

June 26, 2018

While construction of St. Evan Catholic Elementary School is well underway, and every effort has been made to have the school available for September, circumstances beyond the control of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) will delay the opening of the school at its permanent location until January 7, 2019. We had hoped that the good spring weather would have provided us with an opportunity to accelerate an already compressed construction schedule but, unfortunately, that has not been the case.

What's the Plan?

DPCDSB staff have enacted a contingency plan to form St. Evan at alternate locations until the new school building is complete. In this regard, St. Evan students will be temporary located at two host locations; Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will attend at St. Rita Elementary School, located at 30 Summer Valley Drive in Brampton and students in Grades 4 to 8 will attend St. Leonard Elementary School, which is located at 185 Conestoga Drive, also in Brampton.

Location maps for the two schools are attached. The main factors used in determining the temporary host locations for St. Evan students include the proximity to the St. Evan community and the availability of classrooms at the host schools minimizing the need to host students in portables. In addition, the host locations are within the St. Evan parish of St. Leonard Church.

What about Transportation?

All St. Evan students will be bused to their respective host locations. Siblings attending different locations will be bused together. Temporary bus routes and stops will be determined by the DPCDSB's Transportation Department no later than August 26. Please refer to www.STOPR.ca after August 26.

What about Childcare?

PLASP Child Care Services has been selected as the child care provider for the school-aged children before and after school program at St. Evan. PLASP will operate the St. Evan school-aged program at St. Rita. St. Evan students hosted at St. Leonard that are enrolled in PLASP will be bused from St. Rita to St. Leonard in the morning and from St. Leonard to St. Rita at the end of the school day. For further information on registering for PLASP, please contact PLASP directly at 905-890-1711.

New Registrations for St. Evan

Registration for St. Evan can be undertaken at Venerable Michael J. McGivney Catholic Elementary School, located at 450 Fernforest Drive in Brampton. Students currently attending a designated host school for St. Evan will automatically be transferred with no further action required.

Next Steps

Our next Community Information Bulletin will be issued in early August. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to provide the school with your email address, either when you register at Venerable Michael J. McGivney, or by calling the Head Secretary of St. Evan School at 905-366-5734 so you are able to receive future updates.

Please note that this and future Community Information Bulletins regarding the construction of St. Evan Catholic Elementary School can be found on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's website, dpcdsb.org, in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).

Attached is a document with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) providing additional information.

St. Evan Catholic Elementary School

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Principal: Joe Amodeo

Trustee: Frank Di Cosola

St. Evan Community - Frequently Asked Questions

June 26, 2018

Why is the school delayed?

The typical construction schedule for an elementary school is 11 months. The construction schedule for St. Evan was compressed due to the timing of the funding announcement, procurement requirements and finalization of all required Ministry and municipal approvals. As a result, the construction schedule was compressed from the typical 11 months to eight months in an attempt to deliver the school in time for the start of the new school year. Unfortunately, the compressed construction schedule has provided no opportunity for error and no ability to make up for any delays which occurred since the start of the project.

Why are we just finding out about this now?

As noted above, the construction schedule for St. Evan was compressed due to the timing of the funding announcement, procurement requirements and finalization of all required Ministry and municipal approvals. Therefore, in order to meet the September deadline, the construction schedule indicated that if the school was not completely enclosed by the end of May (i.e. roof and windows installed), a September opening would be very challenging. We had hoped that the nice weather experienced this past month would have provided an opportunity to make up for some of the delays experienced earlier in the construction cycle. Unfortunately, that has not been the case.

What does it mean to 'form a school'?

When a school is formed, it means that students will come together as St. Evan Catholic Elementary School. The school will operate with its own teachers, principal and administrative staff housed in one or more alternate buildings until the St. Evan school building is open.

Where will my child(ren) attend school until St. Evan opens?

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be located at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School (30 Summer Valley Drive, Brampton) and students in Grades 4 to 8 will attend St. Leonard Catholic Elementary School (185 Conestoga Drive, Brampton) adjacent to St. Leonard Catholic Church.

Why can't all St. Evan students be hosted at St. Rita?

The St. Evan and St. Rita communities combined would total approximately 1000 students on the St. Rita school site. An additional seven (7) portables would be required for a total of 13 portables on site to host St. Evan students. This would significantly impact the availability of outdoor play space. In addition, there would be limited access to the gymnasium and library and limited parking for staff and visitors.

Why can't the school be hosted together?

There is no viable location in the general vicinity of St. Evan that could accommodate the entire St. Evan community without a significantly long bus ride, the majority of students being hosted in portables,

limited access to outdoor play space, limited access to the gymnasium and library and significant disruption to the host school. By splitting the school community, the majority of St. Evan students will be located within the host school buildings and students will stay within the local parish community.

Will my child(ren) have the same teacher and class mates?

Yes. When the school construction is complete, the entire class (including teacher and students) will all move to the new building as a unit.

Will St. Evan have administration and support staff on-site at the host schools?

Yes. Administration and support staff will be located at both St. Rita and St. Leonard for the duration of the host period.

What about start/end times?

Start time for St. Evan School will remain the same at 8:15 am and end at 2:45 pm.

What if I require before and after school care?

PLASP Child Care Services has been selected as the child care provider for the school-aged children before and after school program at St. Evan. PLASP has agreed to operate the 4-12 year old programs at St. Rita for St. Evan students requiring before and after school care. St. Evan students hosted at St. Leonard who are enrolled in PLASP will be bused from/to St. Rita at the beginning/end of the school day to attend the PLASP program. For further information on registering for the PLASP before and after school program, please contact PLASP directly at 905-890-1711.

Can I stay at my current school until St. Evan opens?

No. If you are within the St. Evan boundary, students are automatically enrolled at St. Evan. The number of staff required at St. Evan is based on the number of students that are enrolled. A change in the number of students will directly affect the number of staff at the school, as well as have staffing implications at the host schools.

Will busing be provided?

Yes. Busing will be provided to all St. Evan students while hosted at St. Rita and St. Leonard.

Will my child that is bused to St. Rita be on the same bus as my child that will attend St. Leonard?

Yes. Siblings attending different sites will be picked up together and bused to their respective schools on the same bus. The same will be the case at the end of the school day. Siblings will travel together on the same bus to their designated stop.

How will I know where my bus stop is for September?

Temporary bus routes and stops will be determined by the board's Transportation Department no later than August 26. Please refer to www.STOPR.ca after this date.

Will my child continue to get bused to the permanent site when it opens in January?

Only if the student qualifies as eligible for busing to the permanent location, based on the established distance criteria utilized to determine eligibility at all schools.

When will St. Evan open?

It is anticipated that the school will be ready for occupancy when students and staff return after the Christmas break.

What about recess and the use of the gymnasium?

Due to the earlier start and end times for St. Evan, all events will be offset from those of the host schools. Recess and the use of the gymnasium will take place at times when the students from the host school are in their classes.

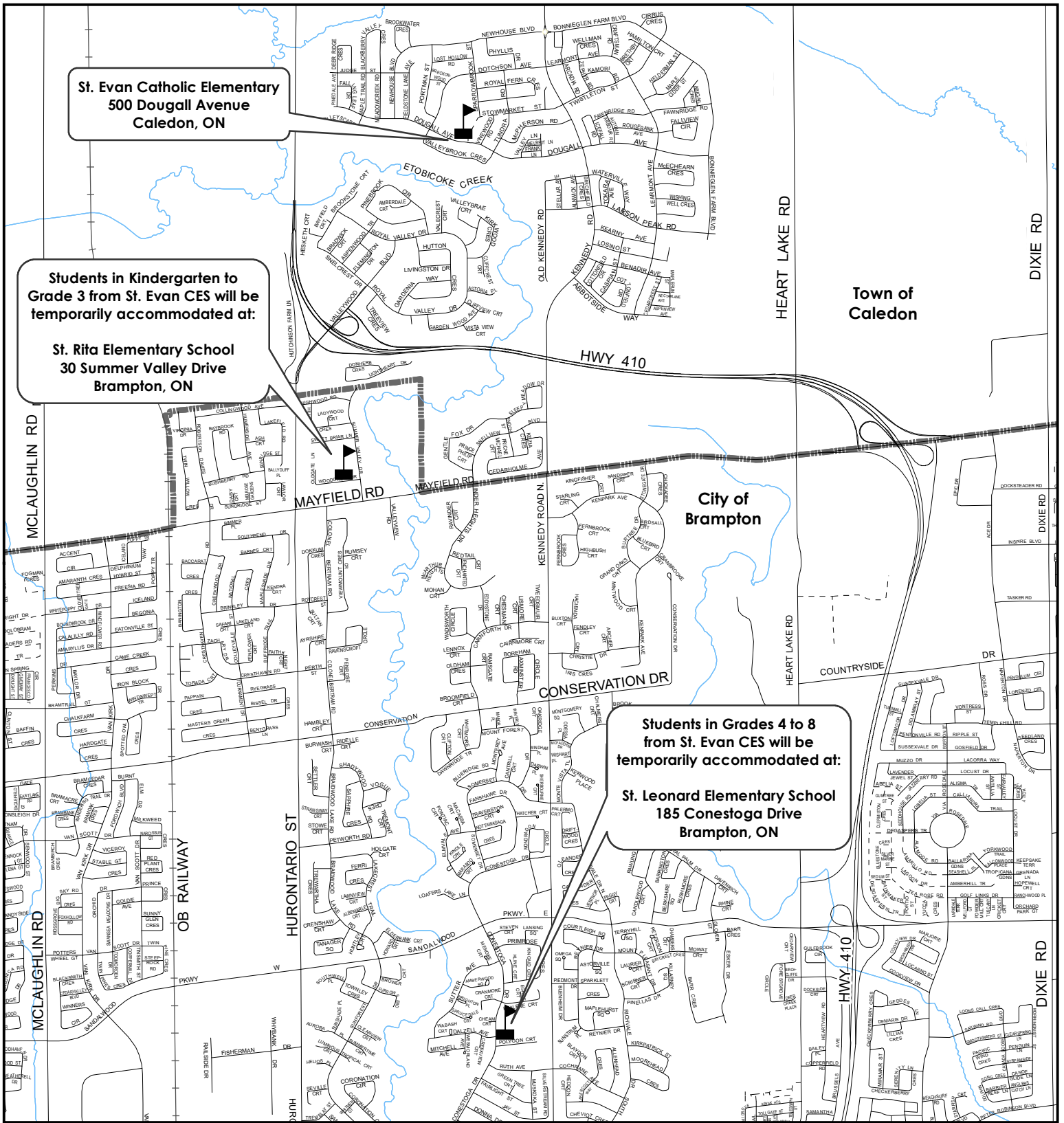
How do I contact the school for information?

Parents/guardians may contact St. Evan Catholic Elementary School at 905-792-0630 ext. 39627 until the end of June. Further updates, as needed, will be send to all St. Evan families via email. Information regarding how to contact St. Evan staff at the holding sites will be shared with all families once details have been finalized.

Has the DPCDSB been in this situation before?

Over the years, the DPCDSB has, on occasion, been required to host students in alternate locations due to a variety of circumstances causing delays and deviance from a September opening. In all situations, the DPCDSB has held the safety and well-being of students and staff at both the school to be delayed and the temporary host school(s) in the highest regard. In all of these situations, students and staff have been adaptable in knowing the end result would be a new school building they could take pride in and call their own.

ST. EVAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2018



St. Evan Catholic Elementary
500 Dougall Avenue
Caledon, ON

Students in Kindergarten to
Grade 3 from St. Evan CES will be
temporarily accommodated at:

St. Rita Elementary School
30 Summer Valley Drive
Brampton, ON

Students in Grades 4 to 8
from St. Evan CES will be
temporarily accommodated at:

St. Leonard Elementary School
185 Conestoga Drive
Brampton, ON



St. Evan Catholic Elementary School Town of Caledon

