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on school events, and  
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(Twitter)

Our school feed is  
@SetonWildcats



December 2024

### MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School is a community of learners committed to the development of the whole person. We are gifts of God working together to serve the Lord Jesus and each other. With family and parish, we strive for excellence and a commitment to life long learning.**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The season of Advent is a time of expectation, waiting, caring, compassion, kindness, and hope. We celebrate that the promise to the people of God is fulfilled. Besides remembering the first Christmas, Advent is also a season to remember that Jesus will come again at the end of time. The Christmas season is a time to live in peace, and to remember that Jesus came for all cultures, all nations, and all people.

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and our lives so that we will be able to fully celebrate Christmas. We must encourage the children to live Advent as a season distinct from Christmas. The seasons of Advent and Christmas should be a time of reconciliation and forgiveness, a time of reaching out to those we may have hurt by our words and our actions. They are seasons in which we reflect on and continue our journey with Jesus.

As we journey towards Christmas with our families and friends, let our hearts also be open to those most in need of God's love during this season of giving. Through the support of parents and staff, we hope to provide a special Christmas for those in need through donations of gifts cards. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness to this worthy cause.

On behalf of the staff at St. Elizabeth Seton, we wish you and your family a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

May the joy and peace of Advent and Christmas be with you and your family today and all through the year.

M D'Souza

Principal, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School

## A REMEMBRANCE DAY TO REMEMBER!

The students from Mrs. D'Alanno and Mr. Zoretich Gr 2/3 class put on a wonderful presentation for Remembrance Day. Students shared various readings with us and taught us about why we wear poppies and what they symbolize. We listened to a touching song which reminded us about peace and how precious it is. We watched a video commemorating all of the fallen soldiers and what their experience may have been like during their battles.

### Advent of Hope

Gracious and merciful God of all creation,  
During this season of hope, we remember  
how you sent your Son to be a beacon of  
goodness and light in the world.

Give us eyes of hope to see the good in  
everything and everyone around us.

Give us the grace and strength to be bea-  
cons of hope and light for all who enter  
this school.

Let all who visit share our hope that this  
school will remain a safe, caring, inclusive  
community.

May your virtue of hope guide our deci-  
sions for the service of all your people.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your  
Son, who lived to show us your way.

Amen.



## DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



### Registration Information For Students With Differing Abilities



DPCDSB  
Registration



Differing Abilities  
Form



Please complete  
both forms!

Registration **NOW** open for  
September 2025 entry!



## Celebrating Advent

As Catholics, we prepare to celebrate the season of Advent. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four candles (three purple and one pink) are typically arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Dec 1st** - First Sunday of Advent: purple candle representing

*Hope in anticipation of the coming Messiah.*

**Dec. 8th** - Second Sunday of Advent: purple candle representing

*Love symbolizing Christ's manger.*

**Dec. 15th** - Third Sunday of Advent: pink candle representing

*Joy or the "Shepherd's Candle"*

**Dec. 22nd** - Fourth Sunday of Advent: purple candle representing

*Peace also called the "Angel's Candle"*



## Seton Spirit Week

St. Elizabeth Seton students will be participating in our Seton Spirit Week beginning on December 16th. Thank you to our families for helping families in need.

## Donation of gift cards:

Your donation of gift cards will help families in the community. Please send gift cards through your child by Monday, December 16th. Thank you for your support.



## Safe Play and Snow

Playing in the snow can be a lot of fun, however, our school has a rule forbidding the throwing of snowballs and kicking snow onto others. Students in our school are reminded of the importance of this rule in preventing injury to others. We encourage our students to constructively use the snow that winter brings to build snow sculptures. Please assist us by reviewing with your child the danger in throwing/kicking snow and the importance of preventing injury to other children. This will help to make our school yard a safe place for all of our students during winter.



## Before and After School Programs – Register Online Today

PLASP Child Care Services is now accepting registrations for their before and after school programs, including programs at this school. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. Available space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLASP programs are licensed by the Ministry of Education and are adhering to strict public health guidelines. *Highly trained staff facilitate fun, age-appropriate activities both indoors and outdoors.*

Before School programs operate from 7:30 a.m. until school starts and include breakfast daily. After School programs begin at school dismissal, include a substantial daily snack, and run until 6:00 p.m.



PLASP Child Care Services is a charitable organization, operating on a not-for-profit basis, providing award winning programs for children, for more than 40 years.

Visit [plasp.com](http://plasp.com) to register, or contact the **PLASP Support Services Centre at 647-484-4372.**

## Cold and Flu Season

Parents are gently reminded to please keep your child at home if they are ill.

A child who is coughing, wheezing, etc. is not in a state to learn and will only affect the health of others. As well, please understand that if your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to go outside at recess. **(It is impossible for supervision and safety of the students to have some students inside and others outside).**

On extremely cold days, when the wind-chill equivalent temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower, students will stay inside as per Board guidelines.

As the temperature drops, students need to dress appropriately for the weather. Mittens, scarves, boots and other winter attire should be worn to school.

## National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

The Government of Canada identifies: Dec 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada. As well as commemorating the 14 young women whose lives ended in an act of gender-based violence that shocked the Nation in Montreal, in 1989, December 6 represents an opportunity for Canadians to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society. It is also an opportunity to consider the women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence. And finally, it is a day on which communities can consider concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women.

### Intermediate Volleyball

Our Intermediate Volleyball team had an amazing season full of excitement & determination!

Your coaches are very proud of you,  
Let's Go Wildcats!

Ms. Choporis, Ms. Scornaienchi,  
Ms. Dos Santos, Mr. Wilson CYW



### Snowman Cookies & Popcorn for Sale

We are selling Terra Cotta Nut Free Snowman Cookies & popcorn. If your child would like to enjoy a Terra Cotta Snowman Cookie, please order online. The cost is \$2.00 per cookie./popcorn.

If you forget to order, your child may bring a Toonie on the day the cookies/popcorn are being given out and we will sell any remaining cookies. Mon/Tuesday

Please order online to avoid disappointment.



### Bullying Prevention-Keeping SAFE at Seton

We participated in Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week activities by reading prayers from students each morning during the announcements, providing information about bullying, the bully and bystander. We want students at St. Elizabeth Seton school to recognize the similarities and differences between "bullying" and "mean" or "rude" behaviour, and to help them to develop strategies to handle unkindness or bullying should it occur. All students watched a class-generated power point presentation on November 20th and 21st given by our intermediate students. We believe that student voice and advocacy are important traits that all youngsters should develop, as well as developing the opportunity to solve problems with words instead of violence or physical aggression.

We encourage parents to remind their children to:

- S:** Stand Up for Themselves
- A:** Ask for help when needed
- F:** Find a solution to conflict
- E:** End Bullying



We will continue to engage in Bullying Awareness and Prevention activities throughout the course of the school year.

### Christmas Concert!

Please join us for a fun filled Advent/Christmas Celebration. This celebration will be held on:  
**Monday, December 16th & Tuesday December 17th**

**Snowman cookies & popcorn will be for sale through cash online for \$2 for the concert. Cookies/popcorn will be available for pick up on the day of the concert 15 minutes prior to the show.**

**Please bring a gift card donation for families in need on the day of the concert.**

### Advent Retreat Morning

**On December 20th, St. Elizabeth Seton will be participating in a school wide Advent Retreat in the AM. Students will be rotating through classes for Christmas Advent Activities.**







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## Benefits of the French Immersion (FI) Program:

- ★ Functional French proficiency
- ★ Professional advantage for the 21st century global career market
- ★ Increased appreciation of diverse cultures and languages
- ★ Improved communication skills
- ★ Increased cognitive skills

## STEPS TO FOLLOW FOR APPLYING TO GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION IN DPCDSB

### STEP 1: Research

What school(s) will I apply to? Where are they located? Can I get my child to that location every day?

### STEP 2: Apply Online

Visit the French Immersion DPCDSB website to access the link to the Grade 1 French Immersion online application. Save all applications and confirmation ID

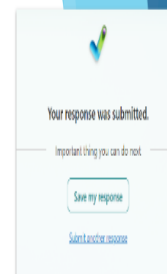
### STEP 3: Wait for Random Selection Results

Results will be communicated from Random Selection(s) on February 2, 2024 (evening) via email only.

### STEP 4: Respond to Placement Results

You can choose to **ACCEPT** or **DECLINE** a placement at a Grade 1 French Immersion location. You will have 5 business days to respond after the offer is emailed. No response results in declining.

## French Immersion: The timeline for application and registration



Dates	
Nov. 18, 2024 (9AM) - Dec. 2, 2024 (3PM)	French Immersion online applications will be OPEN.
December 2, 2024 (3PM)	Deadline for online applications
December 5, 2024	Results of random selection process will be communicated.
December 17, 2024	Deadline for registration (First-choice and/or alternate placement)
November 2025	Waitlists will be valid until November Progress Reports.

**Grade 1 FRENCH IMMERSION APPLICATION PROCESS**  
October 2024 - December 2024

**December 17, 2024 - DEADLINE**  
to Register @  
French Immersion  
School

**December 5, 2024-** Grade 1 French  
Immersion RANDOM SELECTION (3pm)-  
Results communicated via email

**December 2, 2024** - Grade 1 French Immersion Online  
Applications CLOSE (3pm)

**November 18, 2024-** Grade 1 French Immersion Online Applications OPEN (9am)

**October 28 & 30 2024** - Grade 1 French Immersion Information Session (7pm)

# Catholic School Council Corner

Happy Holidays, Seton Family! As we head into this season of celebration, we just want to provide some important date reminders. Pizza for January will be open on SchoolCashOnline from December 3 to 19. We've introduced Osmow's hot lunch on Wednesdays. The order for January will be online from December 3 to 19 as well.

We're excited to host movie night on Wednesday, December 4. We look forward to seeing our Primary families to watch Arthur Christmas. A reminder that any snacks you bring **MUST** be peanut free, no snacks will be available at the school.

If you're shopping at Mabel's Labels, please consider clicking the "Support A Campaign" and search for "St. Elizabeth Seton Mississauga". The school will receive 20% of your pre-tax/shipping total, with no additional cost to you. It's a simple way to support our school through regular purchases.

We've also registered the school with FlipGive. Purchase all of your holiday gift cards through FlipGive and the school will receive a portion. If you wish to sign up with FlipGive, use code KWLJMN to receive a \$5 bonus the first time you shop. Download the FlipGive app today and "Join our Team" to help us provide even more for the school!

Our next meeting is December 12 at 6pm in the Staff room behind the main office.

Amanda  
Seton School Council Chair



## **Playground Rules and Behaviour**

Playground games and activities are to promote positive and safe social interaction and must follow school and Dufferin Peel School Board Code of Conduct. Rules and expectations apply at all times that students are on the playground. Teacher supervision is provided before and after school and at all recesses. Students are required to stay within the designated school playground boundaries and follow the three simple rules:

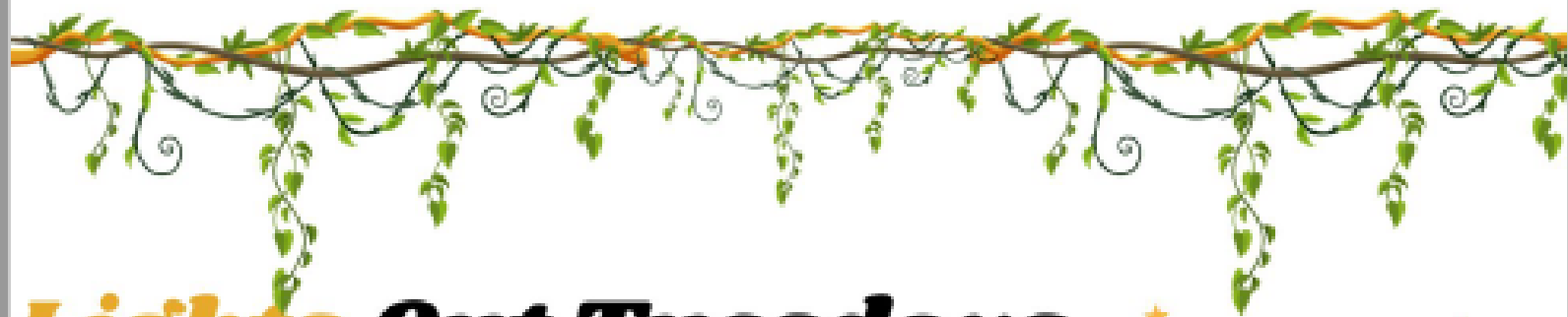


1. Hands to yourself
2. Feet on the ground
3. Watch what you say and how you say it !
  - \* Ball games and running activities are allowed on the grass area/Field only.
  - \* Stay off the field if not playing ball games.
  - \* The only ball games allowed on the paved/tarmac area are foursquare and basketball.
  - \* Students need to come prepared with appropriate seasonal outerwear- boots & snowpants in the winter, with a change of footwear for indoors.
  - \* Students line up, enter and exit through their designated entry/exit grade doors at all times.
  - \* Throwing snowballs, stones etc. is not permitted.
  - \* In the case of a pavement only/tarmac recess, students are required to stay on the tarmac and off the field. This is to be a WALK and TALK recess. NO EQUIPMENT IS ALLOWED.



## MOTORLESS MONDAYS

Let's help our environment by using a bike or scooter, or walking to school to help reduce the use of unnecessary vehicle smoke.



## Lights Out Tuesdays

Earth Day doesn't have to be one day a year! That's why we are encouraging Lights Out Tuesdays to turn off lights and devices for 20 minutes a day



## Litterless Wednesdays

Support reducing landfills by participating in our Litterless Wednesdays and bring reusable containers and water bottles to school.

From:





# It's Kindergarten Registration time!

Start the journey into learning with us!



Children born  
in 2020 or 2021  
can start  
Kindergarten in  
September 2025.

The following documents are required for registration:

- **proof of age of the child** (birth certificate or passport);
- **original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate**
  - an original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian), or;
  - an original baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) from a church that is in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, or;
  - an original baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) from an Eastern/Byzantine Rite of the Roman Catholic Church.
- **proof of Canadian citizenship** (birth certificate/passport) or permanent resident status;
- **proof of home address** (two of the following: property tax bill, current utility bill, real estate document or Government of Canada issued forms);
- **emergency rural address numbers**, if applicable;
- **immunization** - report your child's immunizations to Region of Peel Public Health or Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health online and give the reference number to your child's school when registering.
- **proof of English Separate School Support** (may be provided at the time of registration by completing an Application for the Direction of School Support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement available at the school). \* All documentation must be in English.

Register online for the 2025-2026 school year at [dpcdsb.org](https://dpcdsb.org)





ST. ELIZABETH SETON PRESENTS

# *The Mysterious Christmas Card play*



Acted and supported by Mr. Naismith & Mrs. Lettieri's Grade 7s and 8s  
featuring special performances from our K-6 classes!

Friends & Family of students from:  
Dos Santos/Barbosa, Riccio, Scornaienchi,  
Macdonald/Scrivo Zoretich, Choporis  
and Naismith's classes

**Monday, December 16th  
@ 1:00 P.M.**

Friends & Family of students from:  
D'Alanno/Sebastion, Trinca, Moreau,  
Telfeyan, Violo, Williams, and Lettieri's  
classes

**Tuesday, December 17th  
@ 1:00 P.M.**


**Max 3 tickets per family due to fire code restrictions**

Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the show.

Cookies & popcorn will be for sale through cash online for \$2.

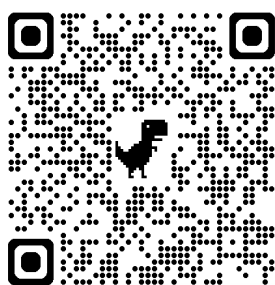
They will be available for pick up on the day of the concert  
in the library prior to the show.

All proceeds will go towards the cost of producing  
the Christmas concert & play.



## Equity and Diversity Club:

Our Book club has launched! This month's books focused on the theme of self-value and self-worth. Each division received one book that they read as a class together. After reading the book, students shared their thoughts, questions, and overall review of the books. Scan the QR code to see the books and reviews from November.



## News from our Library

A huge thank you to all the students, parents, and community members that helped make our book fair at the beginning of this month such a success! We raised around \$3000 dollars that we will be able to use from scholastic to support our library and school.

Ms. Pereira wishes you all happy reading and I look forward to seeing you at our next book fair in February!





# Seton STUDENT VOICE

By: Cali, Julie, Leila, Olivia, Sonja, Gabriella,  
Vanessa, Harper, Ava, Elvie

## Remembrance Day

In respect for the soldiers that fought for our country, we participated in Remembrance Day on November 11th by having an assembly in dedication to them and taking part in a minute of silence to appreciate their brave sacrifices.



## Book fair

Every year, our school library runs a book fair provided by Scholastic. Our book fair has different options of books, posters and school essentials meant for all ages, making sure each grade is guaranteed to find at least one item they like!



## I Walk Month

For a more Eco community, we encouraged our Wildcats to walk, bike or scooter to school for a month to help reduce air pollution. In order to do this we created a school event. For the event we pulled a name from a box and the winner won a golden Sketchers shoe for their class. This month Mrs. Williams class won the shoe.







## **Anti-Bullying Week.**

In Seton, we try to promote anti-bullying as much as possible. In support of this we had a whole week dedicated to anti-bullying. For this we had a bullying prevention assembly provided by the kindergarteners and grade 3/4's.

To finish it off, the grade 7/8's ran a bullying awareness play to show what bullying is, how it can affect one's life, and how we can stop it.



## **Intermediate Volleyball**

Near the end of November, our intermediate Wildcats participated in volleyball for the school year. The Wildcats played their best and had fun while doing it.







December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Week of Advent: <b>HOPE</b>	2	3 <b>Pizza Day</b> Advent Liturgy @ 9:15 am	4 Osmows Movie Night Primary @ 5:30  Art Club	5  Art Club	6 <b>Pizza Day</b> Gonzaga Band @ 1pm	7
8 Second Week of Advent: <b>LOVE</b>	9 Rosary Apostolate Gift Card Drive	10 <b>Pizza Day</b> Gift Card Drive	11 Osmows School Advent Mass @ 1pm Art Club Gift Card Drive	12 CSC meeting @ 6:00 pm Art Club Gift Card Drive	13 <b>Pizza Day</b> Gift Card Drive	14
15 Third week of Advent: <b>JOY</b>	16 Gift Card Drive Cookies & Popcorn Christmas Concert @ 1 pm	17 <b>Pizza Day</b> Cookies & Popcorn Christmas Concert @ 1 pm	18 Osmows  Art Club	19 Virtue Celebration @ 11 am Art Club	20 <b>Pizza Day</b> Last day of school!!! Advent Retreat AM	21
22 Fourth week of Advent: <b>PEACE</b>	23	24	25 Happy Birthday JESUS	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30	31	1 Osmows lunch	2	3	4
5	6 School Reopens	7 Pizza Day	8 Osmows lunch	9	10 Pizza Day	11
12	13 Rosary Aposto- late	14 Pizza Day	15 Osmows lunch	16	17 Pizza Day	18
19	20 PA DAY	21 Pizza Day	22 Osmows lunch	23 School Feast Day Mass @ 6m St. John of the Cross Church	24 Pizza Day	25
26	27	28 Pizza Day	29 Osmows lunch	30	31 Pizza Day	

Notes: