

St. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Hands to Serve, Hearts to Love, Growing in the Image of Christ

March 2025



Principal's Message

Dear STOC Family,

The month of February was filled with Faith, Respect and Kindness at St. Teresa of Calcutta. Students participated in several activities honouring Black History Month 2025.

We start our Lenten journey toward Easter on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

In March we recognize the virtue of Kindness. We ask that you continue to demonstrate your kindness during this season of Lent by giving generously to St. Vincent de Paul and ShareLife at St. Patrick's Parish. There are families within our community that would benefit from your assistance and these organizations would appreciate your help.

We also will be having an Easter Food Drive from March 24 to April 9. More information will be sent home about our Easter Food Drive and items most needed.

Our Virtue of Kindness assembly will be on Friday, March 21 at 9:15 a.m. Our Lenten Mass will be on March 25 at 9:30 a.m. and Stations of the Cross will be on Thursday, April 17 at 1:15 p.m. Families are welcome to join us.

God Bless,
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Dates to Remember:

March Break –

Mon., Mar. 10-Fri. Mar. 14(inclusive)

LENTEN REFLECTION

Good and Gracious God,

You call your people to you
this Lent.

May this sacred season renew
our desire
to live fully the promises of
our baptism
and to love you with a whole
heart.

Through more frequent
prayer,
acts of charity, and fasting,
may we remember that
loving you and one another
is the most important thing
we can do.

In confidence, we ask these
things
through Jesus Christ
Our Risen Lord and Savior.

Amen

We will have our Shrove
Tuesday Celebration on March
4, 2025

This year our Ash Wednesday
Para-Liturgy will be taking
place on March 5, 2025, at
9:30 a.m.

School Hours for 2024/2025

School begins: 8:55 a.m.

First Recess: 11:00-11:15 a.m.

Lunch: 11:55-12:55 p.m.

Second Recess: 2:25-2:35 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:25 p.m.



PEOPLE OF KINDNESS...

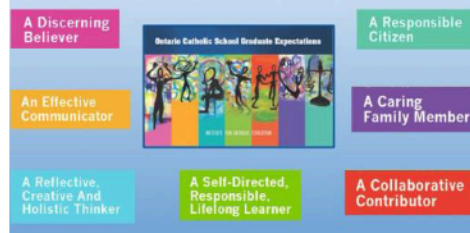
- ARE GENTLE AND SENSITIVE TO OTHERS
- ALWAYS LOOK FOR WAYS TO BE HELPFUL
- SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT OTHERS FROM THE HEART
- STICK UP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE PICKED ON
- REFUSE TO JOIN IN WHEN OTHERS ARE BEING MEAN
- ARE GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME AND TALENTS
- COOPERATE AND WORK WELL IN A TEAM
- AVOID BEING MEAN OR BOSSY

KINDNESS



Catholic Graduate Expectations

The Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations



Virtue Recipients – February 2025 Self-Control and Respect

In the month of March, we will celebrate the virtue of: Kindness.

Congratulations to the recipients of our January Virtue of Self-Control and February Virtue of Respect certificates:

Ms. Scarpelli and Ms. Karandysovsk
FDK –

Virtue of Self-Control – Vitalii, Nathaniel, Caleb

Virtue of Respect – Aitana, Mariella, Bohdan

Ms. Medeiros and Ms. Pereira FDK
FDK –

Virtue of Self-Control - Alexandra M. / Diego S.

Virtue of Respect - Valentina/ John

Ms. lassogna

Gr.1/2-

Virtue of Self-Control- Victoria, Biatrix, Michael

Virtue of Respect- Dominik, Marchessa

Ms. Casciaro

Gr. 1/2 –

Virtue of Self-Control- Antonina, Camilla

Virtue of Respect - Nicholas, Leo

Ms. Bailey

Gr. 2/3 –

Virtue of Self-Control- Lizi, Eleen

Virtue of Respect- Orest, Sofiia

Ms. Neiva

Gr. 3 –

Virtue of Self-Control – Kanali, Anastasia M.

Virtue of Respect- Emmanuel, John, David A.

Ms. Armstrong

Gr. 3/4 –

Virtue of Self-Control- Gabriella, Polina

Virtue of Respect- Mykhailo, Veronica

Ms. Sebastian

Gr. 4/5 –

Virtue of Self-Control- Leah M, Bianca S.

Virtue of Respect- Luca C., Hayden R.

Mrs. Midgley

Gr. 5/6 –

Virtue of Self-Control- Maxwell, Cyranei

Virtue of Respect- Yevanhelina, Lucas

Mr. Salinas

Gr.6/ 7 -

Virtue of Self-Control- Zachary O., Allen O.,

Virtue of Respect- Sienna N, Gabriel D.

Mrs. Guzik

Gr. 7/8-

Virtue of Self-Control-Madison and Matvii

Virtue of Respect- Max, Julia C

Mr. Felice

Gr. 8 –

Virtue of Self-Control – Olena, Serhii

Virtue of Respect – Christian, Mya



March Break

March Break will be taking place from Monday March 10 to Friday March 14 (inclusive).



The liturgical season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Student Solemn Journey - Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday: On Holy Thursday, our students will engage in a meaningful and reflective journey through the Stations of the Cross. This solemn procession led by Mr. Salinas' Grade 6/7 class will guide us through the events of Good Friday, deepening their understanding of the sacrifice made for us. *As Catholics we observe Lent, the forty-day period before Easter.*

LENTEN JOURNEY... Things You Can Do at Home

1. Pray the stations of the cross
2. Read, meditate, contemplate, or pray.
3. Perform an act of mercy; try and make it an unexpected one.
4. Make an extra effort to be nice to someone you don't get along with
5. Promise to use please, thank you, you are welcome
6. Be kind to your siblings
7. Be forgiving
8. Attend mass on Sunday
9. Be kind and think—what would Jesus do (WWJD)?
10. Put five coins in one pocket and try to compliment five people during the day. With each compliment, transfer one coin to your other pocket.



Positivity Lives Here was at our school on February 24 for class presentations and February 25 for whole school assemblies and an evening for families and their children.

Topics included social, emotional and environmental health with a focus on online safety and a wrap up for *Black History 365; A Look Back, A Look Within, A Look Ahead* at STOC !

We will continue to reinforce these positive strategies at STOC.



During the month of February, Ms. Bailey's class started each day with Black History Trivia on the morning announcements.

Congratulations to Ms. Midgley's Grade 5/6 class who were our BHM Trivia Winners!

Special mention to our 2nd place class Mr. Salinas's Grade 6/7 class and 3rd place Mrs. Armstrong's Grade 3/4 class.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to our Catholic School Council members for their efforts to support our school.

Stay tuned for details about our STOC CSC Spring Events!

Co- Chairs-

Claudia Filipe and Chris Garofalo

Secretary-

Julia Van de Kraats

Treasurer-

Nelly Xavier Cordner

OAPCE Representative –

Janet Kus

Parish Representative–

Andrea Gavrilovic

Teacher Representative –

S. Iassogna

Our next meeting will take place on April 24 with a timed agenda at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

All School Council Meetings will be at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 8, and June 12 with a timed agenda from 7:00-8:30.

An email address is available for STOC Catholic School Council:

mtrsacscinfo@dpcdsb.org

The principal and Catholic School Council Chair will review any items submitted.



Thrive in Community

March 2025

Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being



Thrive in the Community - March 2025



Connect learning between school and home with our DPCDSB

Math@Home newsletters.

[DP Math At Home Site](#)

Each Math@Home newsletter:

- Highlights a mathematical concept/skill.
- Includes related Family Math Activities that can be done at home.
- Spotlights a resource that can be used to further support doing math at home.

March's focus:

March 2025 - Coding

A message from St. Patrick's Youth Ministry:



VERSO FAITH GROUPS

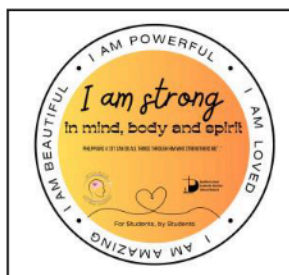
Join a VERSO Faith Group this fall to ask questions, have meaningful discussions without judgement, make friends, and maybe even encounter Jesus in a new way! Let's talk about what matters most & DISCOVER more about yourself & life! Verso Faith Groups are open to anyone in gr. 8 to 12. You can even make your own small group or ask to be in one with a friend!

[VERSO Faith Group Sign Up](#)

Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To labour and not to seek to rest,
To give of myself and not ask for a reward,
Except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
KINDNESS



The Library



A library card is FREE! It allows you borrow from a large selection of books, magazines, video games and more.

Please find the latest **after-school program** details below, at the **Mississauga Valley Library** and feel free to share with others.

The Library also has some special free events planned for March Break. Please encourage your families to visit their local Library during this March Break 2025.

For more information on our program offerings please view the [Mississauga Valley List of Programs](#) or call the branch at 905-615-4670 to speak to staff or visit the library website at www.mississaugalibrary.ca

Upcoming Children Programs Mississauga Valley Library:		
Date:	Time:	Program:
Saturdays from Jan. 11 – March 29	2:30-3:30pm	Family LEGO (all ages)
Wednesdays from Feb. 20 – March 27	7-7:30 pm	Family Storytime (all ages)
Saturdays Feb. 15, March 15	10:30-11:15 am	Spanish Storytime
Friday Feb. 14	2-4 pm	PA Day Drop In



Attendance and Punctuality - We continue to have students who arrive late at school. Please help your child to be on time!



DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1-2 days every few weeks) can:

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- Make it harder to develop numeracy skills
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break
- Absences can affect the whole class as time may be required to help children catch up
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves

Since 1993... **SOCCER DAY CAMPS** ...more than just a soccer camp! **2025**

Don't miss out on our **EARLY BIRD** discount, sign up by **March 31, 2025** to qualify.

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure!

- * July & August weeks
- * ages 5 to 13
- * morning & full day sessions
- * before & after care available

Mornings starting from **\$154***
Full Days starting from **\$239***
*limited time offer, see website for details

royalsoccer.com
800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

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.



World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), March 21, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Staff and students are encouraged to wear colourful and mismatched socks to raise awareness about Down syndrome with DPCDSB school communities #LotsOfSocks. More Information: [World Down Syndrome Day](#) / [Canadian Down Syndrome Society](#)



STOC ECO TEAM

The Great Big Crunch and Great Gulp Challenge

On Friday, March 7, through a generous donation from **Burnhamthorpe Fruit Market** EVERYONE was given a crunchy apple and encouraged to bring in a reusable water bottle. Each student celebrated healthy eating and drinking a natural sugar free beverage (from their own water bottle)! Eating local fruit cuts down on pollution with respect to the transporting of goods. Also, the Great Gulp Challenge promotes the Region of Peel's Water Initiative which runs in March.

Reusable Water Bottles

Our ECO Team reminds students and teachers to bring in their reusable water bottles. Our goal is to kick the plastic bottle habit, as it is harmful to our environment..

Earth Hour

On **Friday, March 21st** STOC will participate in Earth Hour Light savings event. During the last hour of the day, we will shut off all lights and electronic devices to show our support! The official Earth hour day is Saturday March 22nd between 8:30p.m and 9:30p.m. Encourage your family to turn lights and electronics off.

We would like you to take pictures and show us your family Earth Hour memory.



Speeding near our school poses a significant risk to our children. We urge all parents and guardians to adhere to speed limits on our residential streets and stay alert while driving in school zones, especially in the Kiss and Ride area.

Please follow all Kiss and Ride guidelines to ensure a smooth and safe drop-off and pick-up process for everyone. Let's work together to ensure the safety of our students and create a secure environment for everyone.



Ontario Health Central is offering Virtual Urgent Care Clinic services to provide timely medical support for families/individuals of all ages. This service connects patients with a Nurse Practitioner for assessments, diagnoses, and treatment of various health conditions.

This service is recommended for individuals who:

- Require medical care and cannot access their healthcare provider promptly
- Do not have a current healthcare provider
- Seek safe and convenient healthcare access

Visit www.VirtualCareClinic.ca for more information.

[Link to Flyer](#)



Our Lego Club is looking for Lego Donations – specifically any Lego Brick **Bases**. Please contact the office if you have any to donate.
Thank you!

What to do if someone
is **BOTHERING** you?

Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
SeeK help

Use Your WITS!

www.witsprogram.ca

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DIRE WITS

STOC Student Behaviour Expectations

-3 R's @ STOC - Respect
yourself/Respect others and take
Responsibility for your actions
-**No Rough Play** (No tackling, pushing,
or shoving allowed - hands off &
personal space at all times!) & **Dare
not to swear**
-When the **bell rings** at recess - game
over. Stop the game and line up.
-**At Lunchtime** - r-e-s-p-e-c-t our
Student Supervisors
-**YMCA Snack Program** – snacks are
provided through the office
-**Phones/Devices** - may be used in
class with teacher permission/outside
the classroom turned OFF and OUT OF
SIGHT. If communication with home is
necessary, the office phone must be
used
-Please review **Ethical and
Responsible Use of Technology** (from
Agenda)

-**Harmful Language** will not be

tolerated



Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

St. Teresa of Calcutta 2024-2025 Staff Members

R. Scarpelli FDK
M. Karandysovska DECE
L. Medeiros FDK
A. Pereira DECE

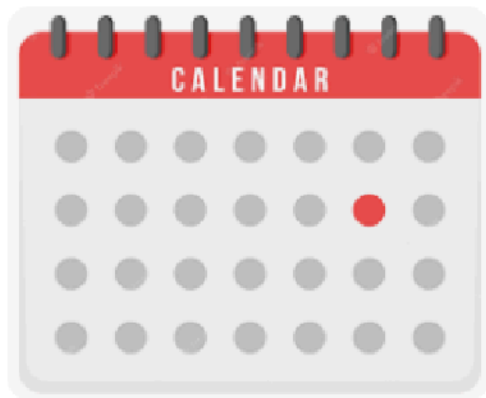
S. Iassogna Grade 1/2
M. Casciaro Grade 1/2
M. Bailey Grade 2/3
M. Neiva Grade 3
T. Armstrong Grade 3/4
C. Pereira

(S. Sebastian LTO) Grade 4/5
D. Salinas Grade 6/7
A. Guzik Grade 7/8
M. Felice Grade 8

A. Galle French
V. Corapi Library/Planning Time
Y. Chan SERC/SERT
P. Noronha Planning Time

M. Tully SERT/ ESL
L. Mykhalyuk ESL
Z. Pyczek Planning Time

M. Knibbe ERW
A. Passarelli Child and Youth Worker
A. Estabrooks Speech and Language
Pathologist
R. Jardin Psychologist
D. Kostyshyn Social Worker
L. Gordon Head Secretary
J. Xamin Head Custodian
E. Garcia Night Custodian
A. D'Ettore Night Custodian



Dates to Remember.....

[Click Here for 2024_2025 School Year Calendar](#)

Mar. 4	Shrove Tuesday
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 7	The Big Crunch/Great Gulp
Mar. 10-14	March Break
Mar. 18	Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day
Mar. 21	Virtue of Kindness Assembly 9:15 a.m./ Youth Ministry (Gr. 5/6, 6/7, 7/8, 8)
Mar. 25	Lenten Mass 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 26	Silvercreek Grade 5/6 and 6/7
Mar. 27	Skills Competition at St. Raymond/ Wild Outfit ShareLife Spirit Day
April 10	Junior Intermediate Chess Tournament
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Catholic School Council Meeting
April 29	Virtue of Love Assembly
April 30	Easter Mass 9:30 a.m.
May 4-9	Catholic Education Week

