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September Newsletter

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The staff of St. Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School extends a very warm welcome to all the new families and to those returning to the school this year. A special greeting is extended to our Junior Kindergarten children, who are beginning school for the first time.

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful summer with opportunities to rest, relax and enjoy family and friends.

My name is Geraldine Roy, Principal at St Simon Stock. I am looking forward to a new school year filled with hope and excitement. I am eager to work alongside your children and with you throughout the school year. Respect and Kindness is by far the greatest importance in everything we do.

We are looking forward to an exciting year, where we can work collaboratively to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. We support them to achieve academic success, rooted in virtue by our faith.



Please follow us on Instagram @stsimonstock23.24

Geraldine Roy- Principal

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM
Sunday Mass
7³⁰ AM, 9 AM, 11 AM &
12³⁰ PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Wed, Fri: 7 PM
Tue, Thu: 7³⁰ AM
Sat: 9 AM

Important School Times

8:30am - Supervision begins

8:45am - Instructional day begins

10:05 – 10:20 First Recess

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch

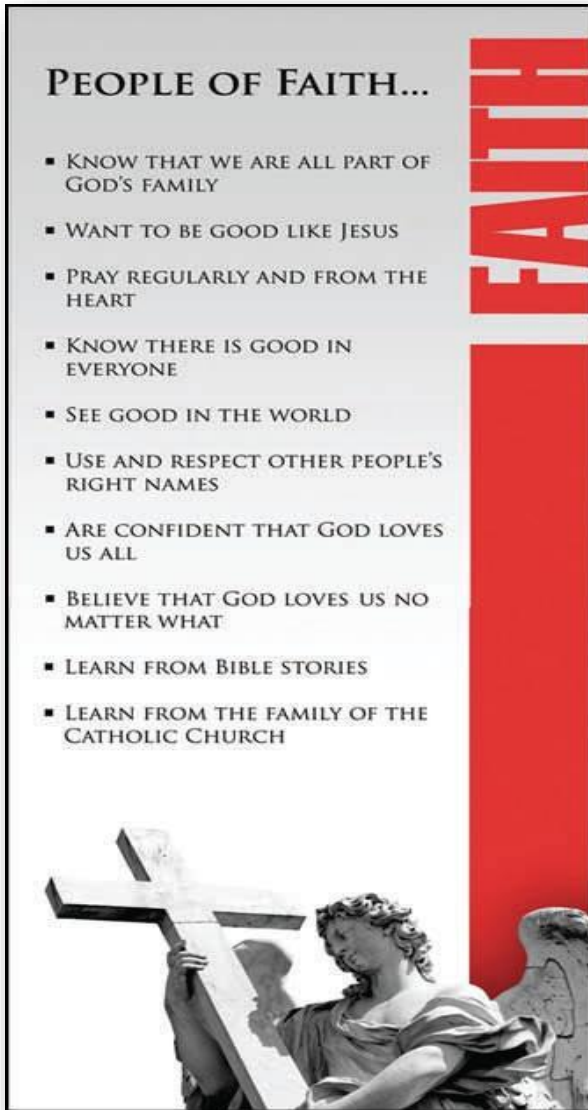
2:05 – 2:25 Second Recess

3:15pm – Student Dismissal

School Year Calendar

The 2023-2024 school year calendar is available at:
<https://www.dpcdsb.org/schools/school-year-calendar>

Virtue of the Month



September –PA Day

There will be no school for students on Monday September 18th PA Day.

Safe Arrival

Whether it's a medical appointment, an illness or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. Using the SafeArrival system, parents will be able to report daily or future absences in one of three ways:

Web:

1. Go to the SafeArrival website:

go.schoolmessenger.ca

2. Select Sign Up to create your account. (Only needed for the initial setup, after that you will click on **login**).

3. Select Attendance.

4. Select Report an Absence.

App:

1. Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Please note that SafeArrival uses the SchoolMessenger app.

2. Select Sign-Up. (Only needed for the initial setup, after that you will click on **login**).

3. You will be prompted to enter your email (this must be the exact same email address the school has on file for you) and create a password.

4. The system will send a link to the same email address the school has on file; please click on the link you have received in your email to activate your account.

Phone:

1. Call the toll-free number 1-844-435-3440

2. Listen to and follow the instructions to report an absence.

3. If the system doesn't recognize your caller ID, you will be asked to enter the student's home phone number or any phone number for the guardian that is on file with the school.

Student Monitors

This year we thank Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. DeNardo and Mrs. Vaswani who will be supervising students in the classrooms and out in the schoolyard over the lunch hour.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Last day for registration will be on September 30, 2023. It is suggested to register early to avoid miscommunication or conflicts.

Anaphylaxis Update

At St. Simon Stock Catholic School, we continue to be an allergen aware school. Once again, this year, we are asking for your continued cooperation in achieving this goal and keeping our school safe for all children. Within our school community we have several students who suffer from various life-threatening food allergies. Should these students encounter these foods, they may go into anaphylactic shock. We appreciate the difficulty this may pose and appreciate your cooperation.

To ensure the continued safety of all students, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board with the support of the Anaphylactic Society and the Peel Health Department has recommended that students *do not bring WOW-BUTTER or any other brand of soy-based, peanut butter substitute to school.*

We thank you for your ongoing support of the safety of all our students.

Dress Code

With the warmer weather, we request parents' support and cooperation in ensuring that students are appropriately dressed for school. Students should dress in a manner conducive to a positive educational atmosphere in the school.

Flip Flops are not recommended as they pose a safety hazard. Running shoes are best for outdoors.

We thank parents and students for cooperating.

Kiss and Ride



Please do **NOT** exit your vehicle. If your child requires assistance, please park, and walk your child to the specified entrance. Children **MUST** exit from the passenger side of the vehicle.

Direction of School Support

Catholic ratepayers must declare themselves to be Catholic and an **English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter** on their municipal property tax designation to cast a vote for Catholic school trustees in the municipal election.

How do I find out if I'm registered as an English Catholic School supporter?

- Check the assessment section of your Tax Bill or Property Assessment Notice
- Check your Voter Information Card
- Visit voterlookup.ca to check the accuracy of your direction of school support
- Contact the DPCDSB Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or admissions@dpccsb.org.

To register as an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter or change your school support designation:

- Contact the DPCDSB Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or admissions@dpccsb.org.

Criminal Reference Check

All school volunteers are required to have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check prior to volunteering at the school. If you have had a Criminal Reference Check in the past year and we have a copy on file at the school, you only need an Annual Offence Declaration, which is signed in the presence of a staff member and is valid for the entire school year.

Visitors at School

Parents are advised that we do not permit parents or visitors in the school yard during school hours, and/ or to view children playing at recess from the fenced area.

Dogs on School Property

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property during school hours. Many students, especially little ones, have a strong fear of dogs (no matter the size of dog). Also, pets may be unpredictable at times. We ask for your cooperation by leaving your dog at home when you bring your child(ren) to school or pick up after school. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

School Council

Our Catholic School Councils provides an opportunity for parents and guardians to discern how their gifts and talents might serve the school community. As per the Ontario Regulation 612/00 and 298, the purpose of a school council is, through the active participation of the parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

In addition to the purpose of school councils as identified in the regulation, the mission of the Catholic School Councils in the DPCDSB, is to promote, the vision, values and sacramental life of Catholic practices for the Catholic communities we serve.

If you're interested in holding a position and/or becoming a member on the St. Simon Stock Catholic School Council, please submit the attached nomination form by September 29, 2023. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend any St. Simon Stock Catholic School Council meetings. Dates will be posted shortly.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

G. Roy
Principal



Picture Day

Picture day - Friday
October 2, 2023.

Student Lunches

Please make every effort to send your child to school with a packed lunch daily. We do not permit any kind of food deliveries (Uber Eats, Skip the dishes etc.) to students during school hours. Please respect that office staff are busy during the lunch hour and may not be able to assist with lunch drop offs during this time.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 18	PA Day-No School
Sept. 20	Open House BBQ: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Day
Sept. 29	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt)
Sept. 29	Council Nominations Due
Oct 2	Picture Day – All Students
Oct. 4	School Council Meeting (all welcome)