

Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle 2018 – 2019

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School

MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Lucy Catholic Community embraces the uniqueness and diversity of others and supports their potential. We are committed to promoting a love of learning and to creating an environment which fosters the lifelong development and spiritual growth of each person.

MOTTO

“Enlightened Through the Eyes of Faith”

CATHOLIC FOCUS

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School opened its doors to learning September 2006 and celebrated 10 years of academic excellence in Catholic Education on December 13, 2016, the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. Lucy. The school is located in the Brampton North West area and is reflective of a diverse cultural community. St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School is one of six schools associated with Guardian Angels’ Parish. Our student enrolment currently stands at 520 students; however, numbers continue to increase as the school is a holding school for a new area being developed. Our passionate and active Catholic School Advisory Council is comprised of parents, staff members and administration who participate in and coordinate a variety of activities and initiatives for the school community including a parent evening engagement event. All community members are encouraged to attend Catholic School Advisory Council meetings and participate in the life of our Catholic school community. St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School has a very strong relationship with our Peel Public Health Nurse and Student Resource Officers who support, collaborate and work in partnership with school staff, students, and parents on a number of safety and well-being school initiatives.

In support of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board's Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle, St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School is further committed to:

- Deepening the understanding, appreciation and practice of the Catholic Christian lifestyle, with Jesus as role model;
- Aligning a school-wide approach to Catholicity, whereby all educational practices are implemented through a Catholic lens;
- Developing students who are fully alive in Christ, not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

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- As a diverse educational community responding to God's call, St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School fosters and nourishes an inclusive atmosphere rooted in tradition and scripture while:
 - Being authentic witnesses to our Catholic Faith;
 - Being responsible stewards of God's grace in the world;
 - Respecting human dignity;
 - Modelling all learners after Jesus, as ministers of compassion

DUFFERIN PEEL'S STRATEGIC SYSTEM PLAN CORE PRIORITIES

CATHOLICITY

How does the school community model, celebrate and nourish gospel values in the teaching and learning of our Christ-centered programs and services?

Our school is under the pastoral care of Guardian Angels' Parish. We encourage our families to register with the parish.

Each year, our school joins the Catholic community of Ontario to engage in a week long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled "Catholic Education: "Living as Joyful Disciples". "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." – 1 Peter 1:8

We are committed to maintaining sacred spaces in all classrooms and visible signs of our faith are displayed throughout the school. Our goal is to guide our students on their faith journey from the moment they enter our school until their graduation as young Catholic adults, prepared to become positive contributing members of our society. Masses and liturgies for students and staff as well as visits from the Rosary Apostolates are some of the many spiritual experiences planned for this school year. We will continue to look to St. Lucy for guidance.

Students are always the center of our purpose. Staff and parents support the spiritual needs of our students through modeling the Gospel values of Jesus Christ as well as looking for student voice throughout their daily activities and experiences:

- Virtues Program
- School Liturgies
- Morning Prayers/Announcements
- Sacred Space in the school
- Displays around the school that reflect the Gospel values of Jesus Christ

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- Religion/Family Life Program
- Visit from our Parish Priest
- Gospel values are infused in all aspects of the curriculum
- Catholic Graduate Expectations are embedded into the daily program

CATHOLIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Summary of the school's most recent (2017-2018) EQAO Primary Assessment Performance

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| • Reading | 72 % of students at or above Provincial Standard |
| • Writing | 65 % of students at or above Provincial Standard |
| • Mathematics | 33 % of students at or above Provincial Standard |

Summary of the school's most recent (2017-2018) EQAO Junior Assessment Performance

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| • Reading | 84 % of students at or above Provincial Standard |
| • Writing | 84 % of students at or above Provincial Standard |
| • Mathematics | 33 % of students at or above Provincial Standard |

Describe how the school fosters the achievement, well-being and continuous development of all through a caring, safe and inclusive environment.

At St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School, we work closely with parents and school support staff on creating learning environments where students feel safe to take risks, student voice is advocated, student creativity is encouraged, and progressive discipline is utilized. We nurture all aspects of the child: physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual. Some of the ways in which we foster the continuous development of all are as follows:

- Teachers in school continue to be life-long learners, acting as role models
- School Volunteers support students in many ways
- Youth Faith Ambassadors lead faith formation and social justice initiatives
- Progressive Discipline Procedures are followed
- Catholic School Advisory Council supports student academic and extra-curricular programs
- Homework on Line Program is promoted
- School Presentations foster development of skills beyond the classroom
- Teacher Candidates and DECE Placements build relationships with the broader community
- Our Special Education Model values and promotes inclusion for all students
- Peel Police and Peel Health Programs enhance safety and health awareness
- Eco Schools Initiatives promote caring for the environment through sustainable practices

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How does the school demonstrate that it values the involvement of community through partnerships and collaboration?

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School actively seeks opportunities to engage with the larger community to provide opportunities that enhance the learning experience of students. Examples of these are as follows:

- Collaboration with our school trustee
- Rosary Apostolates
- Student Resource Officer Program
- Peel Health Nurse
- Eco Schools Certification Program
- Youth Education Officer Presentations
- Connecting via newsletter, email blasts and/or website
- PLASP Before and After School Program
- School Field Trips in the community
- School gym used by community groups after school hours
- Catholic School Advisory Council along with administrators and staff will facilitate a Parent Engagement Evening

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School continues to promote the use of school cash online payments with the parent/guardian community.

PARISH – HOME – SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

Describe how the school demonstrates strong partnerships and collaboration among Parish, Home and School that are based on mutual respect rooted in our lived Catholic Faith.

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School promotes the engagement and active participation of the parish and home as a fundamental component of student success. Catholic Education can be fully realized only through strong partnerships among home, school and parish. Pastoral plans are developed with input from the parish and Catholic School Advisory Council. Parents are invited not only to attend, but to be involved in school masses and other faith celebrations. In addition to many other events, this year our school will be celebrating one Parish Mass for the Grade 8 students who will be graduating this year.

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STEWARDSHIP OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Describe how the school is committed to healthy and safe learning and working environments that enhance well-being, engagement and achievement.

At St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School, we are committed to creating healthy and safe learning environments that lead to the well-being, collaboration and success of all students and staff. Staff and students are consistently updated on Health and Safety procedures and inspections. Every year, all staff engage in various updates and training: Violence and Harassment Training, WHIMIS Training, Emergency Response Procedures, Asthma and Anaphylaxis awareness and response. Several staff members hold First Aid Certification and CPI Training Certification.

This year, we are continuing to focus on a staff book study called *With All Due Respect* by Ronald Morrish which promotes the development of school-wide expectations around the way we treat one another with respect at all times.

Resources that support well-being and self-regulation are available for the staff to embed in the daily curriculum along with the Virtues Program and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School continues to demonstrate an ongoing recognition of the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

TECHNOLOGY

How is the school committed to a responsible approach in addressing the technology needs of our learners in a global context?

St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School is highly committed to embracing and using technology on a daily basis. Structures and policies regarding the use and implementation of technology are in place to meet the needs of all learners. Catholic digital citizenship expectations are embedded in all subjects. We have committed to training and supporting staff and students with available technologies that include Smartboards, iPads, Chromebooks, SEA Claim devices for diverse learners as well as PED use. This year, our Grade 7 students will be involved in the Edwin Project. We are making efforts to be paperless as much as possible. We are continuing to participate in a student-led inquiry with understanding technology applications and use through a student-led initiative with a group of Grade 8 students as the leaders.

SACREDNESS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

How does the school encourage the respectful and sustainable environmental practices of reducing, reusing and recycling?

Under the leadership of our Eco School and Healthy Living Team, we continue to develop a sense of common responsibility for our environment by promoting the respectful and sustainable environmental practices of reducing, reusing and recycling. The St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School Eco Team is currently developing a plan to implement sustainable practices and educational opportunities for all students. We will be participating in various initiatives throughout the year to reduce waste and create clean recycling. We will continue to make efforts to reduce energy and paper consumption. As well, we will provide an information booth at our parent engagement event around respectful and sustainable environmental practices and wellness initiatives.

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