

What's New

- [Minister of Education's Year-End Message to Parents](#)

Board Highlights

The following items were received or approved by the Board at its June 17, 2025 meeting:

Pastor's Remarks:

- Video Presentation by Monsignor Shields -
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Presentations:

- Student Trustee Alumni Leadership Award - Scholarship Winner Student Trustee Jia Sharma
- Food for Good: Feeding Minds - Madison Stewart

Delegations:

- Right to Life - March for Life - Esther Aldridge

Updates/Information/Reports:

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan Update
- Revised Policy P-0014 Third Party In-School Learning Opportunities for Students
- Proposed 2025-2026 Operating Budget
- Motions Recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee - June 10, 2025
- Motions Recommended by the Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee - June 3, 2025

[Link to Recording](#) / [Link to Agenda](#)

Upcoming Board Meeting: August 26, 2025

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Virtual App Development Co-op students attend the Develop the Future Showcase

On June 10, fifteen Co-op students from 11 DPCDSB secondary schools attended the Develop the Future Showcase held at OCAD U Co in downtown Toronto. This semester end showcase was hosted by the Career Education Council who provided Co-op students with a placement experience whereby students developed their entrepreneurial skills, gained knowledge about the importance of their personal brand and learned Apple's Swift programming language. 75+ students and teachers from nine school boards throughout Ontario spent the day networking with industry professionals and observing students proudly pitch their app ideas to a panel of industry experts to receive valuable feedback. Many creative and innovative app ideas were generated this semester. Congratulations to all students who participated in this unique, virtual Co-op placement experience.



Arc Angels Triumph at the Special Olympics Soccer Provincial Championships

From June 2 to 5, nine students from the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School's ASPIRE program competed in the Special Olympics Soccer Provincial Championships in Ottawa. The likelihood of the team repeating as the Champions was in jeopardy as the first day as the SJA team won only one game, tied the second, and lost the third.

After meetings, coaching, changing lines and reviewing our past performance with the students, they demonstrated their skills and made the necessary improvements. Their chemistry was overwhelmingly evident as the Arc Angels worked as a team and won the next five games. The last team presented great challenges, but our Arc Angels won 2-0. They wanted the win and never gave up.

In addition to winning, students learned independence as some left home for the very first time. They supported each other through wins and losses and gained trust in each other and true friendships developed as a result of this trip.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this a memorable experience for both staff and students.



A Full Circle Journey of Social Justice

The Grade 8 graduating classes at Metropolitan Andrei Catholic Elementary School have come full circle by organizing a meaningful fundraiser focused on providing clean water to communities in need. These students first began their journey in social justice in Junior Kindergarten in Ms. Freedman and Mrs. Monegro's class. Their early inquiry explored water and access to clean water and what they, even at a young age, could do to help.

At that time, the JK students created simple crafts and sold them during Catholic Education Week, donating the proceeds to build a well in Kenya. Inspired by that early experience, the Grade 8 students were asked to revisit this important cause and make a difference once again.

With support from their teachers, they organized the "Water Is Life" Craft Sale during Catholic Education Week. This time, they chose to direct the funds to an Indigenous community in Canada currently under a boil water advisory. The fundraiser served not only to raise money but also to bring awareness to the ongoing lack of access to clean drinking water in many Indigenous communities across the country.

This initiative supports Call to Action #19 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which calls on the federal government to work with Indigenous peoples to eliminate long-term drinking water advisories on reserves. Through their efforts, these students helped highlight the inequities faced by Indigenous communities and demonstrated how we can support the spirit of reconciliation through meaningful action.

Their efforts raised an incredible \$968.

This journey exemplifies what it means to be Pilgrims of Hope—called to serve others and bring about positive change. The fundraiser aimed to educate the broader school community while contributing to a wider movement for justice and accountability. As these students prepare to transition into high school, we hope they carry with them the understanding that even small actions can make a lasting and meaningful impact on the world.

"For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Matthew 25



Skills Canada Gold! DPCDSB Student Named Best in Canada

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Secondary School student claims 'Best in Canada' by winning a gold medal at the Skills Canada National Event!

After achieving success at the Regional Skills Competition in late February, Dinina B., advanced to the Provincial Skills Competition held in early May where she beat out her competition to place first in her event, Job Search Skills. As a result of her accomplishment, Dinina earned herself a spot as part of Team Ontario and on May 31, the Ontario Delegation, comprised of 130 competitors and coaches/advisors, travelled to Regina, Saskatchewan to compete in the National Skills Competition. Over 500 competitors represented Canada's numerous provinces and territories in over 40 skilled trades and technology careers.

Of the experience, Dinina says, "the valuable skills I developed, are things that will carry me throughout the future. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to compete, because it helped me grow in so many ways. I built skills like adaptability, strong communication, and quick thinking that I know will help me in both school and the rest of my life. Through Skills Canada, I learned how to think on my feet and stay composed even when faced with pressure. I realized that thinking fast, staying calm, and being adaptable are just as important as knowing the answers. I'm so grateful that I got the opportunity to build these essential skills."

Congratulations to Dinina, Coach Lombardi, and Advisor Chutkos. We would like to wish Dinina the very best in her future career and academic endeavors.

[Video highlights](#) of the Skills Canada National Competition can be found on the [Skills Compétences website](#) and photos of the event [here](#).



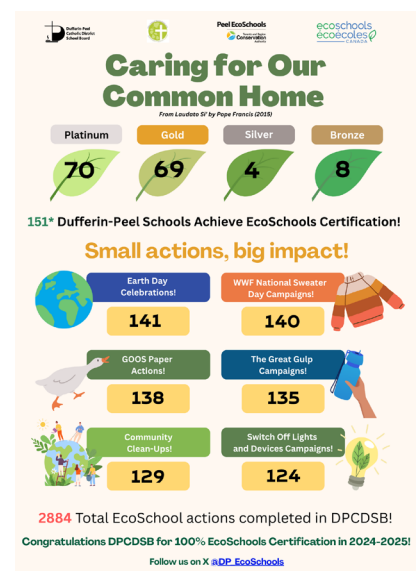
Small Actions, BIG Impact = 100% EcoSchool Certification!

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue." Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home

Once again, DPCDSB elementary and secondary schools rose to the EcoSchool challenge and became informed, engaged and empowered citizens in supporting our global environment community.

EcoSchool teams including students, educators and staff engaged in a variety of environmental activities and initiatives geared to conserving our natural resources and reducing our footprint on the planet throughout the Board. Through the dedication of EcoSchool teams, staff and students engaged in numerous activities including Earth Day, The Great Gulp, WWF National Sweater Day, Switch Off Lights and Devices, Community Clean-ups and more. In total, over 2,884 EcoSchool actions were completed across DPCDSB. That's a 12% increase over the previous year.

Thank you to all EcoSchool teams, educators, and support staff. Your tireless contributions to the core value of TRUST, to "promote practices that value the sacredness of creation (e.g., intentionally reduce energy, use of disposable water bottles, paper consumption, and waste production)" contained within the DPCDSB 2023-2027 Multi-Year Strategic Plan and the 2024-2025 Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC) truly made a difference. Follow us on X [@DP_EcoSchools](#)



Upcoming Events

August 15 - Indian Independence Day

August 23 – STOPR First Time Rider School Bus Safety Program

STOPR is pleased to announce the date for our next First Time Rider School Bus Safety program - Saturday August 23, 2025. The First Time Rider School Bus Safety Program is a highly recommended program for any student who is unfamiliar with the rules and procedures of riding a school bus. More details, including program locations and registration instructions, will be provided in the Spring. STOPR encourages all schools, students and parents to keep in touch with us by visiting our website at stopr.ca and following us on [@STOPRinfo](https://www.instagram.com/STOPRinfo).

September Virtue of the Month: Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Heb. 11:1)

Faith is an attitude which encourages us to involve God in our lives and helps us to maintain and develop our relationships with God and with others both when things are going well and when they are not.

Month of September:

Ukrainian Heritage Month (National)

September 1 – Labour Day

September 2 - First Day of School (Elementary and Secondary)

September 7 – Ukrainian Heritage Day (Provincial)

September 8 - UNESCO's International Literacy Day

September 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 12 – Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Mary

September 13 – Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

September 14 – Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15 – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15 – PA Day (Elementary Schools)

September 21 – Feast of Apostle and Evangelist St. Matthew

September 22-26 - Truth and Reconciliation Week

Truth and Reconciliation Week is a national program open to all schools across Canada. Join us as we memorialize the children lost to the residential school system and honour Survivors and their families. Learning and commemorating the truth of our history from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledge keepers is an important part of the path to Reconciliation.

September 23 – Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

September 25 – Franco-Ontario Day (Provincial)

September 26 – Feast of the Canadian Martyrs: St. Jean De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Secondary Patrons of Canada

September 27 – Memorial of St. Vincent De Paul, Priest

September 29 – Feast of the Archangels St. Michael (Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto), St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

September 29 – World Day of Migrants and Refugees

September 30 - [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

Link: [2025-2026 School Year Calendar](#)

For a complete schedule of events, visit the [DPCDSB Events webpage](#).

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