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### **April 2025 Newsletter**

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#### **School Hours**

8:15	Supervision Begins
8:30	Entry Bell
10:30	Morning Recess
11:25	Lunch
12:25	Afternoon Bell
1:50	Afternoon Recess
3:00	Dismissal

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### School Website

https://www.dpcdsb.org/DOMNC
School Twitter
@StDominicDP





### A Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solititude, so that I may rediscover the grace of a prayerful life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart, so that I give to those in need, and in doing so, rediscover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



The Virtue of the Month for **April** is **Love**. God wants us to serve and to see goodness in everyone we meet.

# Virtue Award Winners



Every month, during a Virtue's Liturgy, we will recognize students that have demonstrated an outstanding dedication and commitment to the month's virtue as witnessed in our classroom and school community. Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for The Catholic Virtues in Action Award. March's Virtue of Kindness Winners: Adriana E., Eva O., Oliwia M., and Jayden D.



We place **Pope Francis** into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

April 1st	Vaccine Clinic Round 3—Grade 7 and 8		
April 2nd	Lenten Mass 9:15 am		
April 3rd	Communion Bead Making—Grade 2		
April 4th	Spirit Day—Wear your Blue and White		
April 10th	Rosary Apostolate		
April 11th	Lenten Confessions at St. Dominic School		
April 13th	Palm Sunday		
April 14th	The King of Kings Movie		
April 16th	Pretzels for ShareLife		
April 17th	Holy Thursday		
	Stations of the Cross for students		
April 18th	Good Friday (no school)		
April 20th	Easter Sunday		
April 21st	Easter Monday (no school)		
April 22nd	Krispie Kreme Donut Delivery—place your orders		
April 25th	Brave Education Workshops		
April 27th	First Communion at St. Dominic Parish		
April 28th	Polling Station at our school		
April 29th—May 2nd Jungle Sport (St. Dominic School Gym)			
May 1st	Rosary Apostolate		
	Confirmation Workshop (Grade 7 students)		
May 2nd	Spirit Day—Wear your Blue and White		
May 4th—10th	Catholic Education Week 2025		
	Pilgrams of Hope		
May 6th	Journey Into Learning—Kindergarten evening for students starting Kindergarten Sept. 2025		
May 7th	Catholic School Council Meeting 6:30 pm		

### **Class Placements for September 2025**

May 16th

PA Day-no school for students

It is difficult to believe that it's that time again when we begin to plan for the upcoming school year. In June we will begin working on tentative class lists for the next school year. This is a complex process which takes into consideration not only the needs of the individual child, but frames those needs in the context of the larger student group. Due to the "tentative" nature of our enrolment for September, teacher assignments and grade placements will not be finalized until late August/early September.

Any parental requests as to the teaching style preferred for your children are to be submitted in writing/email by May 2nd, 2025 to the attention of Mrs. Mundy. Please note that submissions past this date may be difficult to accommodate.

### **School Attendance**

Using SafeArrival, Parents/Guardians are required to report their child's absence, late arrival or early departure using **one** of these three methods:

- Toll Free # 1 (844) 435-3440
- SchoolMessenger go.schoolmessenger.ca
- SchoolMessenger App (blue icon) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Future absences can be reported at any time using this system. For more information on how to report an absence using SafeArrival, visit: <a href="https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting">https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting</a>

### **Personal Lunch Orders**

Some students have been ordering lunches from outside restaurants and are having them delivered to the school. Please note that in an emergency situation where a lunch is forgotten at home, parents can have a lunch sent to the school. Students should not be ordering lunches themselves. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mundy.

### **Polling Station**

St. Dominic School has recently been designated a polling station on April 28th 2025. As per Provincial Election Guidelines, there will be a uniformed security guard and hall monitor for every elementary school.

Due to St. Dominic being added as a polling station, **Jungle Sport** will be altered on that day.

### **Kiss and Ride**

If you are using the Kiss and Ride in the morning or afterschool, please follow the procedures below so that we ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff.

- NEVER LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. The Kiss and Ride is meant to keep traffic moving. It is not an area to park your car.
- Please have your children exit your car on the passenger side of your vehicle.
- Remind your children to use the cross walk and side walk areas after exiting your car.
- Please control your speed and be aware of students that may pop out in front of you.

# **SL**ShareLife

### **Pretzel Day**

Donations for **ShareLife** will be accepted until April 17th.

Pretzels will be distributed on April 16th to all students that returned their purple forms.

### St. Dominic Catholic School Council

# St. Dominic Catholic School Council for the 2024—2025 School Year

### **Executive Council**

Co-Chairs Natasha Kovar & Michelle Pellicori

Treasurer
Brittany Janco
Secretary
Gia D'souza
OAPCE Rep
Cam Hyginus
Parish Rep
Anastasia Lata

Community Rep Jessica Penim

**Parent Members** Danielle Crnkovic Tamara Parkes

Vicki Lefkaditis-Said Shadia Bascom Stephanie Pinto Marlene Black

Hasdhy Maciel Katarzyna Stoklosa

**Teacher Reps** Diana Frigo, Diane Paterson &

Amanda Hewitt

Non-Teacher Rep Julia Kalynowsky

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting is on **Wednesday May** 7th at 6:30 pm. For those of you who are not able to join us in person, please join using the link below. **Join on your computer or mobile app.** 

### Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 250 225 244 133
Passcode: oHCvwq

### Volunteer of the Year Award

Please find attached at the end of this newsletter, nomination forms for the annual Volunteer of the Year Award. This award has been developed to acknowledge the dedicated individuals who make a significant contribution to supporting Catholic education. Volunteers play a very important role in our schools and in our communities, helping to build vibrant, caring, inclusive, faith filled school communities. This award will recognize an individual who exemplifies volunteerism in Dufferin-Peel. The award process is also a means to thank volunteers for their continuous years of commitment and dedication. The candidate chosen as the Volunteer of the Year and all the nominees for the award will be recognized and celebrated at the June 19th, 2025 meeting of the CCCSC and at the fall meeting of Catholic School Council Chairs. Nominations can be initiated by anyone within your school community. Nominees can be parents, administrators, non-teaching board/school staff members (i.e., custodian, secretary, maintenance staff, support services, etc.), teachers, students, or community members. Please review, complete, and submit the forms attached. Hard copies are available in the office upon request.

# 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. The DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at <u>dpcdsb.org</u>. 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
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of home address
- Proof of English Separate School Support

Please refer to the <u>Register for School webpage</u> for accepted forms of documentation.

# PRIMARY AND JUNIOR ASSESSMENT OF READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS for Grade 3 and 6 students.

The EQAO assessment is a provincial assessment that tests what students know and how well they apply their knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. It is important that all grade 3 and 6 students be in attendance for the assessments. For further information related to EQAO, please visit the following website: <a href="https://www.eqao.com">www.eqao.com</a>

#### **Test Dates:**

Gr. 6: May 27th, May 28th, and May 29th (Make up day May 30th)

Gr. 3: June 2nd, June 3rd, and June 5th (Make up day June 6th)

### Important Update on the DPCDSB Dress Code Policy



### COMMUNITY INFORMATION BULLETIN

Important Update on the DPCDSB Dress Code Policy

March 4, 2025

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) remains committed to fostering a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment where all students feel a sense of belonging and can achieve success. Dress codes and school uniforms are designed to support diversity, accessibility, safety, and the dignity of all students.

On January 28, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved updates to Policy P-2006 Dress Code and School Uniform. As part of these changes, dress code expectations now require that students ensure the area from the top of the shoulders to mid-thigh is covered.

Additionally, the DPCDSB dress code continues to prohibit any clothing with messages that contain or depict offensive or inappropriate content. Students are not permitted to wear attire that promotes:

- Hate
- Discrimination
- Illegal activity
- Profanity
- Violence
- Political language
- Threats to health and safety
- Any content that violates the Ontario Human Rights Code

We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools remain welcoming and respectful spaces for all students.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school administration.

Our new Dress Code Policy is in effect for all students.

Dress code expectations now require that students ensure the area from the **top of the shoulders to mid-thigh is covered.** 



On Friday April 11th, our grade 3-8 students will be having confessions at our school. Please take the time to review "How to Go To Confession" with your child(ren).

### **HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION**

- Examine your conscience by reflecting on your sins.
- Begin your Confession by saying,
  "In the name of the Father, and of the
  Son and of the Holy Spirit. Bless me
  Father for I have sinned. It has been
  [length of time] since my last
  Confession. These are my sins..."
- The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray after Confession (called penance), as a response to God's mercy.
- The priest will then ask you to pray the Act of Contrition out loud, demonstrating your sorrow for your sins.
- The priest will extend his hands in your direction and pray the Prayer of Absolution. You respond "Amen."
- The priest will likely say, "God has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." You can respond, "Thanks be to God."

#### SOME TIPS

- When confessing your sins, be specific, but avoid unnecessary details and background information.
- If you're not sure if something is a sin, just ask the priest.
- Don't forget to do your penance.

  If it's saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy, Amen.



www.archtoronto.org/confession

### **Measles in Ontario**



Measles cases are rising in Ontario and worldwide. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes, and a rash. Measles can cause serious health problems like pneumonia, brain swelling and even death. The best protection is vaccination. Make sure your family is up to date, especially before traveling. Talk to your doctor to get vaccinated and protect your family with other important vaccines.

### Stay home if you're sick

Make sure you or your child has no fever and feels better for at least 24 hours (48 hours if they had nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea). If you or your child still has a cough, runny nose, or other respiratory symptoms, protect others by wearing a tight-fitting mask for 10 days after symptoms begin, especially in public places and at gatherings.

If you have health questions:

- Call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or 1-888-919-7800 (toll-free).
- Call Health Connect Ontario at 811 (available 24/7 in multiple languages).
- Talk to your healthcare provider.

## **Good Oral Health Habits Start Early**

### For students up to Grade 5

As a parent, you have a key role to play in supporting your child's oral health. (Image Description; A mom and child smiling)

Are you finding it hard to get your child to brush their teeth? Make toothbrushing fun in your house! Try these tips:

- Use a monthly brushing chart.
- Use a two-minute timer.
- Pick a fun new toothbrush for your child.
- Play your child's favourite song while they brush.

Let your child watch you brush your teeth to help teach them good oral health habits. A healthy smile is a happy smile! Oral health is an important part of a child's overall health.

Encourage your child to:

- Brush teeth at least two times a day for two minutes each time. Floss every day.
- Visit a dentist regularly.

Choose healthy food. Drink water.

For more information, visit the Canadian Dental Association.



ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL WILL BE SELLING

# KRISPY KREME DONUTS

Money raised to support School Initatives & STEM Activities

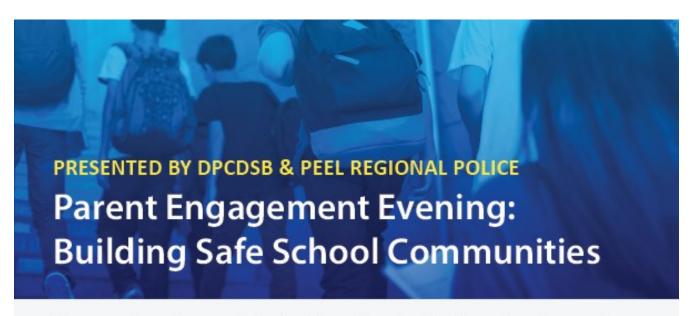


TUESDAY APRIL 22ND

ALL ORDERS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS. PARENTS CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP AT THE OFFICE!

All orders can be made through
School Cash Online
https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/

by April 15th



Parents and guardians are invited to join us for an insightful evening where student safety advocates will address critical issues impacting youth today. Learn how families, school staff and police can work together to create safer and supportive environments for students at school, online, and within their communities.

### SCHEDULE

5:30 pm | Community Partner Booths 6 - 9 pm | Presentations

### Wednesday, April 30, 2025

St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S. 2800 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga

### Thursday, May 29, 2025

St. Marguerite D'Youville C.S.S. 10815 Dixie Rd, Brampton

### RSVP TO ATTEND ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Visit dpcdsb.info/ParentsRSVP

Scan QR Code



#### FEATURED PRESENTERS

### Jacquie Higgins

EveryMind Mental Health Services Crisis Programs and Services offered by EveryMind

### Det. Constable Daryl Chakravarthy

Peel Regional Police - VICE Unit Human Trafficking

### Det. Matt Banting

Peel Regional Police - Special Enforcement Bureau Youth and Drugs

### Det. Andrew Ullock

Peel Regional Police - Internet Child Exploitation Unit Social Media and Online Child Exploitation



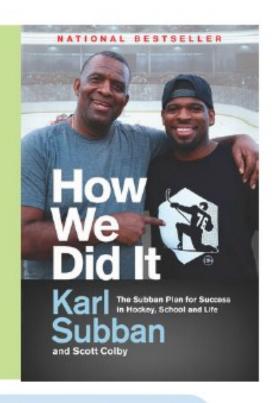


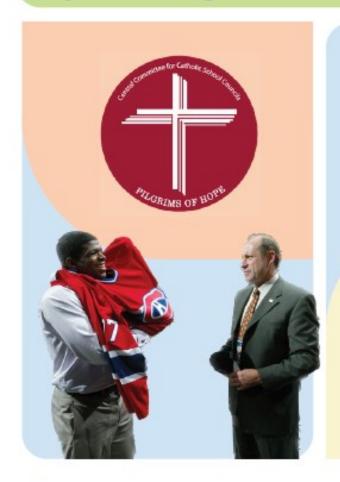
# 5 Ways Parents Bring Out the Best in Children!

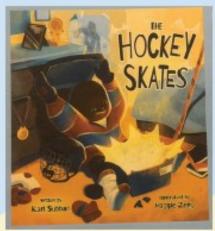
**Presented by Karl Subban** 

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Iona C.S.S ~ 2170 S Sheridan Way Mississauga ONT L5J 2M4









# 2025 2026 International and Indigenous Languages Elementary Program

First Consideration Registration Open Until: August 27, 2025

Late Registration Opens for available Languages & Locations: September 8, 2025

- Elementary International and Indigenous Languages are available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8
- No prior language experience is necessary
- The registration for each site is continuous on Saturdays from 9:00 am 11:30 am for available languages
- There is a non-refundable consumable fee of \$35.00 (Plus an online payment cost recovery fee)
- · Enrolment is limited at each location
- Classes will run pending sufficient enrolment
- Confirmations/Cancellations will be sent starting August 28, 2025

#### Important Information/Dates To Remember:

- Registration is now open until August 27, 2025, for first consideration of languages and locations
- Late Registration begins September 8, 2025, for available languages and locations
- First day of classes for students is Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 9:00 am 11:30 am
- Last day of classes for Elementary students is Saturday, May 30, 2026

<b>—</b>	Brampton		Mississauga						
	Pauline Vanier		St. Isaac Jogues	Divine Mercy	St. Philip	St. Pio of	St. Sebastian	Sts. Martha	Sts. Peter
		Xavier Elem				Pietrelcina		and Mary	and Paul
	56 Oaklea Blvd	111 Bartley Bull Parkway	300 Great Lakes Drive	2840 Duncairn Drive	345 Fairview Road West	4765 Huron Heights Drive	3460 Aquinas Avenue	1760 Bough Beeches Blvd	4205 Woodington Drive
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Cantonese					*				
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Tagalog		*			*				
Tamil							*		
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Ukrainian					*		*		
Vietnamese								*	
Yoruba		*							

### How to Register and Next Steps:

- To register, please complete a <u>registration form</u> for each student or visit https://www.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/languages/internationallanguage
- 2. OR scan the QR code





DPCDSB Adult and Continuing Education Department
Telephone: 905-891-3034 or 905-362-0701 Email: il@dpcdsb.org



### International and Indigenous Language Credit Courses for Grade 9

#### Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your commitment to the Dufferin-Peel Continuing Education International and Indigenous Languages program. This is an exciting time of year as your child prepares for the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

In preparation for next year and your child's continued interest in language learning, we are excited to announce that your child can now register for Grade 9 language credit courses in the International and Indigenous Languages Program for the September 2025-2026 school year.

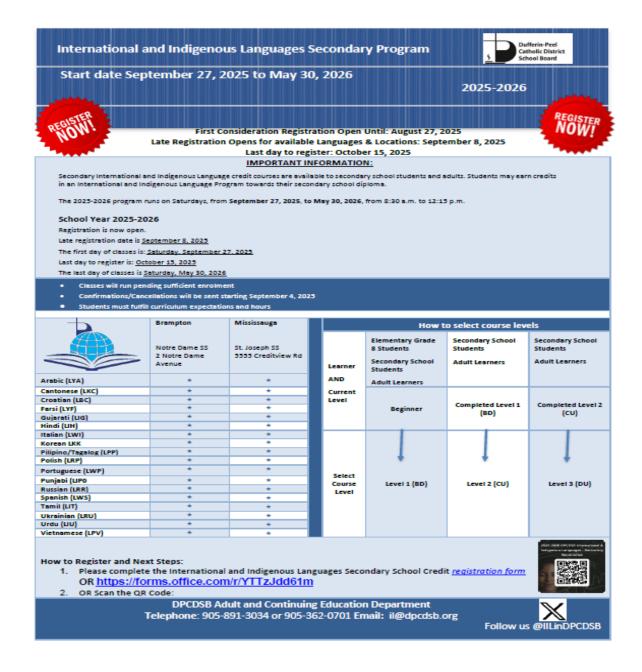
The International and Indigenous Language program continues to offer full credit courses on Saturdays for High School students. A variety of courses are offered at each IIL site and students can register/enroll in the language course of their choice. A full list of courses can be found on the Continuing Education website International and Indigenous Languages (dpcdsb.org) and on the attached flyer.

Course availability and location is dependent on student enrollment.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Dufferin-Peel Adult and Continuing Education Department at 905-362-0701 or 905-891-3034.

All the best on your child's language learning journey.

D. Colangelo, Principal, M. D'Alessandro, Vice Principal





## Central Committee for Catholic School Councils



### Volunteer of the Year Award Criteria and Eligibility

Mission: Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.

Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.

### Purpose

Volunteers play a very important role in our schools and in our communities, helping to build vibrant, caring, inclusive, faith school communities. This award will recognize one individual who exemplifies volunteerism in Dufferin-Peel. The annual award has been developed to acknowledge the dedicated individuals who make a significant contribution to supporting Catholic education. The award process is also a means to thank volunteers for their continuous years of commitment and dedication.

### Criteria

- The CCCSC Volunteer of the Year Award will be awarded to a volunteer in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board who contributes consecutive years of service to one or more schools.
- Volunteer time given will be on an ongoing and active basis to the same group(s) for which no payment
  has been received.
- Membership alone is not a qualification for recognition.
- Services performed during the normal course of professional or business duties are not eligible for recognition.
- The nominee must be 18 years of age or older.
- The nominee is committed to student achievement and Catholic education.
- The nominee is rooted in Christ's teaching and the Gospel values.

### Who is Eligible?

Parent, administrator, non-teaching board/school staff member (example: custodian, secretary, maintenance, support services, etc.), teacher, student or community member.



# Central Committee for Catholic School Councils



### Volunteer of the Year Award 2024-2025

School Name:	Date:					
1. Nominee Information						
Name: Address:						
Phone Number Day:	Evening:					
E-Mail Address:						
Nominated By:						
Phone Number:	E-Mail Address:					
2. Involvement						
a) Please list the areas the nominee has been involved in at the school level.						
1.	4.					
2.	5.					
3.	6.					
b) Please explain the specific role the nominee played in the school activity.						

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c)	Number of years the nominee has been actively involved in school activities:				
3.	Leadership				
a)	What leadership qualities does the nominee bring to the school? (Example: initiated programs, coached teams, organized activities, served on Catholic Schools Councils, served on Board committees or other community groups.)				
	Explain:				
ы	How has the nominee exemplified Catholic leadership in your school community?				
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c)	How has the nominee made a difference in your school community?				

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### 4. Commitment

- a) Has the commitment been ongoing or sporadic?
- b) Please attach <u>two</u> supporting e-mails that provide evidence or anecdotes, which show strong commitment to the concept of the importance of students being committed to excellence in Catholic Education and support the Catholic Mission Statement.

### Criteria for supporting e-mails:

- 1. Must be from two different people
- 2. Cannot be a family member

### Checklist:

- 1. Nomination Form
- 2. Two supporting e-mails
- 3. Nominee Consent Form
- Photograph of Nominee (jpeg format sent via email to <u>dianne.cassar@dpcdsb.org</u> only if possible at this time)

### Send Nomination Package to:

Nomination packages must be received on or before Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Principals please email completed packages to:

Dianne Cassar, Executive Assistant to the Family of Schools Superintendents Office

dianne.cassar@dpcdsb.org

### 5. Rules & Guidelines:

- All nominations received on or before the due date will be reviewed by a selection committee. The committee is comprised of the Superintendent assigned to CCCSC, Chair of CCCSC, Vice Chair of CCCSC and members of the CCCSC.
- Members of the selection committee may not be recipients of the award.
- 3. The award recipient will be contacted and presented the award at
  - a) the Family of Schools Chairs Meeting hosted by CCCSC in October 2025.
- 4. The selection committee will present the award to the recipient.
- The recipient's name will be inscribed on a larger plaque with future recipients and displayed at the board office.
- 6. The recipient must fulfill the CCCSC Volunteer of the Year Award criteria.



# Central Committee for Catholic School Councils



### Volunteer of the Year Award 2024-2025

### Nominee Consent Form

School Name:	Date:	
Nominated By:		
I,	hereby certify that I have been	
-	above mentioned school community	
	he CCCSC Volunteer of the Year Award	ł
2024-2025.		
Signature of Nominee	Date	
(In lieu of signature, Principals please ty	pe "Nominee gives consent for their	
nomination.")		
STREET.		
Signature of Witness	Date	
Name of Witness		

Nominee Consent Form for Volunteer of the Year Award 2024-2025.



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Catholic School Council Presents:

**GUEST SPEAKER:**RICHARD WIGGERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 5:30 - 6:30 PM

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 9



JOIN US AS WE WELCOME RICHARD WIGGERS

# THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN ONTARIO

Do you ever wonder, what pathway should my child(ren) take? What skills will they need? What courses should they take?

This session will provide parents/guardians with an understanding of the current postsecondary climate and some of the significant changes that are currently underway in the following components:

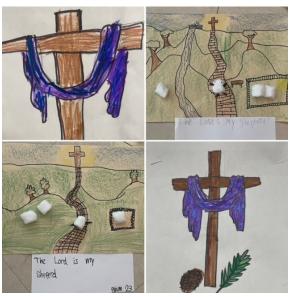
- 1) the funding of postsecondary education, especially in terms of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and tuition,
- the financial crisis facing Ontario postsecondary institutions, including significant program and staff cuts,
- new pathways both into and through postsecondary education that provide more options for future generations of high school graduates.

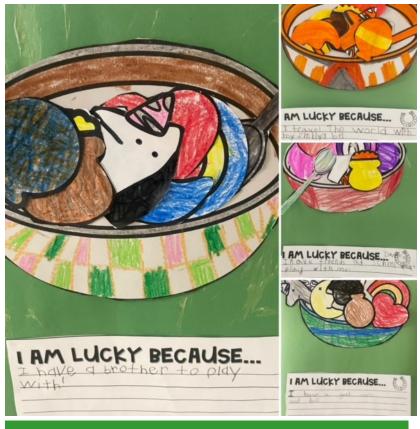
### St. Margaret of Scotland

2266 Council Ring Road, Mississauga School library









Our student Lenten Activities are shared here along with some St. Patrick's Day and inquiry research projects. Thank you to our parent volunteers and Catholic School Council for the beading workshop with our grade two students.





