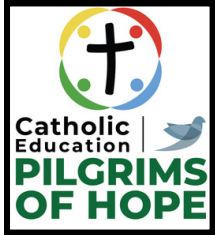


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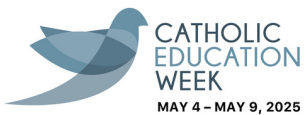
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St. Augustine's NEW I-STEAM Program

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Principal Maloney

IG: @principal_maloney

St. Augustine C.S.S. is introducing a NEW program next year called **I-STEAM (Innovation-Science Technology Engineering Arts Math)**. This four-year program will be available to our Grade 9 students beginning in 2025-2026.

The application is now open and it closes on December 20th. We are excited about this new program and ask you to share the information with your friends and family. We are discontinuing our Advanced Placement (AP) Program. Students currently enrolled will continue in the program and new students can apply to our I-STEAM program instead. Admission to the new program will be limited next year so do not miss the deadline!

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ISTEAM

St. Augustine CSS

I-STEAM is a four year project-based program focused on Innovation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

Students will develop skills in critical thinking, design, collaboration, and creativity while becoming 21st century learners.

Interested? Apply Today!
Program Application:



Deadline To Apply: Dec 20 2024

Decision Date: Jan 17 2025

Questions? Contact Us:

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IMPORTANT DATES



November 21 Mid-Term Report Cards E-mailed

November 27 Academic Awards Ceremony,
8:30 a.m.

November 27 Catholic School Council Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

December 4 & 5 Advent Liturgies

December 9-11 Course Selection Assemblies

December 11 Festive Night of the Nines, 2:30-5:30pm

December 17 Christmas Music Concert (P. 2)

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 Christmas Break (school closed)

January 6 Classes Resume



Visual Arts Program

THE HOLY DOORS

The Need for Forgiveness



Painting by **Zainab Majid**
in **Ms. Kang's** Gr. 11 Art Class

Peter's Denial



Painting by **Enass Khan**
in **Ms. Kang's** Gr. 12 Art Class



This inspiration from The Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica is on display at the Board Office. Each of the 16 panels were designed and hand painted by Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Board students. This included **Zainab's "The Need for Forgiveness"** and **Enass' "Peter's Denial"**.



Visual Arts Program

FIELD TRIPS - OCAD & AGO



Ms. Kang's Grade 11 and 12 visual arts students visited OCAD and the AGO on October 24th! The students toured the OCAD campus and saw a variety of interesting studios, including ceramics, jewelry, textiles, wood, metal, fabrication, and mould-making. They also explored the AGO to fully immerse themselves in the paintings and the beautiful architecture. Thanks to **Mr. Martinic** for his support in attending as a chaperone.



Technological Education

FIELD TRIP - The National Women's Show

On Friday November the 8th, the Cosmetology and Hospitality classes led by **Ms. Romano**, **Mr. Loiero**, and **Mr. Sansalone** and chaperoned by **Mr. Martinic** went to The National Women's Day Event in Toronto. The show featured food, fashion shows, celebrity guests, complimentary makeovers, health, wellness & beauty secrets, cooking demos, home renovation and decor advice, travel ideas and much, much, more. Students had the opportunity to listen, shop and celebrate the achievements of local businesses and entrepreneurs. The day was a successful one that will be remembered by everyone!!



EcoTeam Field Trips

WWII Warplane Museum Tour

This month our EcoTeam joined our Raise/Aspire students on a tour of a WWII Warplane museum. We learned about the challenges and thrills of being a WWII pilot, including some interesting ecological considerations. We even got to see a toolkit that was on board the original Titanic before travelling with its mechanic to service planes in Canada! A big thanks to the curators and all who volunteer to maintain this important part of Canadian heritage!



EcoTeam Sustainable Farm Tour

Last month our EcoTeam and Raise/Aspire students travelled to GoodLot Farmstead to learn about sustainable farming. We learned that it's possible to grow crops within a completely local circle: the green waste feeds the animals whose meat supplies the on-site restaurant! We learned about chemical-free fertilizers, carbon-neutral footprints, and solar energy. Standing among the crops and learning from the farmers provided an unmatched experience!



EcoTeam Field Trips



EcoTeam Visits Eco-Built Church

Last month our EcoTeam and Raise/Aspire students had the pleasure of visiting St. Elias, the Ukrainian Catholic on Heritage road. Ecologically built with locally-sourced Douglas Fir, the church is a testament to historic architecture and provides a unique space to learn about our Ukrainian Catholic traditions. One of the Parish's founding fathers was a long-time Chaplain at St Augustine CSS, Father Roman Galadza.



Message From EcoTeam - Need Volunteer Hours?



The graphic features a snowman wearing a green scarf and stick arms, standing on a snowy mound. The text "Welcoming WINTER" is written in a playful font, with "WINTER" in large, bold letters. Below it, "COMMUNITY EVENT DAY" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The background is a dark blue night sky with white snowflakes and a range of colorful mountains in shades of green, yellow, and orange. Silhouettes of evergreen trees are scattered across the landscape.



A circular inset photograph showing two individuals wearing helmets and winter gear, riding mountain bikes on a snow-covered trail through a forest.

Call for Volunteers!

Are you passionate about nature and helping out in your community? TRCA is looking for volunteers for our Welcoming Winter community event!

Assist with leading nature walks, workshops, educational booths, and outdoor games, as well as event logistics like parking and traffic control!

Participants will be eligible to receive **6 volunteer hours!**



A circular inset photograph of a campfire with marshmallows roasting on sticks over the flames.

Saturday, November 30, 2024
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Albion Hills Conservation Park
16500 Regional Rd 50, Caledon, ON



A green mug with a white snowflake design, containing a marshmallow on a stick and a small flame.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact:
Jeremy Pearson Jeremy.Pearson@trca.ca or
Matthew Chan Matthew.Chan@trca.ca.



The logo for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, featuring a stylized green and blue circular emblem next to the text "Toronto and Region Conservation Authority".

School Presentation

P.E.A.C.E. (People Everywhere Actually Co-existing Equally)



Testament



CJ



“We The People. It’s all on us!”



On Monday, October 28th, **Testament** and **CJ** from **P.E.A.C.E.** came to St. Augustine CSS to present to all of our students. The key message was about accountability. They reminded students that they have the power to make a positive change in their school community and beyond. We look forward to them returning in February!



School Assemblies

Remembrance Day - November 11



On Monday, November 11th, all students were invited to an assembly for Remembrance Day. **Mr. Zekulin's** Drama students delivered a moving presentation based on real letters from war heros to their families. Students watched a series of videos featuring contributions from diverse communities of Canadians. Thanks to **Ms. Fleming** for organizing.



GET TO KNOW SST (Student Success Teachers)

CHECK THIS OUT

SUCCESS



We are here to
support a variety of
learners

Ms. Williams (Gr. 11/12) & Ms. Andraos (Gr. 9/10) are our SST Teachers



Room 230 is a welcoming and supportive space!

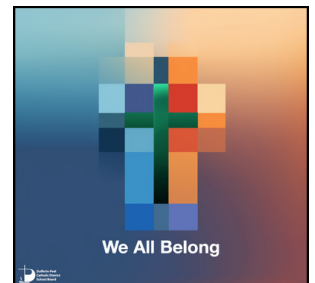
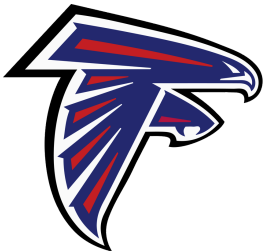


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Secondary School Information Night



We had a successful evening at our Open House for Grade 8s and other prospective students! Thanks to everyone who came out to visit our school and to all of the staff and students that helped with the event. We look forward to welcoming our Future Falcons!!!



REGISTRATION QUESTIONS?
Guidance Email:
augstguidance@dpcdsb.org



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Business Department News



Thank you to all our guests for stopping by the Business Studies room during our open house!

It was wonderful to meet you and have the opportunity to share with you the highlights of our business program and those of our school community.

We invite you to join our St. Augustine Business Studies google classroom for information regarding program events, course selection, and business-related extracurricular clubs. The classroom code is c7et7q3. It's here that you will find the Grade 9 Building the Entrepreneurship Mindset Course Outline (BEM10). Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via our google classroom.

Thank you also to our student volunteers who hosted tonight's event - they did a fantastic job sharing their knowledge, experiences and passion for all things business! Armaan, Bhumika, Chetali, Alexis, Yuvraj, and Priyanshi - you did us proud! **Ms. Mifsud**



Co-operative Education

Anishan Uthayakumar



CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!

Works at
Community Climate Council

Grade 11 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos

Amira Cockburn



CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!

Works at **Longo's**

Grade 12 OYAP • Baker

Ms Prete Mr Ramos

Aditya Kandanchatha

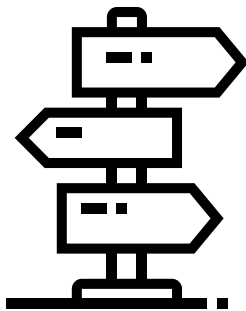


CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!

Works at
Fundmore AI
in Software Development

Grade 11 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos



Wednesday, November 13th was a great day for our St. Augustine Co-op program. Current students gathered for their third Integration Day, sharing invaluable insights from their placement experiences. Their stories highlighted the value of experiential learning and the mentorship received, whether navigating busy elementary classrooms or receiving hands-on training in flooring. Later that evening, the school welcomed prospective Grade 8 students and their families for the annual Grade 8 Information Night. We showcased many of the Co-op opportunities available, spanning hospitality, skilled trades, business, and more. It was great to meet all of our future Falcons!



Senior Boys' Volleyball



The Sr. Boys Volleyball are ROPSSAA Champions! This week, they travelled to St. Catherines to compete in OFSAA. The team played extremely well and represented the FALCONS with class!

Thanks to their coaches **Mr. Puigmarti**, **Mr. Martinic**, and **Ms. Reither**. A special thanks to **Ms. LaNave** for helping to supervise the team at OFSAA. Go Falcons!!!



St. Augustine's Table Tennis



Our St. Augustine Table Tennis team is riding the wave of enthusiasm this year! After our first ROPSSA tournament appearance last year, our team has over 40 students registered this year. While some students are enjoying friendly games, others are training rigorously in preparation for the upcoming ROPSSA tournament in February.

The team has brought in industry specialist Mr. Grecki as assistant coach. Mr. Grecki brings with him OFSAA championship pedigree. With his expertise, our students are perfecting their skills!





Thrive in Community

November 2024

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.

The link to the November edition of the THRIVE newsletter is: [THRIVE in Community Newsletter – November 2024](#)



PARENTS/GUARDIANS GET INVOLVED!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL:

2024-2025

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a Great Catholic Education*

*Get involved in
Your local CSC –
Catholic School Council*

VOLUNTEER

you can make a difference!



FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wed. Nov. 27

Wed. Feb. 12

Thurs. April 24

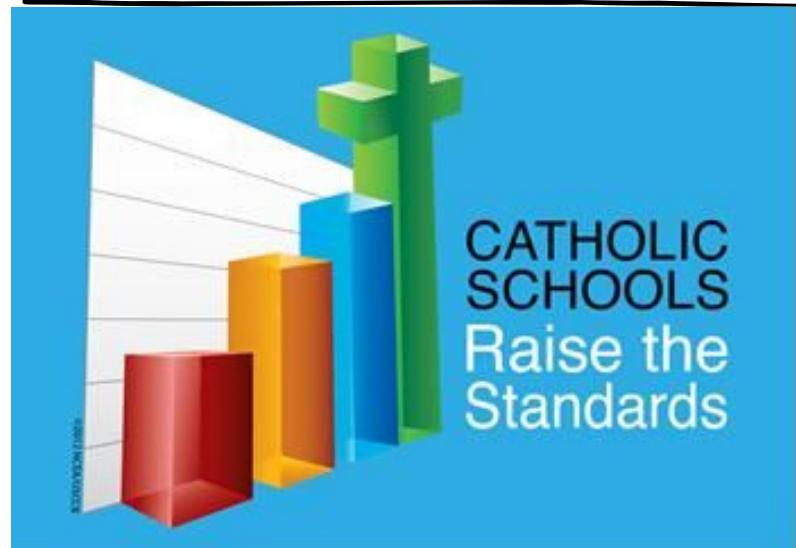
(Public Budget Consultation)

& Wed. May 14

@ 6:30 p.m.

in the

School Library



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REMINDERS

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

NOVEMBER 2024

Conscience

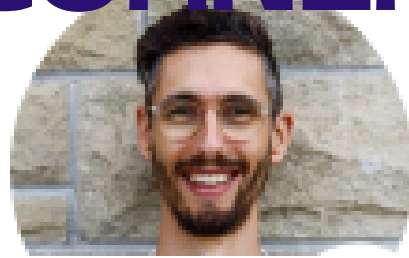
Conscience is the voice of God within us. A developed conscience helps us make decisions that support truly loving relationships.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

with

MR. PUIGMARTI



The Virtue of Conscience

During the month of November our school board invites us to reflect on the virtue of conscience. So what is our conscience anyways you may be thinking?

Our conscience helps us choose right from wrong. It is our conscience that helps us make judgments on moral decisions and act on them. Conscience helps us explain why we feel guilt, because we know by our judgment that this action was a wrong action, and next time we should listen to our conscience.

Our conscience needs to be formed. The things that we expose ourselves to form who we are and what we think. The people we surround ourselves with also form our conscience. We have the opportunity to choose who and what influences our conscience.

God wants to form our conscience and speaks to us through it. We should always follow what our conscience is telling us and never go against it (CCC 1782). Our consciences are formed by God's grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All God to form it by rooting your day in prayer. Read scripture. Frequent the sacraments and more.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Let Us Pray...

O God, open my heart to your teachings and help me to form my conscience according to your will. Please strengthen me with the virtues of faith, hope, love, and especially prudence. Grant me your loving guidance each day and send me the graces to always do your will, even when most difficult. Amen.

St. Augustine, pray for us.

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

Congratulations!



Eldrick Tan was honoured at the Father Fogerty Awards dinner on Saturday, October 26th. He received the **Catholic Student of the Year Award!**



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
Sophia Maloney

VICE PRINCIPALS:
Teddi Lowie and Bill Welch

CHAPLAINCY LEADER:
Marc Puigmarti

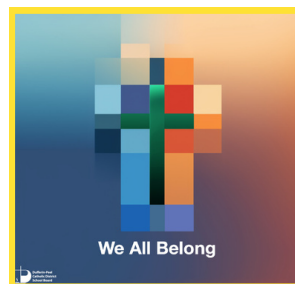
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