wonderful pleasures that come with winter have begun. Students are reminded that **snow stays on the ground**. Frequent reminders are made on the morning announcements. Students are encouraged to constructively use the snow that winter brings to build different creations out of the snow. Please assist us by reviewing with your child the dangers of throwing snowballs and the importance of preventing injury to other children. Together, we will create a school yard which is safe for all during winter. Another important element of constructive play is respecting the efforts of others. Students are reminded to respect the efforts of others (e.g., snow forts, etc.) and to leave those creations for all to enjoy.





Thrive in Community - February 2025.pdf

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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: **Geometry**



Math@Home---GEOMETRY.pdf

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Peel Public Health February 2025 E-Blast

What you'll find in this edition:

- Healthy Smiles Ontario Program – Free Dental Services for Eligible Kids
- National Pink Shirt Day is February 26
- February is Winter Walk Month



Please see the attachment below for more details.



Region of Peel February 2025 E-Blast.pdf

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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**

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). 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.

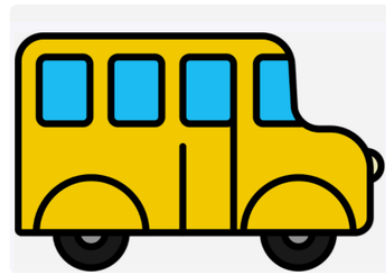
Transportation Information

Web Access to Transportation Information

The STOPR website address is:

www.stopr.ca

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***

Also, STOPR is pleased to announce the date for our next First Time Rider School Bus Safety program. Please see the attached flyer and mark your calendars for **Saturday August 23, 2025**. The First Time Rider School Bus Safety Program is a highly recommended program for any student who is unfamiliar with the rules and procedures of riding a school bus.



STOPR - 2024-25 Fall and Winter Newsletter.pdf

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First Time Rider Save-the-Date memo and flyer 2025-26.pdf

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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, February 5, 2025 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 the most recent meeting minutes, please visit our school website: <https://www.dpcdsb.org/ALFRD/about/school-council>

For previous meeting minutes, please visit: <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.

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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!

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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 to register, or contact the PLASP Support Services Centre at 647-484-4372.

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