

# St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School

## Newsletter April 2021

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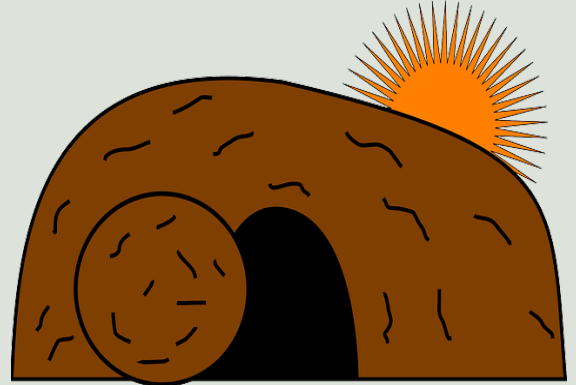


Our school feed is  
**@SetonWildcats**



## GOOD FRIDAY

Today we walk with Christ in the  
dark shadows of the cross,  
knowing we have weighed Him  
down, Our burdens crushed His  
shoulders, His suffering is for us,  
For us He willingly endured death.  
Let us trust in God alone And walk  
the way of the cross together.



### Easter Blessing

May the celebration of resurrected life  
bring new hope to your being.  
May the victory over earthly death turn  
your eyes to the promises of heaven.  
May the empty tomb help you to leave  
your sorrows at the foot of the cross.  
So that God's hope, promises and  
forgiveness reign in your life forever.

Amen.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring is finally here and we are all enjoying more daylight and gentler weather which are lifting people's spirits as we patiently wait for spring to fully burst into bloom. The weather in April though is often unpredictable so please ensure that your child(ren) come to school dressed in layers so that they are all prepared for the various weather conditions.

As Catholics, we recognize Easter as the most sacred and holy time in our Liturgical year. During the forty days of Lent, we reflect on our own relationship with God. We walk with Jesus during his forty days in the desert and we pledge to do acts of penance, prayer and sacrifice. As a faith community we embrace the spirit of Lent. Our student Lenten retreat reinforces (April 1<sup>st</sup>) how we could all be more like Jesus.

The culmination of Easter on Sunday is great joy and celebration, May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be in your homes and hearts during this time.

Your constant support for the school is your actions of love, commitment and communication and we appreciate it. Thank you

M. D'Souza

Principal

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: LOVE

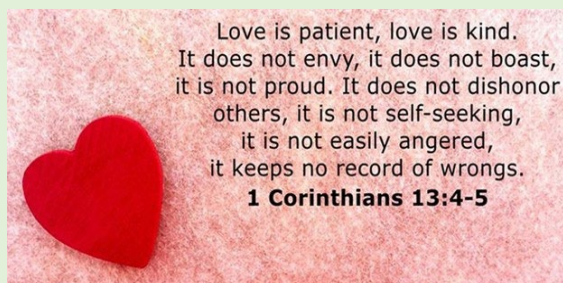


God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of LOVE. Our families, teachers, and friends

show us their love every day. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even saying thank-you. We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry.

Sometimes the greatest acts of love happen when we are angry, such as not hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus is always with us and we should always try to remember His most important lesson, the lesson of love, because love is not about us-it is about looking out for the good of others.

**Our Daily Prayer for April:** Let us pray for the virtue of love so that we will never be satisfied until all are satisfied. **AMEN**



***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. (Mark 12:30-31)***

**Virtue of Love liturgy Friday April 30th**

## Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations



Distinctive expectations for graduates of Catholic schools are determined and shaped by the vision and destiny of the human person emerging from our faith tradition. Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest.

### The Graduate is expected to be:

- 1. A discerning believer** formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.
- 2. An effective communicator** who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.
- 3. A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
- 4. A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner** who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.
- 5. A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
- 6. A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.
- 7. A responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The most important day of our Catholic faith is upon us, Easter. The week leading up to Easter is called The Holy Week, or "Passion Week", and includes Palm Sunday (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), Maundy Thursday (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday (when Jesus was crucified on the cross). Easter is a time where Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection.

To honour this important week, we will reflect on and walk through the last days of Jesus' life by reflecting and praying the Stations of the Cross. Our gym will be converted into a prayer space on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week for classes to go in and pray.

For a brief video about Easter, click on the link:

<https://youtu.be/uAjPecUPgwg>

## ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Apostolates is a group of people who are dedicated to prayer and who remain close to Mary's Heart by praying the Rosary daily. Its mission is to do as Jesus commanded, "*Go out to the whole world and spread the good news*" (cf. Mark 16:15). The Rosary Apostolates promote the praying of the Rosary. The rosary is a powerful prayer that can change a person's life and strengthen the family.

Due to COVID restrictions, the Rosary Apostolates are not able to enter schools so they have created a YouTube Channel where monthly videos will be streamed for our classes to watch. Grades 1-3 students who have chosen the hybrid model will have the link

provided in their Google Classrooms and it will be scheduled as part of their religion program for the day.

If you wish to pray the rosary with your family, please see the information below for the Rosary apostolates YouTube Channel Link.

## YouTube Information: Channel

**Name:** The Rosary Apostolate, Inc.

**Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkj8m2-NZkMaIRt51WPam1Q>

Students are encouraged to use their personal rosaries at home to participate with their class.

The Rosary Apostolate will be taking place on Thursday April 15, 2021

## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - Reconciliation begins at 7:00 pm. Please arrive after 6:30 pm.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**(Please see message from St John of the Cross Church)**

The church must continue to follow the health and safety protocols in place for these times. The church team and ushers will be there to greet and guide you to your seats, to commence sessions on time. Our church celebrations remain capped at 15%. Therefore, we have added a third First Communion weekend, on Saturday May 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. We need to ensure that we continue to adhere to the Health and Safety guidelines in place at this time. Our new maximum is now 25 families per celebration.

The families above that number have been rescheduled to the third weekend. We have been able to keep your choice of day.

Please keep a look out for the next email message which will be sent out to all parents, within the next few days, confirming the date that has now been



scheduled for your child ~ whether or not it has been changed.

We are all working together here at St. John of The Cross Church, so that our students may receive First Holy Communion in these challenging times. They are looking forward to receiving the Eucharist for the first time with you. If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 905-821-1331, ext. 225 or email us at [firstcommunion@sjocross.org](mailto:firstcommunion@sjocross.org)

#### **PARKING LOT SAFETY/KISS AND RIDE**

As always, student safety is a priority at St. Elizabeth Seton School. Please continue to use the available parking spaces or park in the designated areas on the street when picking up or dropping off your child. The Mississauga Parking Enforcement will issue tickets for those who are illegally parked. The Kiss n Ride should be constantly moving to prevent a back log of traffic. Children should not be walking across the parking lot unattended in front of cars. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the Kiss and Ride. Thank you to everyone who are using the Kiss and Ride safely. We are asking for everyone's patience and cooperation to ensure that all of our students arrive and leave school safe.



#### **WORLD AUTISM DAY**

April 2nd is the fourteenth Annual World Autism Awareness Day. As we are not in school that day, but we will be Lighting it up Blue on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

Please visit the below link to learn more about Autism:

[https://www.autismspeaks.org/our-mission?location\\_lat=43.7315479&location\\_lng=-79.7624177&location=50](https://www.autismspeaks.org/our-mission?location_lat=43.7315479&location_lng=-79.7624177&location=50)



#### **INTERNATIONAL PINK DAY**

The International Day of Pink is an international Anti-Bullying awareness. It takes place on Wednesday April 14th which is now Spring Break but we can show that we care. So Let us stand up, and stop bullying...wear pink if you agree!



#### **EARTH DAY**

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Students at Seton will be beautifying our school gardens by planting seeds and flowers. *Are you able to donate flower seeds and bloomed flowers? Your donations are appreciated by Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>.* Thank you! What can you do as a family promote Earth day? Perhaps you can read a book about climate change, or reuse your recyclables for an art project at home, compost more and use refillable water bottles, pack cutlery in your child's lunch bag to reduce the usage of plastic forks and spoons at school. We can all make a small difference each day.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Hello Seton Families, Spring is finally here! It's a new month, new day and a new season! Keep your spirit and





determination unshaken as you stay strong, be positive and fulfill your dreams.

The Council wants to thank all the families that participated in the Domino's Pizza Fundraiser on March 17th. With such short notice that we ran this campaign, we are extremely happy to say that \$185 was raised for St. Elizabeth Seton which equals to 37 pizzas that were purchased that day. Thank you for following the school's social media and the email blasts, as every little help matters this year!

Easter is around the corner, God Bless you and your families. Wishing our Seton community, a joyous Easter and a safe Spring Break!

Let's be kind to one another!

Seton Council.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

**On Monday April 26th**, Mississauga North will be hosting a parent engagement evening with Mante Molepo who is an anti-racism consultant and award-winning community leader and speaker. She will help us have the conversations about racism and race with our children. Click on the following link: [www.mantemolepo.com/dpcdsb](http://www.mantemolepo.com/dpcdsb)

Password: DPCDSB2021 to submit your questions ahead of time and for resources that you can use to help support conversations with your children.

**Please click this link to join webinar:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/93793801374?pwd=QjNPRm5rK1YvUHFqanJpdEdna0hzQT09>

**Password:** 9WkRQG



*Mante Molepo is an anti-racism consultant, an award-winning community leader and speaker. She works with governments, non-profits and companies to address equity, inclusion and anti-racism. She is a founding member and Director of Parents for Diversity, an organization committed to addressing discrimination in the education system.*

### Zoom Webinar

**Mississauga North Family of Schools**  
**Monday, April 26, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Please click this link to join webinar:  
<https://zoom.us/j/93793801374?pwd=QjNPRm5rK1YvUHFqanJpdEdna0hzQT09>  
Password: 9WkRQG


## On Thursday April 29th

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee invites parents/guardian of students with diverse learning needs to attend the following virtual Parents' Reaching Out Event:

**Money Mentors Financial Literacy Virtual Workshop**

The session will highlight practical ways to teach about finances at home. Tips will be shared through examples of day to day activities to engage students in learning about money, its value and how to manage it well.

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
Pre-registration is required



Please use this link or QR code to register: <https://forms.gle/Ya1m9vuzw8o2mqPa9>  
Questions regarding the event may be directed to Erin Pagnello at [erin.pagnello@dpcdsb.org](mailto:erin.pagnello@dpcdsb.org) or 890-1221 ext 24011 by April 10, 2021.  
A Zoom meeting link will be forwarded to participants upon registration.  
SEAC Liaisons: DPCDSB Vice Chair/Trustee [Luz del Rosario](#) and [Christine Koczmarec](#)

Location: Zoom Meeting Platform  
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021  
Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Registration:  
Participants are asked to self-register using the link  
<https://forms.gle/Ya1m9vuzw8o2mqPa9>

Dufferin-Peel's Special Education Advisory Committee is hosting a parent engagement night called Money Mentors. This workshop will highlight practical ways to teach about finances at home. Tips will be shared through examples of day to day activities to engage students in learning about money, its value and how to manage it well. Please see the flyer above to register for the event and for more details.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL COVID 19 Positive Cases**

If there is a positive case at St. Elizabeth Seton, Peel Public Health will investigate where there is an exposure to COVID-19. As part of its investigation and updated practice, Peel Public Health will direct individuals/classes to self-isolate at home. Steps will be taken as an extra precaution to protect our students. Classroom(s) might be closed until the individual(s) have completed their self-isolation period. Students from these classes will be taught remotely by their classroom teacher until the end of their self-isolation period.

Peel Public Health will contact anyone determined to be a close contact. Only students and staff who are symptomatic or advised by Peel Public Health need to get tested. Staff and students who have not been contacted by Peel Public Health should continue to attend school as usual.

St. Elizabeth Seton will continue to undergo thorough cleaning and sanitizing throughout the school as part of our daily enhanced cleaning protocol.

*Note: If you or your child(ren) have tested positive, please inform the school so appropriate protocol is followed thereafter.*

### **MASKS**

All students in JK to Grade 8 are required to wear a mask at school. Please send your child with a mask everyday. We highly recommend sending your child to

school with more than one mask each day in the case the mask becomes soiled. Masks must be worn at all times of the day except for when students are eating snacks and lunches.

### **SELF-SCREENING PROCEDURES**

All staff and students must self-screen every day before attending school. If a student or staff member is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home from school and should seek testing and appropriate medical attention.

Parents/Guardians are expected to screen their child(ren) daily for any symptoms of cold, flu, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 using the Self-Assessment tool developed by the Province of Ontario. Health care professionals are not located within our schools, so staff will not be screening students. However, if staff observes a child that is ill, parents/guardian will be called to pick them up from school promptly as well as their siblings. This being said, if you work far from the school or you are unable to pick your child(ren) up, please provide the school with a contact person should your child show signs or symptoms.

Any staff or student who develops COVID-19 symptoms while in school will be immediately separated from others in a separate room until they go home.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

### **HAND SANITIZER**

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school for use, as well hand sanitizer will be placed in all classrooms that do not have a sink and hand soap.

### **VENTILATION**

The transmissibility of COVID-19 is known to be influenced by environmental conditions and airflow. In this regard, the

DPCDSB is following the guidance of the Ministry and the local public health authorities with respect to the operation of HVAC systems and ventilation in schools to support a safe and healthy environment for all. Over the course of the summer, the condition of all HVAC units was assessed and any necessary maintenance (including filter changes) was undertaken to ensure our school is safe.

### **CLASSROOM SETUP**

Students will remain in the same seat in their class as much as possible. This area will become the student's personal space and will be located as far as possible from other students. Where possible, students will remain with the same teacher with minimized rotation. Classroom design will vary from teacher to teacher, but the goal remains to keep everyone at least 1-metre apart. All non-essential furniture and/or large items have been removed from classrooms in order to maximize the space for physical distancing. All student belongings are kept in their personal area. The same desk will be used by the student each day.

### **ENTRY AND DISMISSAL**

School entry times and dismissal times are staggered and multiple entry and exit doors are used to allow for physical distancing. Students and staff are required to sanitize their hands as they enter the school and prior to dismissal. All students are expected to meet parents and/or older siblings *on the sidewalks/pathways to go home*. No one is to walk through the school yard. We want parents to feel welcome in the school but with COVID-19 protocols in place, parents and older siblings should not gather in the school yard and are asked to maintain safe physical distances at all times. Pets are not permitted on the school grounds or near entrances and exit ways as many students have allergies and are uncomfortable around

unfamiliar animals. We are also asking that students who walk home are respectful of our neighbours.

### **WASHROOM**

Signage is placed inside the washrooms, reminding students of both physical distancing and proper hygiene. Washrooms will be cleaned throughout the school day and again each evening. Signage will be placed outside of the washrooms identifying the maximum number of occupants at any given time. The middle washroom stalls will not be in use to maximize social distancing. Identification marks on the floor have been placed to provide a visual to students about the appropriate place to stand at the sink to allow for social distancing to the hand dryer

### **STUDENT ABSENCE AND ARRIVAL TIME**



We ask that parents continue to call to notify the school if their child will be absent and/or late. Your phone call to the school saves us time trying to ensure your child is safe. Remember that you can call the school twenty-four hours a day to report your child's absence at (905) 821-2277 Upon reaching the school answering service please leave the following information: a) Date of absence b) Student's full name c) Grade level and teacher d) Reason for absence e) Date of return.

### **STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.

### **CUSTODY OF CHILDREN**

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

### **VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL**

Parents/guardians are asked to book an appointment if you need to come into the school building. Please take the Covid 19 self-assessment mandated by the health ministry before you come

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now underway. Parents/guardians have the option to register online at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org) or in-person. If you wish to register in-person, you may do so during school hours. Simply call the school at 905-821-2277 to make an appointment. If it is easier to email you a package, please contact the school and we will gladly send them to you. Please refer to the [Register for School webpage](#) for accepted forms of documentation and submission process. We can't wait for your little one to join our St. Elizabeth Seton Family.

### **JOURNEY INTO LEARNING**

We will host our Journey into Learning on Tuesday May 4 th @ 6:30 pm to welcome our youngest Wildcats. More info to follow.  
Kinder Team



### **ARE YOU MOVING?**

We ask any family who will be moving out of the area for the 2021-2022 school year to please notify the office in writing. We will be projecting student enrollment for September 2021 and having this information assists us in being more accurate with our projection. Your assistance with this information is greatly appreciated as school organization changes with enrollment at each grade level



### **CLASS PLACEMENTS 2021-2022**

We will soon begin the process of making class lists for next year. This is a complex procedure which takes into consideration not only the needs of the individual child, but frames those needs in the context of the larger classroom group. In each class, we strive for a balance of learning styles, a balance of gender, a balance of learning needs and a variety of abilities. Current grade teachers, support staff and administration all take part in the process. If you as a parent wish to provide input, please take into consideration the following guidelines: Input must be put in writing and submitted to Mrs. D'Souza no later than April 30th, 2021. Submit requests in terms of educational contexts eg. your child's learning needs/strengths/style, information not already known to the school, best learning environment Please do not make specific requests for teachers as staffing is always tentative and changes can occur up until the second week of September when staffing is finalized.







## MONTH of APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday No school	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday No school	6	7 Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day!		9 Vimy Ridge Day	10
11	12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15 Spring Break	16 Spring Break	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	