



December Newsletter 2024

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Merry Christmas

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Jesus,

Our Saviour,

thank you for

living among us

and showing us the

way to God. Thank you

for being born at Christmas.

Your presence among us is our

greatest gift, one that gives us peace

and joy. Thank you too for all those who

show us how to follow you and for all your

angels and saints who watch over us with such

great love. Thank you very much for all our blessings.

Bless and watch over all your people in this Christmas

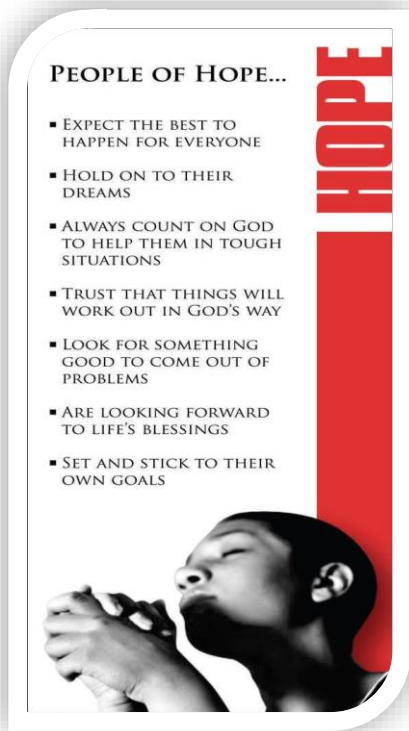
season

and

always.

AMEN

Virtue of the Month



Celebrating Advent



This year the liturgical season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. Advent is a Latin word meaning “the coming”. During the season of Advent, Christians across the world prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Lord into the world through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. At St. John of the Cross Catholic School, we emphasize the implications of the birth of the Saviour through our actions. We ensure that Advent is a time where we emphasize charity and social justice. May the joy and peace of Advent be with you and your family today, and every day, throughout the year.

Angel on the Tree



Our yearly Angel on the Tree initiative in support of families identified through the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John of the Cross Church continues this year. We are accepting **gift card donations** which will be accepted **until Friday, December 10th**. *Please do not put family names on gift cards.*



Advent Mass

On **Tuesday, December 17**, our school community will come together to celebrate our Advent Mass at 11:00am in

the school gym. We will gather as a community of faith to celebrate and prepare for the coming birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Please join us!

Catholic School Council

Our next school council meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 16th**. The meeting will take place in the library at 6:00 pm. *All are welcome to attend!*



Registration/Ticket purchases through School Cash On-Line for our Christmas concert on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm, is available until Monday, December 2nd. All funds will be donated to ShareLife. Please contact the school if you have any questions. We're looking forward to gathering as a school community to join in celebration!

An afternoon performance is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 1:30pm (tickets are not required for this performance) for those who are not able to attend the nighttime performance.

*We please ask that parents have **students attend BOTH the afternoon and evening performance**, as students have rehearsed as a whole class and rely on all students to attend for the act to be successful.*



Dress for the Weather

It is imperative that students come to school prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess.

Parents, please ensure your children have **hats, scarves, mitts, winter outerwear and boots**. Please put identification on your child's belongings. We also ask that students have a pair of **indoor shoes** so that feet are kept warm and dry, and classrooms are kept as clean and dry as possible.

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.

Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team



Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team for some impressive volleyball play! While we did not advance to the Family Tournament, it was wonderful to see how well you all developed and played. Your coaches are so proud of you! And so is the rest of the school!

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball



The Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team had a fantastic season, advancing to the Family Tournament at St. Joan Of Arc on Monday, December 2nd. They worked incredibly hard and came through undefeated, winning all 4 games and all their sets. The students not only developed their volleyball skills, but they learned how to work as a team and showed tremendous school spirit. We wish them the best of luck continuing their season. Go Mustangs go!



Attachments

1. Thrive in Community December 2024
2. Peel Public Health Newsletter December 2024