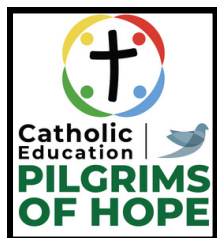


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Augustine's Admin Team supports #BellLetsTalk Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Principal Maloney

IG: @principal_maloney

January 22nd was **Bell Let's Talk Day**. The purpose of this annual event is to raise awareness and to encourage dialogue about mental health and mental illness. The goal is to end the stigma associated with mental health challenges so people feel safe accessing the support they need. Our YES4MH Club (@st.augustineyes4mh) and the staff advisor, Ms. Stewart, led the campaign at Augustine. Thanks to all of our Student Support Staff for your ongoing dedication to our school community. Your work with our students is important each and every day.



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IMPORTANT DATES



January 30 P.A. Day - No School

January 31 Semester 2 Begins

February is Black History Month

February 6 Grade-level Assemblies (Gr. 9 & 10)

February 7 Grade-level Assemblies (Gr. 11 & 12)

February 10 Summer Job Fair (All lunches)

February 12 Gr. 12 Assembly (Prom & Grad Info)

February 13 P.E.A.C.E. Assemblies

February 14 P.A. Day - No School

February 17 Family Day (school closed)

February 26 Pink Shirt Day

February 27 DPCDSB Skills Competition @ Augustine



Dufferin-Peel CDSB Secondary Skills Competition FEBRUARY 27 @ St. Augustine



GOT SKILLS?

**REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL
@SKILLS ONTARIO!**

Contest Sectors

 Careers/Work Experience	 Green Industries
 Communications Technology	 Hairstyling & Aesthetics
 Computer Technology	 Hospitality & Tourism
 Construction Technology	 Technological Design
 Fashion Design	 Transportation Technology
 Geography	 Service Sector

**TALK TO
YOUR TECH TEACHER!**

 Thursday, February 27, 2025

 St. Augustine CSS

 www.skillsontario.com



St. Augustine will host this year's Skills Competition. It will bring competitors from secondary schools around the board. Good luck to all participants!



Model United Nations (UN) Conference



On December 16, our Model UN team participated in a conference at David Suzuki Secondary School. It was an event filled with lively discussions across various committees, offering students the chance to demonstrate their skills in discourse and critical thinking. We are thrilled to announce that two of our students, **Alicia Charles** and **Kiratraj Chhina**, received awards for their exceptional performances. Congratulations to both of them for their hard work and dedication! Additionally, three of our executives had the privilege of co-chairing a committee, where their leadership, organization, and management were truly outstanding! The team is excited for future opportunities to continue developing their skills and talents! - **Ms. Dimitrio**



English Language Learners (ELL) Program

FIELD TRIP - Sheridan College



Ms. Awad and our Settlement Worker, **Ms. Basanya** accompanied a group of students to visit Sheridan College's Davis campus. This gave students the opportunity to tour the facilities, visit lecture halls, and to ask questions about post-secondary programs. This was an amazing learning experience for the students!



Co-operative Education



Mary Akotiah

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Guerrero Law
as a legal assistant
Grade 11 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos

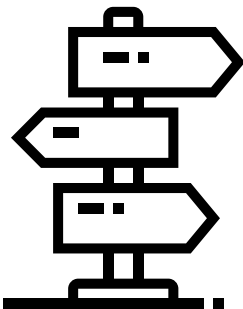
Victoria Scattoloni

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
St. Monica's Elementary School
as a teacher's assistant
Grade 11 • 4 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos



Daniela Moshi

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
St. Monica's Elementary School
as a teacher's assistant
Grade 12 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos



Junior Boys' Basketball



The Jr. Boys Basketball Team travelled to Waterdown on January 16th for the Warriors Junior Basketball Tournament. The team played extremely well and were undefeated on their journey to winning the tournament!

Thanks to their coaches **Mr. Bude** and **Mr. Hopkin** and our Senior Boys' Team Mentors. A special thanks to **Ms. Williams** for travelling with the team and to **Mr. Martinic** for driving the busette. Go Falcons!!!





Thrive in Community

January 2025

Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being



DPCDSB THRIVE in Community Newsletter

The DPCDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Team has created a THRIVE Community Newsletter to be shared with staff and families each month.

A link to the January edition of the THRIVE newsletter is enclosed: [THRIVE in Community Newsletter – January 2025](#)



PARENTS/GUARDIANS GET INVOLVED!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL:

2024-2025

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wed. Feb. 12

Thurs. April 24

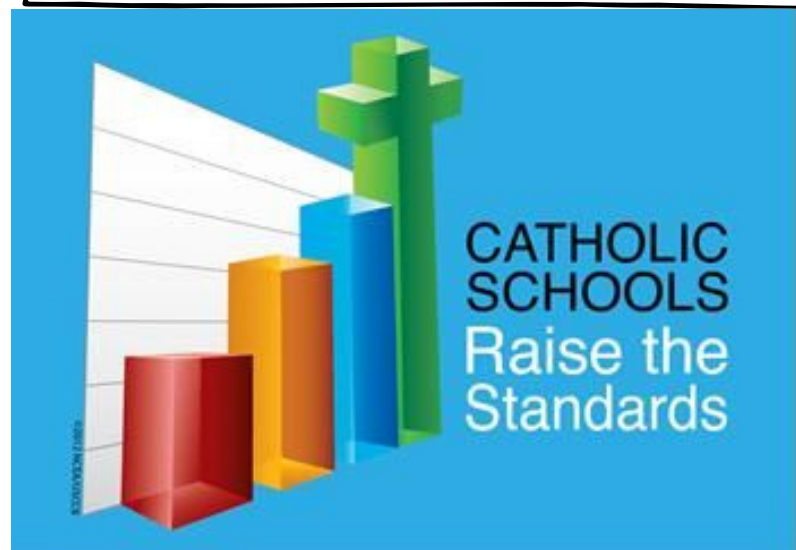
(Public Budget Consultation)

& Wed. May 14

@ 6:30 p.m.

in the

School Library



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REMINDERS

2025-26
ACTIVITY
FEES ARE
DUE JAN.
31/2025

DON'T FORGET

All new and returning students are to pay the \$45 Activity Fee for 2024-2025 via SchoolCashOnline.

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

CLICK HERE

2024-25 \$45.00 Activity Fee

Have you paid for your Activity Fee???

- Your Activity Fee helps to fund Student Council activities, Spirit Days, Special events, Awards, etc.
- The Activity Fee is paid through **SchoolCashOnline**
- If you do not pay your fee, you will be charged **\$7 to participate in Civvies Days, \$5 to participate in Spirit Wear days**, and other fees for participating in special events
- **REMINDER** - Fridays are regular uniform days. Spirit wear is only permitted when announced in advance



REMINDERS

DOWNLOAD NOW



My School Day

Quick Start for Students
and Parents

Fall 2024

1. Download the app

You can find the app - *it's free to download!* - on the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) by

- Searching in the store for "My School Day"
- Going to <https://myschoolday.app/download> in the browser on your phone
- Using the QR code at right.



Make sure to allow it to receive notifications when asked - the school will use them to send out important reminders, information and alerts.



2. Select your school

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*

3. Follow channels.

Channels let the school administration and teachers send out information specific to your classes and activities, so you get only those notifications for your classes and those of interest to the entire school. To subscribe to channels:

- Tap on the "Classes" icon
- Tap "Follow Channels" in the menu
- Tap the checkboxes for the channels you are interested in
- Tap on the "Done" button.

Remember to check back regularly for new channels that your teachers may have added.



4. Enter your classes

Tapping on the classes icon also gives you an option to set up your timetable. Select that option and enter your class names and select colours and icons. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities. When you tap on "Done", the app will fill in your timetable.

5. Access school information, links and files

The school and teachers will add links and files that provide resources to the school community such as course materials for remote learning, health advisories, and other school, district, and provincial information. To access these school-wide and channel-specific resources:

- Tap the Info icon at the right hand side of the tab bar:

Remember to check back regularly for new resources that your teachers may have added.



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MONTHLY VIRTUE

JANUARY 2025

Self Control and Decision-Making

Self-Control and Decision-Making is regulating your thoughts and actions so that you stop any pressures from within or without and act the way you know and feel is right. Developing loving habits helps us to respond lovingly to others in our choices and actions.



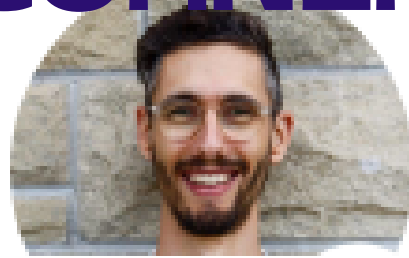
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

with

MR. PUIGMARTI



You Are God's Beloved

On Sunday, January 12th, the Church celebrated the Baptism of our Lord.

We reflect on Jesus being baptized by John in the river Jordan, remembering God's words: "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Are able to hear those words spoken to you? That Jesus sees you as beloved.

The definition of beloved is "to be dearly loved". It's not simply something about us—it's our identity. There's nothing we've done to earn it. Beloved is who we are. And yet, how many of us live our lives out of that truth?

The hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes can make us feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you.

Our deepest identity isn't based on our accomplishments or failings, what people think about us, or how we view ourselves in the mirror. Rather, it is that we are beloved children of a God who loves us unconditionally. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. Even if you are not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes. He is the one who always accepts you.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Let Us Pray...

Almighty, eternal God, When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son. Help us to live each day knowing that we are loved by You. We make this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

St. Augustine, pray for us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
Sophia Maloney

VICE PRINCIPALS:
Teddi Lowie and Antony Pallotta

CHAPLAINCY LEADER:
Marc Puigmarti

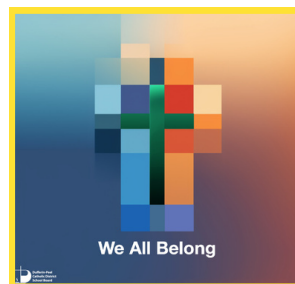
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