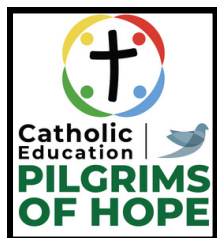




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FALCON NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Freddy The Falcon with St. Augustine's Admin Team

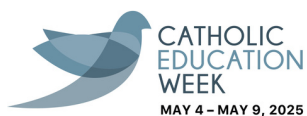
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From Principal Maloney

IG: @principal_maloney

On May 28, our new school Mascot, **Freddy The Falcon**, was introduced. It was our 2nd Annual Multicultural Night and a perfect opportunity for the big reveal.

Our revamped mascot is representative of the ways we continue to improve our school environment. This includes academic programs, clubs, sports, and facility upgrades. We are a positive school community that is small enough to know our students by name, but big enough to offer a wide range of programming options. Come and see what St. Augustine is really about!



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Multicultural Night

Celebrating Diversity at St. Augustine: A Night to Remember!
2nd Annual Multicultural Night – May 28, 2025



St. Augustine proudly hosted its Second Annual Multicultural Night, an evening filled with culture, celebration, and community spirit. With a **sold-out audience** of students, families, and friends, the school came alive in a vibrant tribute to the many cultures that make up our community. The night began with a captivating **talent show** featuring outstanding performances from our very own students. From dancers and singers to poets and actors, each act showcased the beauty and uniqueness of their cultural backgrounds. Following the performances, guests embarked on a global journey through 16 **cultural pavilions**, each representing a different region of the world. These pavilions featured informative displays, traditional artifacts, and an impressive variety of ethnic foods that gave everyone a true taste of global culture. The celebration continued with a multicultural fashion show, where students modeled traditional and modern attire from around the world. The creativity and pride in their heritage were evident in every step down the runway. To cap off the evening, our amazing DJ kept the energy high with an exciting mix of cultural music, encouraging guests to dance and celebrate well into the evening. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students, staff, volunteers, and families who contributed to making this night so memorable. The Multicultural Committee is incredibly proud of what we accomplished together and looks forward to an even bigger celebration next year!



IMPORTANT DATES



June 11 Athletic Banquet

June 17 Last Day of Classes/Gr. 12 Period 4 Exams

June 18 Period 1 Exams

June 19 Period 2 Exams

June 20 Period 3 Exams

June 23 Period 4 Exams (Gr. 9-11)

June 24 Emergency Exam Day

June 25 Exam Review Day

June 26 PD Day & Graduation Ceremony

June 27 PD Day ~ Summer Break

September 2 First Day of School



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



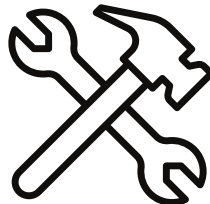
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I-STEAM Application Form

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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Promotion Week



May 19-23 was our SHSM Promotion Week. Students and staff were decked out in their SHSM spirit wear to promote the programs. Our newly revitalized **SHSM Transportation** Program is lead by **Mr. Rossi**. St. Augustine is the only school in Dufferin-Peel with a **SHSM Construction** Program. This is lead by **Mr. Sansalone**. Thanks to our Hospitality Teacher, **Mr. Loiero**, for organizing the BBQ that ended the week!

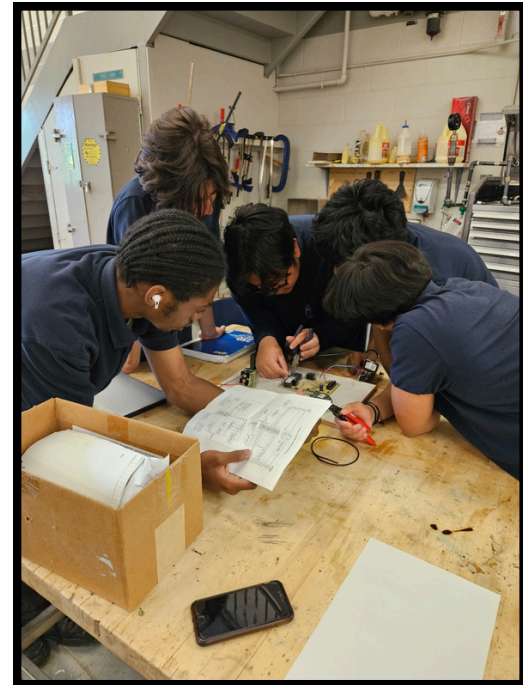
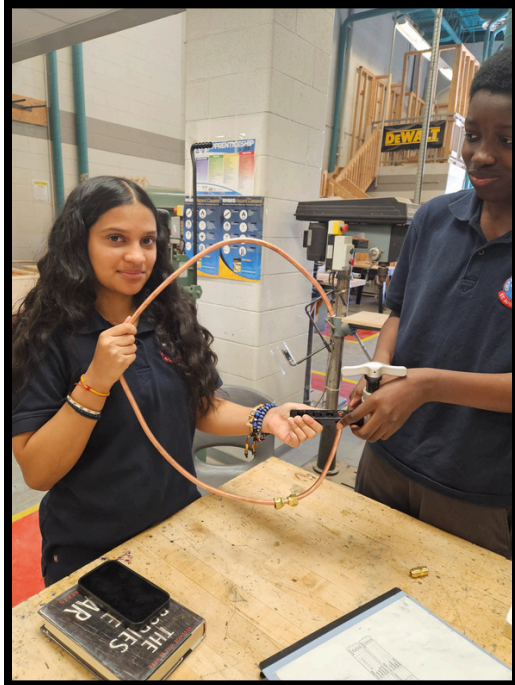
Specialist High Skills Major Construction – Liuna Local 183



Our SHSM students had the pleasure of attending **Liuna Local 183** which is the largest construction local in North America. The students got to observe active construction sites where workers were forming concrete, building houses and using heavy machinery. Jayden and Malachi are seen here sitting in the **Excavator simulator** which gives trainees a real life experience using a real life excavator. The tour concluded in the **Tunnel Rescue Skills** Training facility where First Responders are trained for emergencies. It's designed to simulate real-world tunnel rescue scenarios and provide advanced training to members and others, including fire departments and emergency services. The tunnel is accessed via a vertical shaft and offers a range of training opportunities, including air pack use, rescue equipment handling, and rope work.



In The Construction: HVAC Classroom



Aayusha and **Josiah** flaring copper pipe

Nicholas testing a thermostat using a multimeter

Isaiah, Gabriel, Izec, Akshay and **Ivan** wiring a control board using a schematic



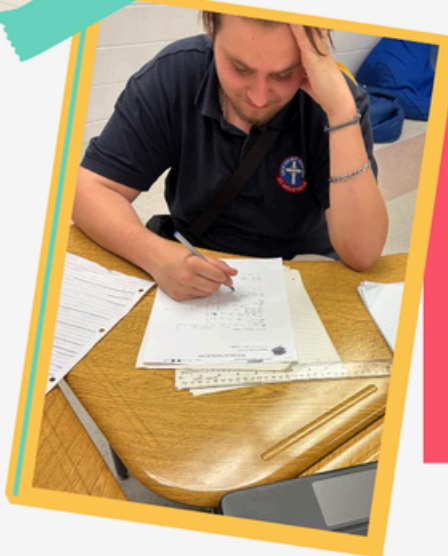
THE COMPASS

Navigating Student Success

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Welcome to SST

ROOM 230
with
Ms. Williams & Ms. Andraos



Student Spotlight

by Tyler Drover

Ever since SST has been open, I've accomplished so much more and I've also recovered a lot of credits that I need to graduate on time. Because of SST, I was motivated to complete my literacy test from start to finish - AND I PASSED! Having this room makes me more motivated to work and to come to school. My attendance is so much better and I am not in the hallways as much anymore.



YMCA Nutrition Program



On May 21, **Ms. Doherty** and **Ms. Ziemnicki** attended the YMCA Nutrition Program's 10 year Anniversary celebration. The YMCA's program has provided ongoing support towards St. Augustine's Breakfast and Bistro programs. We are extremely grateful to them for their generosity and to both staff members for their leadership in running these important programs for our students.



Metalworks Music Trip



Mr. Hibbit's Music & Guitar class had the privilege of an all-day experience at the famed **Metalworks Studios** in Mississauga! We recorded our talents in the same space as the likes of Drake, David Bowie, Prince, and countless other famous artists, learning about the process and participating in editing the final products. What an incredible experience! Our day ended with a tour of the Institute and learning about post-secondary options in the Arts & Entertainment industry. Who knows? Perhaps some of us will return to produce a Platinum record!! Thank you to all the staff at Metalworks for their time, effort, and generosity.



DECA Raises Funds One Donut at a Time

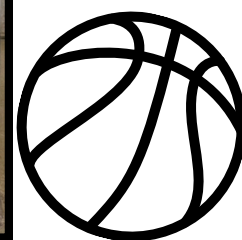
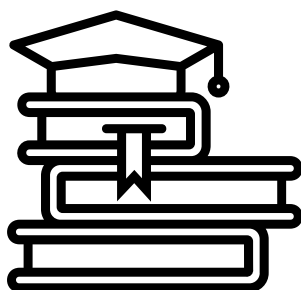


On Wednesday, May 14th, our DECA chapter ran a deliciously successful Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser. Thanks to the generous support of our school community, DECA sold 30 dozen donuts—that's 360 donuts!—to hungry students throughout the day.

This fundraiser was organized and run by dedicated DECA members. A special thank-you goes out to **Apreet Bhullar**, **Christian Blackwood**, and **DECA President Armaan Arora** for their efforts in making the event a smooth and tasty success. All proceeds will help fund competition expenses for our DECA team. Great job, everyone! ~ **Ms. Mifsud**



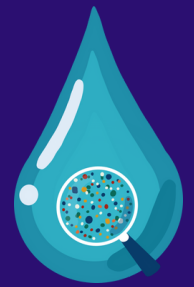
Congratulations!



We are proud to share that **Zeda Abdul-Kareem** was awarded the prestigious **Stan Crowley Bursary** on May 20th by the Peel Regional Board of Officials. This award recognizes outstanding basketball athletes who demonstrate dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence in both academics and extracurricular involvement. A key member of our school's basketball team, Zeda has shown leadership, determination, and sportsmanship both on and off the court. Congratulations, Zeda! ~ **Coach Williams**.



Eco Buzz 2025



The EcoTeam enjoyed a full day conference & learning about our environment. We teamed up with EcoTeams from schools in the Peel Region and experienced firsthand the effects of microplastics on our land and water. An Indigenous presentation reminded us of the great gifts we must preserve on Turtle Island and follow the example set by those before us. Looking forward to next year's conference!



Co-op Education

Sarah Akinrinmade

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Credit Valley Hospital

Grade 12 • 4 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos
Dr Thompson

Jasmine Fernandes

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



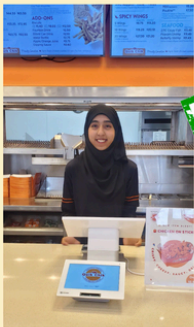
Works at
St. Alphonsa

Grade 11 • 2 credit

Ms Prete Mr Ramos
Dr Thompson

Enass Khan

CO-OP STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Works at
Quik Chik

Grade 11 • 2 credit

Mr Ramos, Ms. Prete
& Dr. Thompson

Our co-op students continue to excel across a wide range of professional settings this year. Many are completing their Level 1 Apprenticeships at the College level, while others are exploring potential career paths through hands-on experience including app development, healthcare at Credit Valley Hospital, teaching, electrical, plumbing, automotive services, and carpentry with Local 27.

INTERESTED IN CO-OP?

If you're considering joining our Co-op program, please reach out to Mr. Ramos or Dr. Thompson for more information.



Track and Field



TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

JORDANE - 1ST IN SENIOR BOYS TRIPLE JUMP & 4TH IN LONG JUMP
ABDUL - 1ST IN JUNIOR BOYS DISCUS & 1ST IN SHOT PUT
KALAN - 2ND IN SENIOR BOYS LONG JUMP & 3RD IN TRIPLE JUMP
YOOSUF - 2ND IN JUNIOR BOYS DISCUS & 5TH IN SHOT PUT
SHY - 4TH IN SENIOR GIRLS 200M DASH, 400M DASH & LONG JUMP

**NEXT UP:
SOUTH REGIONALS
MAY 28 & 29**

LET'S GO FALCONS !!!!!

MAY 22 & 23 ROPSSAA @ YORK UNIVERSITY

The graphic features five athletes standing in a row. From left to right: a male athlete in a black hoodie and black pants; a male athlete in a blue and red St. Augustine ROPSSAA jersey with bib number 825; a male athlete in a blue and red St. Augustine ROPSSAA jersey with bib number 832; a male athlete in a blue and red St. Augustine ROPSSAA jersey with bib number 827; and a female athlete in a blue and black St. Augustine jersey with bib number 1226. They are all giving thumbs up or peace signs. The background is red and blue with a lightning bolt graphic.

The Track and Field season is wrapping up after months of hard work, dedication, and outstanding competition. On May 28th and 29th, five athletes (Shyontae B., Yoosuf M., Kalan W., Jordane G., and Abdulrahman R.) proudly represented St. Augustine at the South Region OFSAA Qualifier in Welland. We are incredibly proud of their individual achievements and commitment throughout the season. A special congratulations goes out to Kalan, Abdulrahman, and Jordane, who qualified for OFSAA and will compete among Ontario's best from June 5-7 at York University. Best of luck to our athletes as they take on this remarkable final challenge. Let's go Falcons ! **Coaches Salituro and Novia**





Thrive in Community

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



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

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>





**ST. AUGUSTINE
C.S.S**

USED UNIFORM SALE

DETAILS

**WE WILL HAVE 2 DIFFERENT SALE DATES
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY):**

- **Monday, June 30th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, August 27th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- **Items \$10.00**
- **Gently used: sweaters, pants, and shirts**
- **Sold in our Front Foyer**
- **Payments will be made through [SchoolCashOnline](#) or by Cash**

**HOSTED BY OUR CATHOLIC
SCHOOL COUNCIL**





MONTHLY VIRTUE

MAY 2025

ACCEPTANCE



Acceptance...is the ability to respect the dignity and rights of all persons, even those whose beliefs and behaviours differ from our own. Everyone should strive to love and respect their neighbour, as they love and respect themselves.



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
Sophia Maloney

VICE PRINCIPALS:
Teddi Lowie and Antony Pallotta

CHAPLAINCY LEADER:
Marc Puigmarti

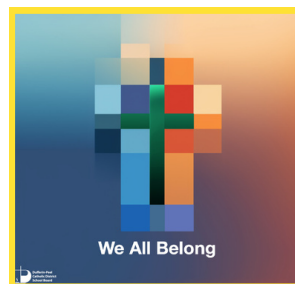
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St. Jerome's Parish, Fr. James

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