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### December 2024 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

#### FOLLOW US

#### School Website

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/DOMNC>

#### School Twitter

@StDominicDP

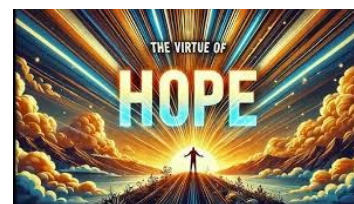


As we light our Advent candles one by one, a week at a time, may we rekindle within ourselves the desire to make peace with Him. May the flame of His presence grow brighter and brighter in our hearts, in our school, and in our world.

May the God of Hope fill us with joy and peace this Christmas by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Virtue of the Month  
for **December** is **Hope**

God helps us to keep on working for a more peaceful world even when we feel discouraged.



#### 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**.  
**November's Virtue of Conscience Winners:** Michalina G., Olivia J., Sebastian D., and Emily D.

<h3>What is Advent?</h3> <p>A season of <b>hope</b>, preparation, EXPECTATION &amp; celebration</p>		
	<p>Advent is made up of <b>four weeks</b>, divided into <b>two periods</b>: 1 First Sunday of Advent until December 16 focus: Christ's second coming at the end of time 2 December 17 to 24 focus: Preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>"Advent" (Latin) MEANS "a coming or arrival"</p>
<p>The ADVENT WREATH is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season</p>	<p>The <b>first Sunday of Advent</b> marks the beginning of the liturgical year</p>	<p>Advent is more than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also celebrates the <b>three-fold coming of the Lord</b>: - Remembering the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago - Celebrating his coming among us today - Looking forward to his final coming in glory</p>
<p>Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, <b>so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ</b> as our hopeful end and joyful fulfillment</p>	<p>Our prayer at Advent is one of hope and love:</p> <p><i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i></p>	<p>CANDLES mark the steps in our Advent journey</p>
	<p>Archdiocese of Toronto</p>	<p><a href="http://www.archtoronto.org">www.archtoronto.org</a> #AdventTO</p>



## Important Dates

December 1st	First Sunday of Advent
December 2nd	Picture Re-Take Day
December 8th	Second Sunday of Advent
December 9th	Spirit Week Begins
December 9th	Movie Night—Catholic School Council Event 5:30 pm doors open / 6:00 pm movie begins
December 10th	Advent Mass with Queen of Heaven School
December 12th	Rosary Apostolate visiting with our school
December 15th	Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th	Christmas Concert 1st Performance PM
December 18th	Christmas Concert 2nd Performance PM
December 19th	Virtue Assembly
December 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Break	December 23rd 2024—January 3rd 2025
January 6th	First Day Back from Christmas Break
January 8th	Catholic School Council Meeting 6:30 pm



## Angel on the Tree

Thank you for supporting our Angel on the Tree. We will be accepting donations all next week!

## 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](https://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: <https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting>

## Pick Up Arrangements and/or Daily Changes

If there are any changes to your child's pick up routine at the end of the day, please let your child know in the morning. We often have children not knowing how they're getting home. Please also communicate to your child's teacher either through note or agenda.

## Parents at School

A reminder to parents, if you drop off your child at the school please come into the office. Parents are not allowed to walk through the hallways. Any students that are late, please come to the office first to ensure that we have marked you present.

Check-in

## Class Mass Rotations

Every Wednesday, one class from St. Dominic and Queen of Heaven School will participate in weekly mass at St. Dominic Parish. Classes from Grade 1 to Grade 8 will rotate on a weekly schedule. They will be waking to church. Students leave at approximately 8:50 am and will return approximately 10:30 am. Please make sure your child is on time for school. At this time, we will not need volunteers to walk with the students and all verification forms were filled out at the beginning of the year for all walking excursions.



## PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES ALL ONLINE



School Cash Online allows parents and community members to pay school-related fees online safely, quickly, and easily. Parents can purchase items like spirit wear, lunches, and field trips - anytime, anywhere.

### How do I register?

Please refer to these [Registration Instructions](#) for step-by-step details on how to get signed-up for online payments.

To directly login or to register, visit [School Cash Online](#).

### What payment methods will be available?

Parent will be able to pay online using Visa, MasterCard and e-Cheque.

## SPORT NEWS

**Congratulations** to all the students that participated on our Teams!



### Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team:

Jenna, Julia, Jaida, Emily, Cybel, Victoria, Meliah, Sophia, and Mia.

### Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team:

Noah, Nathan, Max, Chauncey, Dylan, Adrian, Eric, and Elliot.

## ST. DOMINICS PARISH



## CHRISTMAS FAIR



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2024**

**10:00 AM-4:30 PM**

**SOUP & SANDWICH \$15**  
**COFFEE OR TEA DESSERT**

**\$5 KIDS CRAFT CORNER**  
**DECORATE GINGERBREAD**

**BAKE SALE & VENDOR MARKET**

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**PHOTOS WITH SANTA**



## ST. DOMINIC PARISH INFORMATION

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### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve Tuesday, Dec 24th

Mass: 5 pm- geared to Children, 7, 9.30PM & Midnight (12am)

#### Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec 25th

Mass: 9:30 & 11:30AM

#### NEW YEAR 2025

#### New Year's Eve Mass:

Tuesday, Dec. 31st - 5:00PM

New Year Day Mass: Wednesday, Jan. 1st- 9:30 & 11:30AM

## 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 January 8th** 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: 241 801 813 374

Passcode: GxfAdC

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL OR ON A SCHOOL TRIP?**

**GET YOUR**

### CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECK

In keeping with the Safe Schools Act, **ALL volunteers including those going on one day school trips MUST have a Criminal Reference Check.** The Criminal Reference Check for volunteers may take a few days to be processed. Please visit:

<https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/services/record-checks-and-suspensions-pardons.aspx>

If you already have a Criminal Reference Check on file at the school, the office will be sending home the yearly Criminal Offence Declaration form for you to update. Please return upon completion.





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# Christmas SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 9-13

**DECEMBER 9TH**

"WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND"  
WEAR YOUR WINTER HAT



**DECEMBER 10TH**

"JINGLE BELLS"  
WEAR YOUR HOLIDAY ACCESSORIES



**DECEMBER 11TH**

"DECK THE HALLS"  
WEAR YOUR FESTIVE CLOTHING



**DECEMBER 12TH**

"ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"  
WEAR GREEN AND RED



**DECEMBER 13TH**

"SILENT NIGHT"  
WEAR YOUR COZY PJS



BROUGHT TO YOU BY ST. DOMINIC'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM



# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Free Admission | 9 Dec 2024 | Doors Opens at  
5:30 pm |. Movie starts at 6:00 pm

## The STAR

PIZZA, POPCORN AND DRINKS FOR SALE ON  
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

From Our Amazing Parent Council







