



# St. Roch Catholic Secondary School

## Welcome – September 2023

Hello St. Roch Family!

We hope this message finds you well!

We are excited to welcome our new and returning students to St. Roch on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023** and we look forward to a successful school year for all!

Please take some time to review the items below with your child to ensure a great start to the school year...

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. Students will look for their name posted on a list in the main entrance hallway. This list will indicate the student's homeroom classroom which they will go directly to. The homeroom teacher will distribute the student's timetable to them during class.

### **Attendance**

School hours are 8:07 am to 2:10 pm. Students should arrive to school prior to 8:00 am to organize themselves and make their way to their homeroom classes by 8:05 am to ensure that they are not late for class. If your child will be absent, late or must leave school early, please report this through the SafeArrival system. This can be done in one of three ways. Please go to the Dufferin-Peel website for more information:

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting>

### **Uniform**

Students are expected to be in proper school uniform at all times while on school premises. Uniform items can be purchased at the McCarthy Uniform store and all uniform items include the school logo. Students must wear ALL black shoes and may NOT wear any form of slip-on/ slide shoe. Shoes must have closed heels and toe.

All non-uniform items such as coats, jackets, winter hats and boots are to be kept in lockers. Winter hats must not be worn in school. For safety reasons, all school bags, backpacks, sports bags and draw-string bags are to remain in school lockers during the day. They are not to be carried in any part of the school during the day.

### **Guidance**

Appointments with guidance counsellors can be made online and will resume once the school year begins. To make an appointment, students will access the Google Form on the Guidance page of the school website. The link to this form will be active during the first week of school.



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### Lockers

Students have been pre-assigned lockers and cannot switch their lockers without consultation with their Vice-Principal. Locker numbers can be found on their Student Timetable.

All St. Roch students will be required to use a school purchased Master Lock for their lockers. If your child requires this lock, it can be purchased online through School Cash Online at a cost of \$12. Most students should already have this lock and will not need to repurchase one but if your child has lost their lock or is in grade 9, please go to <https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to purchase one. Locks will be distributed the first week of school to those who have purchased one through their homeroom teacher.

**Lockers are school property with students having temporary use only. Students are to use ONLY their assigned lockers.** It is expected that lockers be kept neat and clean and that materials displayed will respect our Catholic values. Students will be held responsible for the condition of, and all materials contained within their assigned locker. Students should make every attempt to ensure the secrecy of their combination. It is recommended that valuable items and electronic equipment be kept at home. Materials and books for consecutive classes should be obtained at the same time avoiding unnecessary locker visits and ensuring that students arrive at class on time.

### Lunch Schedules

Student lunch times are from 10:50 am to 12:50 pm. The lunch period is divided into three blocks of 40 minutes each. Grade lunches are assigned for students in grades 10 to 12 and grade 9 students will have their lunch during one of the three blocks but do not have an assigned grade lunch. Assigned lunch blocks will be found on the Student Timetable and are assigned as follows but may differ for various reasons for some classes.

Lunch Assignment	Time	Grade	Grade 9 students will be assigned one of these lunch blocks based on their period 3 class.
Lunch A	10:50 am to 11:30 am	12	
Lunch B	11:30 am to 12:10 pm	10	
Lunch C	12:10 pm to 12:50 pm	11	



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### Code of Conduct

The Catholic Code of Conduct sets standards of behaviour that promote, encourage and foster a shared commitment to gospel values in daily life, respect for the dignity of persons created in God's image, responsible participation in the civic life of the school community, harmonious relationships, peaceful conflict resolution, respect for diversity, and a commitment to exemplary conduct, conscientious work, and service to others. The Catholic Code of Conduct expressly prohibits those behaviours, attitudes and activities that would potentially disrupt learning, harm another person, threaten individual rights or personal safety, undermine the moral tone of the school community, create divisiveness, diminish a person's well-being, damage property, or disrespect Catholic social teachings. **It is the expectation that all St. Roch students adhere to the Catholic Code of Conduct both in school and on-line.**

As a community of Faith, we believe it the collective responsibility of all the members of our school family to care for and love another and the Code of Conduct expectations are designed in the spirit of this and the Gospel values which guide us in all we are and all that we do at St. Roch.

**It is strongly encouraged that both students and parents/guardians download My School Day App as it contains more detailed information on the Code of Conduct and many other aspects of school life at St. Roch. This App will also show events that are happening throughout the year as well as other communications.**

<https://docs.myschoolday.app/MySchoolDay1Page-app.pdf>

I wish you all God blessings and grace as start a new school year together!

**Go Ravens!**

*J. Quenneville*

Principal