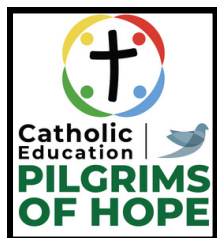


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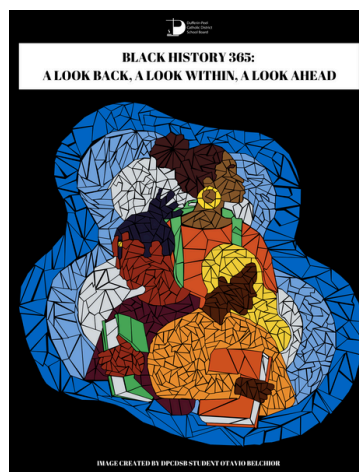
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Principal Maloney

IG: @principal_maloney

In 1995, **The Honourable Jean Augustine**, the first Black woman elected to Parliament, brought forward a motion in the House of Commons to recognize February as **Black History Month** in Canada.

The purpose of this month of observance is to make itself redundant; to have the history of Black people fully integrated into the curriculum and education system. The theme for Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is **Black History 365**. This theme supports the messaging that 365 days a year is the time to learn about Black History because it is everyone's history.



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IMPORTANT DATES



March 5 Ash Wednesday Liturgies

March 10-14 March Break

March 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30-7:30)

March 21 Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 22 Earth Day

April 1 P.E.A.C.E. Assemblies (Rescheduled from February's Snow Day)

April 9 Day of Pink

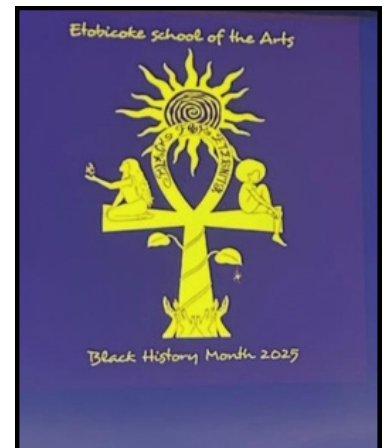
April 18 Good Friday - No School

April 21 Easter Monday - No School

May 28 Multicultural Night



Black History 365



Students participated in a Board-level conference, attended a career event, awards ceremony, Black History Presentation, read books with our local daycare children, and more!



PINK SHIRT DAY

NATIONAL *Pink* SHIRT DAY



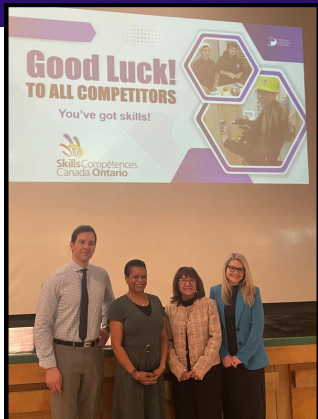
#PinkShirtDay

National Pink Shirt Day is a day for Canadians to raise awareness about bullying prevention and to uplift kindness and inclusion.



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Dufferin-Peel CDSB Secondary Skills Competition FEBRUARY 26 @ St. Augustine



Board Chair, Luz del Rosario
with
St. Augustine's Admin Team



Thanks to Ms. Andraos & our
Falcon Leaders



Emcee - Mr. Martinic





SKILLS COMPETITION 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO:




**Izec Bautista GOLD metal
for Restaurant Services**







Silver:
Lucas Da Silva - Auto Service Tech
Corbin Lobinowich - Data Input
Enass Khan - Fashion




Bronze:
Conner Costa-
Ryan - Job
Demo



St. Augustine was host for this
year's DPCDSB Skills
Competition. There were
almost 300 competitors from all
26 secondary schools across the
Board. We look forward to next
year's event!



Congratulations!



DECA Inc.

CONGRATS TO ALL OUR PROVINCIAL COMPETITORS!

...and a **HEARTFELT** congratulations to
CHRISTIAN BLACKWOOD,
who placed among the top 10
provincial competitors in DECA's
ACCOUNTING APPLICATIONS event!

Christian will now be representing
ONTARIO at DECA's
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION,
held in **ORLANDO, FLORIDA** this April.

GOOD LUCK CHRISTIAN!



Congratulations to the Two Award Winners!



Akreti Sharma and **Moises Calma**
achieved top scores in Canadian Senior Mathematics Contest
and Canadian Intermediate Mathematics Contest, respectfully.
They scored **top 25% in Ontario!**

Thank you to all students who participated in this contest and
represented St. Augustine with pride.



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Congratulations!

Falcon On The Rise

PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL FIELD
HOCKEY ATHLETE

MEMBER OF WOMEN'S U18
TEAM CANADA,
HARJOT WILL COMPETE
AGAINST TEAM USA IN
THE CAN AM SERIES OVER
MARCH BREAK.



FALCON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

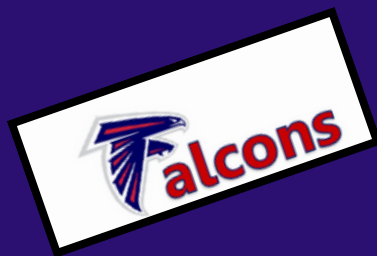
Madison Molina

Setter - Varsity Girls Volleyball

Attributes:
Consistency
Positive attitude
Team player
Focus and energy

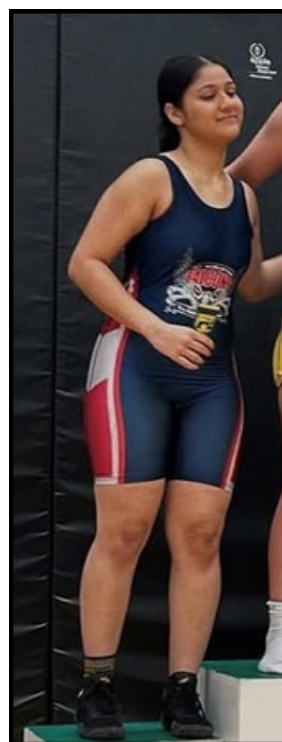
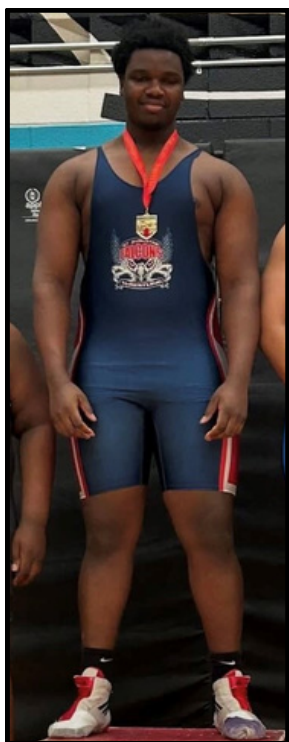


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Athletics

OFSAA WRESTLING - MARCH 3-5 KITCHENER



Good Luck: Praise, Karanvir, and Kagna

Congratulations to our wrestlers for a successful season! **Praise** and **Karanvir** won GOLD at ROPSSAA and are competing at OFSAA along with **Kagna**. Notable mentions from ROPSSAA: **Simi** (Bronze), **Sahib** (4th Place), **Kevin** (5th Place), **Theresa** (6th Place).



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Thrive in Community

February 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 February edition of the THRIVE newsletter is enclosed: [THRIVE in Community Newsletter – February 2025](#)



PARENTS/GUARDIANS GET INVOLVED!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL:

2024-2025

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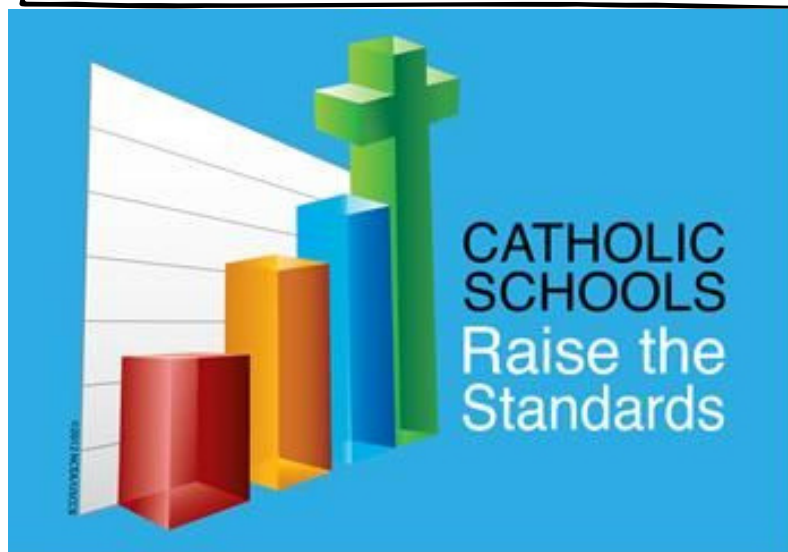
FUTURE MEETINGS:

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
NOW DUE

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



Self-Identification Option for Indigenous Families

If you are First Nation (Status Indian or Non-Status Indian), Métis and/or Inuit you can self-identify as Indigenous. You do not need to produce any documentation or proof of ancestry. Self-identification is voluntary and confidential.

“This has been really important for us because of the sense of community and the connection to other Indigenous families.” ~
Melanie Cormier, parent.

Self-identification will provide access to culture and language programs and monthly programming for students and families. Relevant information will be sent directly to you about upcoming cultural events and opportunities which help to build community and a sense of Indigenous pride in Dufferin-Peel.

To learn more about opportunities for Indigenous students and families please visit:

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/students/indigenous-self-identification>



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:

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MONTHLY VIRTUE

FEBRUARY 2025

RESPECT

Respect is seeing the goodness in others. It helps us to see others as God sees them, to accept them as they are, and to treat them with dignity.



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Sophia Maloney

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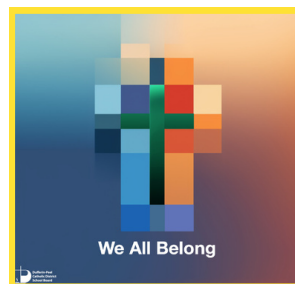
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