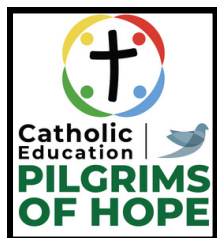


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FALCON NEWS

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OCSGE - Learning Beyond The Classroom

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Principal Maloney

IG: @principal_maloney

Once again, Falcon News contains several examples of how our staff goes above and beyond the traditional classroom experiences to enhance student learning. We continue to explore new opportunities for our students to thrive and excel as they learn and grow.

Next month we celebrate **Catholic Education Week**. We take a holistic approach to education that encompasses mind, body, and spirit. Our **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE)** are the goal.

We partner with families and the church to support the development of each learner in our school community. We look forward to continuing this partnership with you as "Pilgrims of Hope".



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Holy Thursday Liturgy



On Holy Thursday, with spiritual guidance from our school Chaplain, Mr. Puigmarti, students from Mrs. Awad's Gr. 9 Drama Class and our music ministry team, under the direction of Mr. McBride, performed the Stations of the Cross. It was a grace filled experience to help us enter into the Holy Triduum. The music greatly enhanced the dramatization and it allowed everyone to delve deeper into the mystery of God's great love for us. God is good!



IMPORTANT DATES



May 4 - 9 Catholic Education Week & Mental Health Awareness Week

May 14 Catholic School Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

May 16 Professional Activity Day - School Closed

May 19 Victoria Day - School Closed

May 28 Multicultural Night



MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Tickets on
Sale Now!

St. Augustine



MULTICULTURAL
NIGHT



big party , delicious food 🍌, music , dancing,
talent show 🎤

\$7 for students, \$10 for adults,
6 and under are FREE!



2024-25
Limited Sales
coming soon!

Get your tickets!

School cash online
or at the door



DAY
MAY, 28

TIME
5PM - 8PM

27 Drinkwater Rd,
Brampton ON



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NEW! REGIONAL STEM Program

Limited Spaces Available for students
entering Grade 9 in September 2025



Regional STEM Program
@ St. Augustine C.S.S.

I-STEAM



NEW!

**Future Falcons, get
ready to soar into a
world where creativity
and technology collide!**



SCIENCE

- Cool experiments and labs
- Field trips and science fairs
- Environmental and space exploration



ENGINEERING

- Hands-on building
- Competitions
- Intro to engineering concepts
- Team-based design projects



MATH

- Math games and interactive problem-solving
- Real-world math applications
- Math in architecture, design and tech

INNOVATION



- Project based learning
- Cross-curricular activities
- Collaborative, inquiry-based learning environment

TECHNOLOGY



- Coding and robotics
- 3D printing and digital design
- App and game creation
- AI and other tech tools

ARTS



- Arts integrated with tech
- Digital art and video production
- Creative problem-solving and expression

REGISTER NOW



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I-STEAM Application Form

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Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Christian Blackwood** (Grade 12) on his exceptional performance at DECA's International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida this April. Competing in the highly competitive ACT - Accounting Applications event, Christian captured both the Best Overall Performance and Best Role-Play awards, outperforming thousands of delegates from around the world. His win reflects months of rigorous preparation, mastery of real-world accounting concepts, and confidence under pressure during multiple case analyses and on-the-spot role-plays with industry judges. Christian's achievement not only elevates our school's DECA chapter to international prominence but also exemplifies the caliber of talent and dedication within our student body. Congratulations, Christian—you have set a remarkable standard for future competitors and made us all proud! - **Ms. Mifsud**, Teacher Advisor



Madd Skillz Education



On April 14 & 16, **Madd Skillz Education (MSE)** visited St. Augustine CSS to engage some of our Grade 9 Math classes in a **MusiMaticians** workshop that connects DJ'ing with Math. Some of our Grade 9 English classes participated in a **Cast Creators** (Podcasting) workshop. The skill-based programs provided our students with the opportunity to connect these fun activities with key curriculum expectations. Thanks to the founder and owner of MSE, **Richard Lorde**, for delivering these excellent workshops!



STEM Club



Last month, the St. Augustine STEM Club had a blast with two exciting experiments! First, our students dove into the world of esters, creating their own unique scents and learning how these fragrant compounds are used in everything from perfumes to fruity aromas. Next, we had an explosive time with the famous elephant toothpaste reaction, where students used yeast to break down hydrogen peroxide, creating a foamy eruption and demonstrating how enzymes can speed up chemical reactions. Both activities sparked creativity, teamwork, and curiosity, and we're proud of how our students continue to explore the wonders of science. Stay tuned for more fun experiments in the future!





Women in Engineering



Seven female students from St. Augustine attended the Women in Engineering event at Sheridan College, where they explored workshops such as Arduino coding in Tinkercad and circuit building to create a light-up card. Through these hands-on experiences, they gained a deeper appreciation for the creativity in engineering and the powerful role women play in shaping the industry.

2025 ANNUAL Z-CLUB MINI-CONFERENCE



On April 8th, the St. Augustine's Z-Club attended the Annual Z-Club Mini-Conference hosted by the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon. In attendance were other Z-Club members and their Teacher Advisors from Brampton Centennial, Central Peel and Judith Nyman High Schools. Each school shared display boards at their booths highlighting projects they have undertaken during the year. Each Z-Club President and other executives gave brief presentations on accomplishments of each school. The St. Augustine booth included handmade crochet headbands and other items that underscored our commitment to service and advocacy.

The highlight of the day was a powerful fashion show by St. Augustine Z-Club featuring outfits in-line with this year's conference theme titled **"The Impact of Climate Change on Women and Girls."** The fashion show featured seven stunning runway looks that transformed everyday waste into bold, compelling messages on the environmental challenges women and girls face due to climate change. The outfits portrayed amongst others, the effects of wastage, plastic pollution, environmental degradation and overconsumption.

A special thank you goes out to the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon for hosting this memorable Mini-Conference, and to our St. Augustine's community (staff and students) for their continued support of the club. The success of the conference and the fashion show in particular not only reflects the creativity and passion of our students but also reaffirms our community's shared belief in making a difference.

Ms. Omoro – Staff Advisor



Rotman School of Management High School Market Simulation Challenge (HSMSC)



We are proud to recognize **Armaan Arora** (Gr.12) and **Yuvraj Mehta** (Gr.11) for proactively representing our school at the Rotman High School Market Simulation Challenge hosted by the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. By tackling real-time trading scenarios alongside top students from across Canada, Armaan and Yuvraj demonstrated exceptional initiative, collaborative skills, and a passion for finance that embodies our school's commitment to experiential learning. Their efforts not only expanded their own market-analysis expertise but also set a strong example of leadership and curiosity for fellow classmates. Congratulations, Armaan and Yuvraj—thank you for putting our school on the Rotman map!



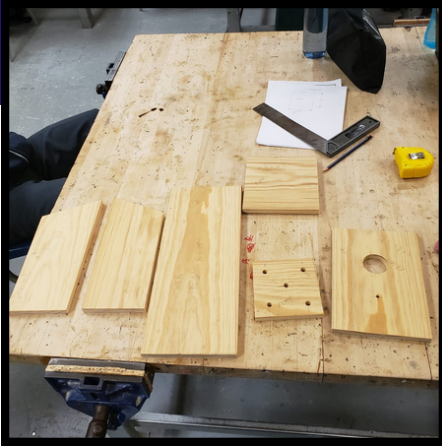
Annual Spring Community Clean up



The EcoTeam and twelve classes perform the annual Spring Community Cleanup. Over 160 students reach into every corner of the school grounds and surrounding public spaces to clean up litter from the long winter, giving the community a fresh & clean space to enjoy



Eco Team Bird Houses



In a heartwarming display of teamwork and environmental stewardship for Eco Team, our construction class worked together with our Raise and Aspire students to construct charming birdhouses. With saws buzzing and hammers tapping, they transformed reclaimed wood into cozy homes for local wildlife. This hands-on project not only fostered practical skills but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards the natural world, providing safe havens for feathered friends to nest and thrive.



Co-op Education

Jacob Wuthrich

Co-op Student of the Week!



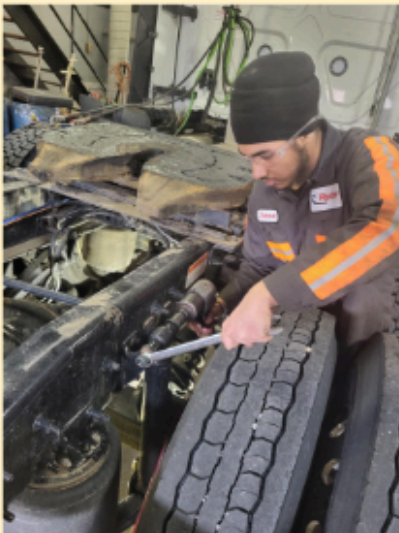
Works at
Peel Region Police
as a Police Assistant

Grade 12 • 4 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos
Ms Baker

Inderpreet Dhanoa

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Ryder Truck

Grade 12 • 4 credit •
Level 1 OYAP

Mr Ramos, Ms. Prete
& Dr. Thompson



I-STEAM Logo Contest Winner!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!
I-STEAM Logo Contest Winner:

**Sharanya
Sanjay**



Congratulations!



FALCON OF THE MONTH

OSATO ENOYZE

COED VOLLEYBALL

ATTRIBUTES:

STEADY

RELIABLE

RESILIENT



FALCON OF THE MONTH

DANIEL HORVATH

COED VOLLEYBALL

ATTRIBUTES:

SPORTSMANSHIP

TEAM PLAYER

PERSEVERANCE

POSITIVE ATTITUDE



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Track and Field

TRACK AND FIELD

RESULTS

AJ - 2ND PLACE - NOVICE BOYS LONG JUMP
SHYONTAE - 2ND PLACE - SENIOR GIRLS 400M DASH
JORDANE - 2ND PLACE - SENIOR BOYS LONG JUMP &
TRIPLE JUMP
PRAISE - 2ND PLACE - SENIOR BOYS SHOT PUT
ABDUL - 3RD PLACE - JUNIOR BOYS SHOT PUT
ALYSON - 3RD PLACE - SENIOR GIRLS SHOT PUT
KALAN - 3RD PLACE - SENIOR BOYS TRIPLE JUMP



APRIL 24: CAMPION CHAMPIONSHIPS @CENTENNIAL

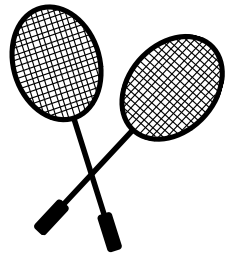
The Track and Field team had a strong showing at their first outdoor meet of the season, bringing home an impressive 8 medals and setting numerous personal bests! All 25 athletes that attended gave it their all and are preparing for their next meet date on May 1 & 2 at St. Marcellinus. We are looking forward to the rest of the season, keep cheering them on. Let's go Falcons!

Coaches Salituro and Novia



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Badminton



Senior Badminton ROPSSAA Qualifying Tournament: The athletes had a fantastic time and performed exceptionally well, demonstrating great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the competition. A special congratulations to **Ashmeet** and **Katelyn**, who both qualified for the ROPSSAA Finalist Tournament! Additionally, **Nafay** made it to the finals in the Boys' Singles draw.

It was an incredible experience, and we're proud of everyone's hard work and dedication!

Coaches Grecki and Silva





Thrive in Community

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



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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>



PARENTS/GUARDIANS GET INVOLVED!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL:

2024-2025

CHAIR

L. Clark

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A. D'Agostino-Ojar

CO-SECRETARIES

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T. Picardo

OAPCE REPRESENTATIVE

L. Clark

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A. Kanakaraj, K. LaNave, V. Ojar,
P. Panesar, K. Porter-Oviedo



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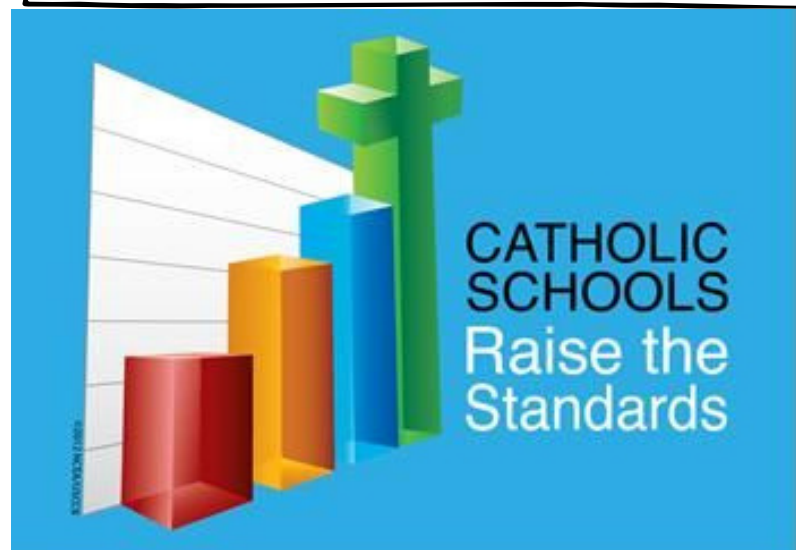
FUTURE MEETING:

Wednesday, May 14

@ 6:30 p.m.

in the

School Library



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REMINDERS

**REGISTER
NOW!**



 Dufferin-Peel CDSB Presents

Systems Navigation Night

For Families with students

In Grades 7 - 12+

- Presentation from Guidance Department
- Connect with various in-school supports
- Connect with diverse community agencies

Space is Limited
Register Now

Wednesday, May 21st
from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

At St. Augustine Secondary School,
27 Drinkwater Road in Brampton



REMINDERS

2025-26
ACTIVITY
FEES ARE
NOW DUE

2025-26 \$45 Activity Fee

Have you paid your Activity Fee???

- Your Activity Fee helps to fund **Student Council** activities, **Spirit Days**, **Special Events**, **Awards**, **Clubs**, etc.
- The Activity Fee is paid through **School Cash Online**
- If you do not pay your fee, you will be charged **\$10 to participate in Civvies Days**, **\$7 to participate in Spirit Days**, and other fees to participate in Special Events

Returning Students:

Parents need to log in to their child's profile on
<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>
and everything requiring payment will be listed there.

New Students:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/210280/146/False/True>





MONTHLY VIRTUE

APRIL 2025

Lenten Toiletry Drive



Love involves a deliberate choice to give and to serve others even though the service may go unnoticed and unappreciated.



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ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
Sophia Maloney

VICE PRINCIPALS:
Teddi Lowie and Antony Pallotta

CHAPLAINCY LEADER:
Marc Puigmarti

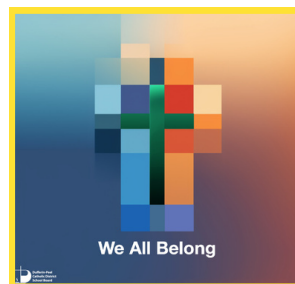
PARISH and PASTOR:
St. Jerome's Parish, Fr. James

CHAIR of the BOARD:
Luz del Rosario

DIRECTOR of EDUCATION:
Marianne Mazzorato

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS:
Brian Diogo

SCHOOL TRUSTEES:
Anisha Thomas (Brampton Ward 1, 3 & 4)
Darryl D'Souza (Brampton Ward 5, 6)



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