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### February 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

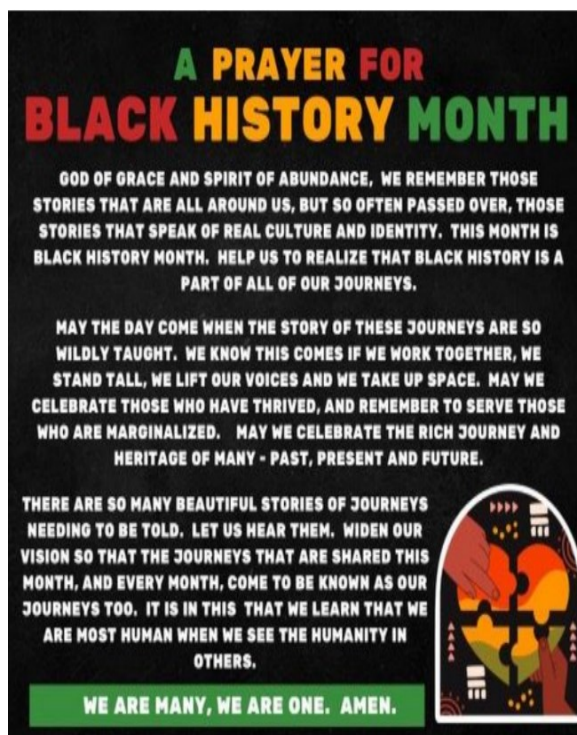
#### FOLLOW US

#### School Website

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

#### School Twitter

@StDominicDP



The Virtue of the Month  
for **February** is **Respect**.  
God wants us to treat all people  
with the respect they deserve.



#### 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**.  
**January's Virtue of Self Control**  
**Winners:** Brigitte J., Emma A., Noah P., and Tommy N.



## Upcoming Important Dates

February 7 & 10th	Hear / See Clinic (Information sent home)
February 10-14th	Book Fair in the library
February 11th	Report Cards sent home
February 13th	Interview Evening—booking will be online
February 14th	<b>Valentine's Day</b> / PA Day (Interviews in the morning / no school for students)
February 17th	Family Day (schools are closed)
March 4th	Shrove Tuesday
March 5th	Ash Wednesday
	Catholic School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (CANCELLED—Rescheduled for March 19)
March 6th	Graduation Pictures for Grade 8 students
March 10th – 14th	March Break (schools are closed)
March 19th	Catholic School Council Meeting 6:30 pm

## Valentine's Day Activities

Next week, we celebrate Spirit Week. On Thursday February 13th, we will celebrate **Valentine's Day**. If your child wishes to hand out Valentine Cards, please refrain from sharing edible treats. Pencils and stickers are great alternatives. The school will be providing all students with a Valentine Cookie to bring home.

## 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](http://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.

## Cold Weather



Please make sure that your child comes to school prepared to go outside for recess and lunch hour breaks. It is the expectation that each child comes dressed appropriately to go outside to enjoy the weather and get some fresh air and exercise. For our younger students, please send a change of clothes, especially mittens/gloves and socks. Please ensure that your child has their indoor shoes at school. We appreciate your continued support.

## REPORT CARDS and INTERVIEWS

The report card for Term 1 will be going home on **Tuesday February 11th**. Interviews will take place on the evening of **Thursday February 13th** and on **Friday February 14th**. All interviews will be booked using our online system. Information flyer in this newsletter.



## Is Your Child Having a Birthday?

We celebrate the birthdays of all students by wishing them a Happy Birthday on the morning announcements and by giving them a birthday pencil from the office. Please do not send in edible treats like cupcakes or cookies for your child's birthday. Unfortunately we are not able to share those with the students in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## 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](#).



## 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 March 19th** 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.**

**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 [dpcdsb.org](https://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
- 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](https://dpcdsb.org), or call DPCDSB's Admissions Department at 905-890-1221.

# Information for INTERVIEW EVENING



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February 3, 2025

The Ministry of Education continues to implement a reporting system at various points throughout the school year. A Progress Report / Initial Observations (in November), a Term 1 Report Card (in February) and a Term 2 Report Card (in June).

The Grade 1 - 8 Elementary Provincial Report Card and The Kindergarten Communication of Learning for Term 1 will be electronically sent home on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This means that your child's Report Card/Communication of Learning will be sent directly to your child's registered DPCDSB student email account. For example: [123456789@educ.dpcdsb.org](mailto:123456789@educ.dpcdsb.org) This is the same number that they use to log into their computers at school. Your child's teacher will ensure that they have their student numbers and passwords. You will be able to download the report card to have your own copy.

Interviews for all students will be held on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is a PA day (some interviews may be available in the morning).

Continuing in this year, school interviews will be booked online using a new platform School Interviews [www.studentinterviews.ca](http://www.studentinterviews.ca). The link will open on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Please follow the booking system link or QR code below. Please note that some teachers may have other availability during the week.



### **Booking System Using a Link**

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/3jxj8>



### **Booking System Using QR code**



## Black History Month 2025 Theme: Black History 365: A Look Back, A Look Within, A Look Ahead.

This month, our school is diving into meaningful learning experiences to honor Black History. Each day, students will do announcements, sharing inspiring stories, historical facts, and the achievements of Black individuals throughout history.

Throughout the month of February, we will be exploring the origins of Black History, looking at historical and current Black figures and considering why it remains so important today. Through literacy activities, we will engage with books by Black authors and illustrators, and use other valuable resources that highlight Black voices and experiences.

As art enriches our learning by offering new perspectives and creative expression, we will study the work of influential Black artists and use their styles as inspiration to create our own unique pieces. Through these activities, we will reflect on our own identities and the ways in which history, art, and storytelling shape who we are.

We are excited to share our learning with the school community and continue growing in our understanding of Black history and culture!





# BLACK HISTORY 365: A LOOK BACK, A LOOK WITHIN, A LOOK AHEAD

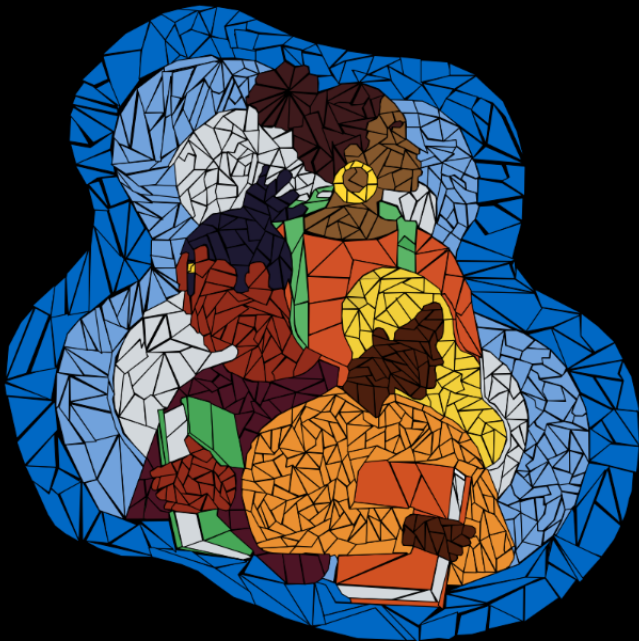
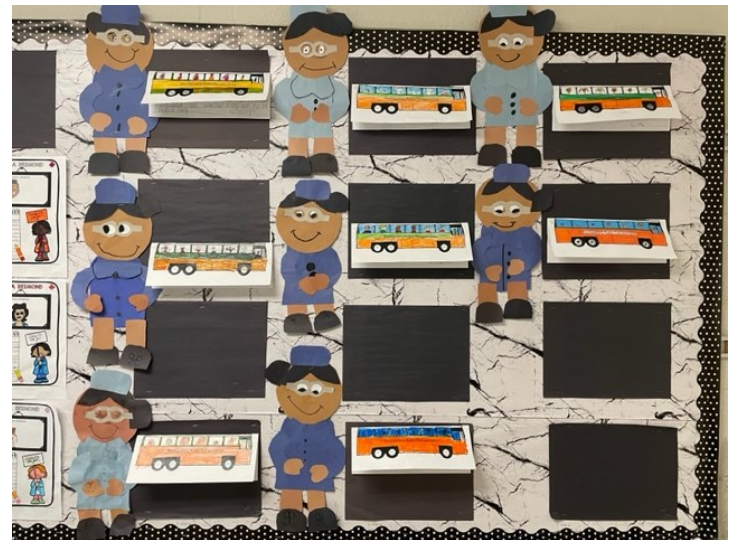
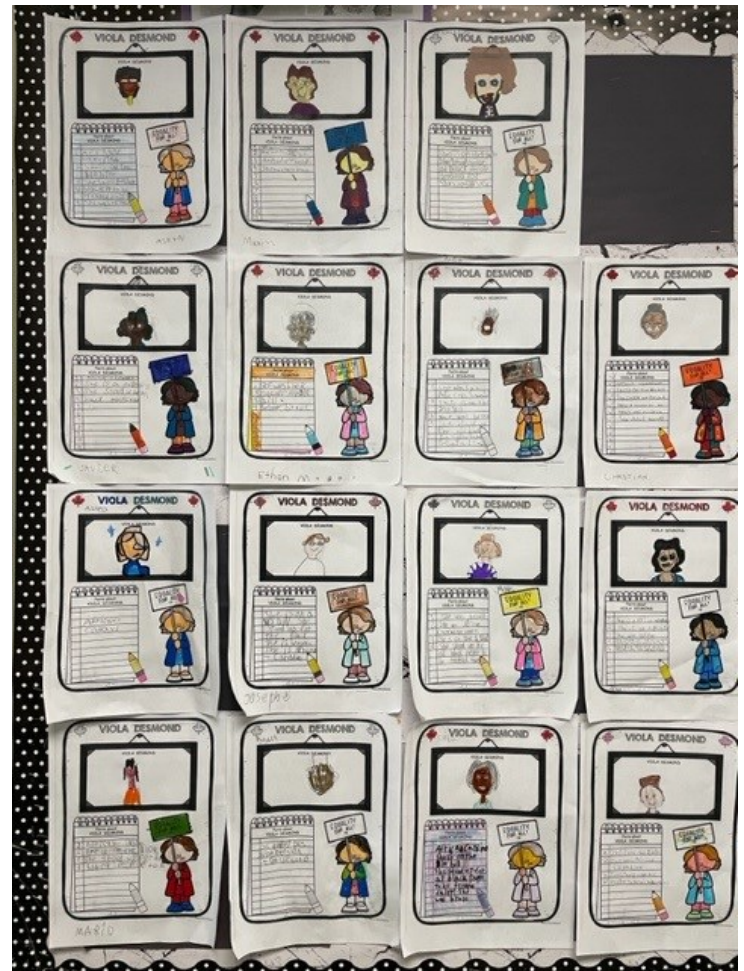
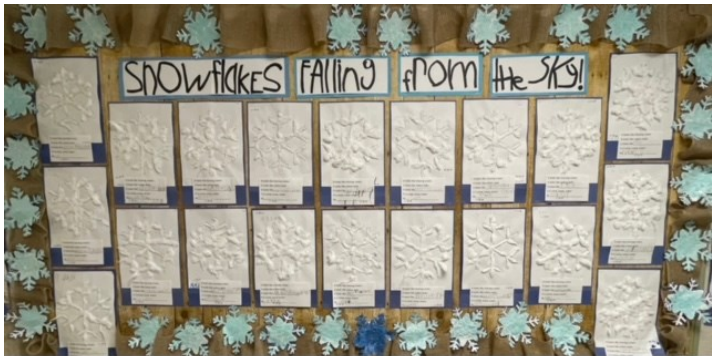
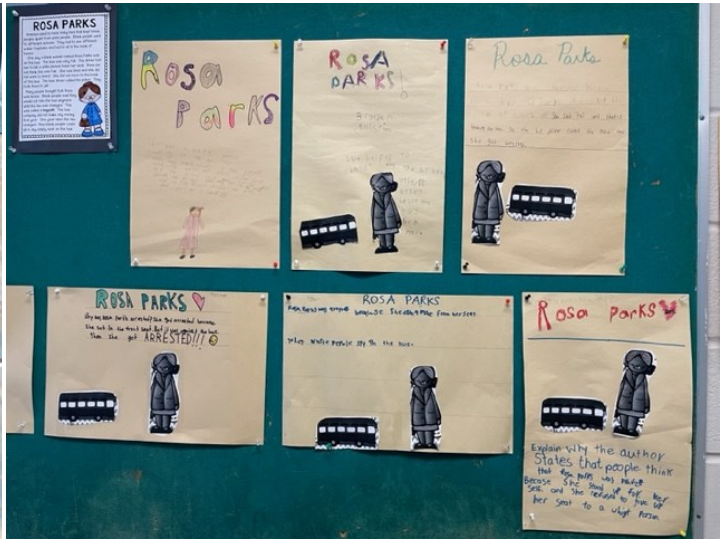


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# ***St. Dominic School***

## ***2024/2025 Fundraiser***



Product Video - <https://youtu.be/C96yHSZdDys>

Holiday Box Video - <https://streamable.com/6eplgo>

Kids Birthday Box Video - <https://youtu.be/x3pifBtXfXU>



**Lots of  
Prizes to  
WIN!**



**All Orders Placed Using SchoolCashOnline  
Available now until February 26, 2025**

**<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>**



# **ST. DOMINIC SWAG WEAR**

**Available Now Until Friday,  
February 21, 2025**

**<https://form.jotform.com/241288467686271>**



# Random Acts of Kindness Spirit Week

*Monday: LOVE to be comfy!*

*wear your pjamas!*

*GIVE A COMPLIMENT TO SOMEONE*

*Tuesday: SHOW LOVE TO  
YOUR FRIENDS*

*PLAY WITH SOMEONE NEW TODAY*

*Wednesday: BUDDY UP  
twin with your friends!*

*BE KIND TO OUR EARTH AND PICK UP SOME  
TRASH*

*Thursday: DRESS FOR  
KINDNESS wear red or pink!*

*THANK SOMEONE FOR SOMETHING*

*\*Students will be given a Heart  
Shaped Vanilla cookie today\**

*Brought to you by the Health and Wellness team*





On Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>, all students will receive a

Heart Shaped Vanilla Cookie to bring home from

*Terra Cotta*  
COOKIE CO.

**Ingredients:**

Individually Wrapped Enriched wheat flour, soybean and modified palm oil margarine, sugar, liquid whole egg, soluble vegetable fiber (corn), colour, natural flavour. Contains wheat, soy, egg.

In a 100% nut and peanut free facility, cookies are made from scratch using only the finest ingredients with no added preservatives.

**Nutritional Facts**

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Serving Size (45g)

Servings Per Container

Amount Per Serving

Calories 190      Calories from Fat 80

% Daily Value\*

Total Fat 9g      14%

Saturated Fat 2g      10%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 15mg      5%

Sodium 60mg      3%

Total Carbohydrate 25g      8%

Dietary Fiber 2g      8%

Sugars 11g

Protein 3g

Vitamin A --%      • Vitamin C --%

Calcium 0%      • Iron 6%

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

		Calories: 2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Calories per gram:

Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4



HAPPY  
*Valentine's Day*

*If you do not want your child to receive a cookie, please let your child's teacher know.*



## St. Dominic Book Fair News

The countdown to our Annual Book Fair is on! We invite your entire family to participate in purchasing your favourite characters and series, cool posters and awesome books.

A flyer will be given to students that will highlight some of the hundreds of books that will be available to purchase. Students will have an opportunity to win \$50 in books-\$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! There will also be random draws of smaller prizes for students to win.

*Don't forget to mark this special event on your calendar. It will run during school hours in the library **from Monday, February 10, 2025, to Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** (will end in the morning). The Fair will be open during interviews on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning.*

*We accept cash, debt, credit cards, and cheques (payable to our school) as payment methods at the Fair.*

*We look forward to seeing you during our Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this literacy event. Each purchase at our Fair benefits our school library.*

*Happy reading!*



# SHROVE TUESDAY

Hosted by our School Parent Council



## MARCH 4, 2025

**The Pancake Breakfast is FREE for students, but we ask that each student please bring in a non-perishable food item to be donated to one of our local food banks.**

*"God Our Father, as we prepare to begin Lent, help us to remember what today, Shrove Tuesday is truly about"*



## Community Information Bulletin

### 2024-2025 Weather Related Bus Cancellations/System Closures

November 2024

As we approach the winter months and the potential of weather-related bus cancellations and school closures, we provide the following information to DPCDSB families.

#### **BUS CANCELLATIONS**

During the winter months, inclement weather and/or poor road conditions may cause the disruption of bus transportation.

If buses are cancelled in a certain Weather Zone, schools in that Zone will remain open to students and staff.

There is no distribution of learning devices in anticipation of inclement weather-related bus cancellations.

While students unable to attend in person due to transportation cancellations are not required to access learning materials in the Learning Management System (LMS), they can if they choose to. Learning activities posted in the LMS specifically for inclement weather days provide opportunities for consolidation, curriculum enrichment or practice of skills already taught.

It is acknowledged that teachers will be supporting in-person students and therefore may have limited availability to support students who are not in attendance.

For students unable to attend in person, no remote access to the classroom will take place. Learning for students will be self-directed. Please be assured that teachers have been advised not to introduce new concepts on days on which buses have been cancelled. As always, parents/guardians can contact their child's teacher if they have any questions or require support using communication methods that have been established by the teacher.

Fully remote classes will continue as usual on bus cancellation days.

#### **FULL SYSTEM CLOSURE**

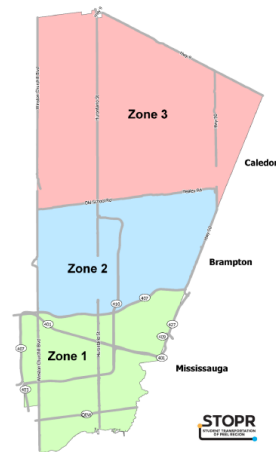
If there is a full system closure, where all DPCDSB schools and facilities are closed to students and staff, there is no switch to synchronous learning for the day.

Similar to bus cancellation days, students can access learning activities posted in the LMS specifically for inclement weather days that provide opportunities for consolidation, curriculum enrichment or practice of skills already taught. This also applies to students in remote-only classes.

As always, parents/guardians can contact their child's teacher if they have any questions or require support using communication methods that have been established by the teacher.



# St. Dominic is ZONE 1 (Mississauga)



## SCHOOL WEATHER ZONES

### Peel Region Schools (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon)

For student transportation purposes, schools located in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon (Peel Region), which are served by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR), are divided into three Weather Zones: ZONE 1, ZONE 2 and ZONE 3.

See the [list of schools](#) located in each of the three Weather Zones and the [Weather Zone map](#) to find in which zone your school is located.

### Dufferin County Schools (St. Andrew, St. Benedict, St. Peter Catholic Elementary Schools)

For student transportation purposes, DPCDSB's three schools located in Dufferin County (Orangeville), St. Andrew, St. Benedict, St. Peter Catholic Elementary Schools, are served by Service de Transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Service (STWDSTS). Although R.F. Hall Catholic Secondary School is located in Peel Region, a significant segment of the school's student population is transported from Dufferin County by STWDSTS (see below for more information about R.F. Hall).

## NOTES

- All Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School student transportation is cancelled on days when buses are cancelled in either STOPR Zone 3 or in Dufferin County (STWDSTS).
- Families who reside outside of their school's Weather Zone are encouraged to check the STOPR Weather Zone map to be aware of the Zone in which they reside. For families who reside outside their School's Weather Zone, please be aware that their child's transportation will be cancelled if student transportation is cancelled in either their school's Weather Zone or in the Zone in which they reside.
- Please visit the [STOPR website](#) for additional information related to Student Transportation in Peel Region schools, including STOPR's recent newsletter.

## WHERE TO FIND OUT IF BUSES ARE CANCELLED OR THERE IS A FULL SYSTEM CLOSURE

Bus cancellations and school closure notices are posted by 6:00 a.m. or shortly afterwards in the following ways:

### Websites

[Student Transportation of Peel Region \(STOPR\)](#)  
[Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services \(STWDSTS\)](#)  
[DPCDSB Website \(Yellow Alert Banner\)](#)

### Social Media

X (Formerly Twitter): [@STOPRinfo](#) or [@STWDSTS](#)

X (Formerly Twitter): [@DPCDSBSchools](#) | Instagram: [@DPCDSB.Schools](#) | Facebook: [@DPCDSBSchools](#)

Recorded Phone Message 905-890-0708 or 1-800-387-9501