

# St. Simon Stock

Fall 2024

## St. Simon Stock School Information

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## Message From the Office

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome you and your children to a new school year. Welcome to our new and returning students, their respective families, and our new Junior Kindergarten students as they embark on their educational journey.

Every new school year is filled with excitement, challenges, and opportunities. We look forward to a year filled with hope, peace, and happiness for all members of our school community.

Our School Council continues to make a very positive contribution on behalf of all our students to ensure that our school is a great place to work, to learn and to play.

A special thank you is extended to the teaching staff who have been working diligently over the past few weeks preparing classrooms and curriculum for students. A heartfelt thank you is extended to our office staff and to our custodial team who have spent endless hours preparing our school for the new year.

We look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the students and parents of our community. Together with a dedicated staff, we will endeavor to do our very best to help all students experience spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth throughout the school year.

To all, our best wishes for a very successful school year!

Karen A. Kilic  
Principal



## Josephine Bakita Parish Information

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

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Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM Sunday Mass 7 30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM & 1230 PM

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



## Message From the Parish

Messaging regarding sacraments was set out in August. Check your inboxes and be sure to register your child asap.

Our first school mass will be Thursday October 17th at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

## Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff members to our school:

Ms. Czerniawski FDK

Ms. Ponte DECE

Ms. Lillicrop Gr. 7/8

To **all staff**, we truly appreciate your dedication and commitment for all that you have given to our St. Simon Stock School community.

## School Hours

Students are asked to go directly to their assigned entry doors once the bell rings and wait for a teacher to open their entry door. Kindergarten students arrive and are dismissed via the kindergarten yard at the front of the school.

### Important School Times

8:30am - supervision begins

8:45am - instructional day begins

10:18 – 10:33 first recess

11:56 – 12:56 lunch

2:19 – 2:34 second recess

3:15pm – student dismissal

## Start Up/Reminders

- An email was sent out indicating your child's teacher.

### Day 1 Reminders

- Teachers will be outside in our yard (with vest) with a sign indicating their name and grade.
- Teachers will have a class list and non-classroom teachers will be assisting.
- Students are to find their teacher and wait with their class until the bell rings for entry.
- Parents are asked to stay behind our boundaries. Students will be well supervised.
- Be sure your child knows where you will be for pick up/ and or your plans (bus/walk).
- **Writing a note to your child's teacher indicating pick up instructions is recommended.**
- If you are eligible for the bus you will either **ride the bus daily or chose to walk daily.**
- **Bus riders in FDK or Gr. 1 will have to be met at the bus stop.**
- Dropping off lunches/forgotten items is not encouraged.

**Your cooperation on these matters is appreciated.**

## Catholic School Council and Nominations

Nomination forms for parent/guardian representatives on the Catholic School

Council for the **2024-2025** school year will be sent electronically to all parents/guardians. Any parent wishing to be a member (and not necessarily wanting to hold a position) must also complete a nomination form. Completed nomination forms can be e-mailed to the school or submitted through your child to the school **no later than Friday September 27th, 2024**. Further information will be forthcoming should an election be required and future Catholic School Council

meeting dates. Please also note that **all Catholic School Council Members must have a valid criminal reference check.**

**St. Simon Stock will be holding School Council elections on Thursday October 3rd , 2024 at 6:00 pm in our staffroom.**

## **Important Reminder**

PA DAY Monday September 16th No School

## **Communication Between School and Home**

Open communication between home and school is very important. Although we will be reporting to you formally during the year, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns. A phone call on the onset of a concern usually resolves itself before it becomes a problem. On our part, if we have any concerns about your child, we will also contact you at the earliest opportunity.

**NEW:** The office will be communicating every Friday afternoon at 4 pm via School Messenger **as needed** if there are an updates to share for the following week. Please be sure to open and read them. **Newsletters will be sent quarterly.**

## **Attendance Policy**

School actively encourages and promotes regular and **punctual** attendance. Educational research has consistently shown that student progress and academic success are closely related to regular/punctual attendance and active participation in the day-to-day activities of the school. Frequent absence from school jeopardizes a student's successful completion of any level. Ultimately, responsibility for attendance lies with the student and the parent.

Although trips and vacations may provide diverse learning experiences, the school does not support travel or vacations during class time. The content covered in each grade is important and requires attendance. While parents may choose to travel during the school year, the time missed from class is recorded as an absence and counted in the total absence record for the term and the year. Also, assessment and evaluation become problematic.

What takes place in the classroom **is** the work. What occurs as a follow up is either completion of in-class work, or practice and review of the skills and knowledge gained in the classroom.

Successful students attend all classes, consult with teachers, hand in assignments, take pride in themselves and their accomplishments, study and complete homework daily and set realistic goals.

If your child arrives after 8:45 am they are to enter the front doors and report to the office for a late slip. This is to ensure our attendance is correct for the day.

## **Kiss N Ride**

The Kiss 'n Ride is reserved for parent/guardian drop off and pick up of children, located at the **front of the school.**



Please note, in the interest of safety, staff have been instructed **not** to open/close car doors and or assist children in and/or out of vehicles. **Parents who utilize the Kiss n' Ride lane are not permitted to park and leave their vehicles unattended. Please remain in your vehicle at all times.**

Also, we ask you to follow the same rules and guidelines for walking children to school as we expect the children to follow. **Remember that children watch what we do more than they listen to what we say.**

Please remember the importance of abiding by the posted traffic signs at the school. The safety of our children is worth our utmost attention to this matter and priority.

## **SAVE THE DATE- Thursday September 19th**

Thursday September 19th from 5pm-6:30 pm is our Open House date. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and see their classroom(s).

5:00 pm-Principal to introduce staff in the gym

5:15-6:30- visit classrooms and meet educators

[Ontario Ice Cream](#) will send a truck from 5pm - 7pm. The families can purchase ice cream using cash or card. The company will donate a portion of the sales back to the school.

A representative from [Every Mind](#) youth mental health agency will bring pamphlets and answer questions about resources available to families.



## **Lunch Programs**

Lunch programs will be as follows:

Mondays-Lunch Lady (Mid September )

Tuesday- Lunch Box-(Mid September )

Wednesday- Lunch Box-(Mid September )

Thursday- Pizza (Mid October)

Friday- Lunch Lady (Mid September )

You must register for **School Cash Online** to order

### **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.

## **School Cash Online**

Parents are now able to pay school related fees online. **Please refer to the Online Payment icon on the DPCDSB webpage to get the most updated information regarding the system.** If you have any questions regarding the School Cash Online process, please contact the school office.

## **Photo Day**

**Photo Day: October 4th**

**Retake Day: November 1st**



## Emergency Contact- Verification Forms

It is important that we are able to contact someone in the case of an emergency. Please complete the emergency student verification sheets that will be sent home. Remember that the people you list as contacts are automatically given permission to pick up your child from school. They are needed in case we cannot contact you. Please select a relative, neighbor, or friend who lives close to the school and is available during the day to pick up your child in case of illness, concussion, or changes of clothes that inevitably happen. If your child is sick, there must be someone available to pick them up if you are unable to leave work.

## Custody of Children

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitations rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours. Please ensure that a copy of the Court Order is on file at the school office.



## Medication

If your child requires any medication in our office please bring it in asap. In addition, If you have any updates to your child's medical history then please be sure to pick up new medical forms in our office. Furthermore, **it is the parents responsibility to ensure that medication is up to date and not expired. Your assistance on this**

**matter is greatly appreciated.**

Thank you

## MEDICAL ALERT– Sabrina's Law (Anaphylaxis)

MEDICAL ALERT– Sabrina's Law (Anaphylaxis) protect anaphylactic pupils in publicly funded schools in Ontario. Named "Sabrina's Law" in honour of an Ontario student who died following an anaphylactic reaction in 2003, this law requires that every school board establish and maintain an anaphylaxis policy.

If your child has a severe allergic reaction to peanuts, peanut by-products, bee/wasp stings etc., please let the school know as soon as possible. It is essential that the information you provide us with is accurate and up-to-date. There are various forms which need to be completed by you and your family doctor if it is necessary to store and dispense an EPI-pen or any other medication at school.

We continue to have students with severe, life threatening allergy to certain foods, such as peanuts and nuts. This is a medical condition that may cause severe and life threatening reactions to certain allergens within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we require your continued cooperation in sending foods to school with your child that **are free from peanuts, nuts or their by-products**.

Please do not send food products to be shared in your child's classroom. If you would like your child to share their special day/birthday with their classmates, we suggest that you consider non-food items such as pencils or stickers.

Letters have been sent home with the students whose classroom members have specific allergies. Please check with your child, and in their backpack, for letters regarding the type of allergy and products to avoid in your child's classroom. Please pay careful consideration to school lunches and snacks while continuing to refrain from sending in items that are made of, or contain, nuts or peanuts. We offer our heartfelt thanks for your support in making our school a safer environment for all.

## **Asthma Friendly School**

Ryan's Law is an Act to protect Asthmatic pupils in publicly funded schools in Ontario. If your child has asthma please let the school know immediately. It is essential that the information you provide us with is accurate and up-to-date.

### **Ryan's Law introduced policies and procedures that:**

- ☒ Allow your child to carry his/her asthma reliever (rescue) inhaler (with your permission).
- ☒ Reduce your child's contact with asthma triggers.
- ☒ Develop an individual plan for every student with asthma, including recommendations from their health-care providers and current emergency contacts. This will be kept on file at the school.

### **If you have more questions about Ryan's Law?**

Call The Lung Association Lung Health Information Line at 1-888-344-LUNG (5864), email [info@on.lung.ca](mailto:info@on.lung.ca), or visit [www.RyansLaw.ca](http://www.RyansLaw.ca).

## **Emergency Protocols**

Emergency response procedures in the event of a fire, bomb threat, serious accident/injury or an intruder have been established and are revised on an ongoing basis. Each school within the DPCDSB is required to hold 9 emergency procedure drills over the course of the year. These drills consist of three fire drills per term, one lockdown drill per term, and 1 hold and secure drill per year. During these drills staff review all emergency procedures with students to ensure all children are safe in the event of a real emergency.

In the event that it is necessary to evacuate the school, our site for relocation is Osprey Woods Public School.

## **Bussing**

Student Transportation of Peel (STOPR) is a consortium formed by agreement between the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board, for the purpose of providing a common administration of transportation services for students residing in Peel Region.



The STOPR website address is [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca). This website provides access to up-to-date information regarding delayed buses and bus cancellations due to forms frequently asked questions, and links to each Board's websites. This website site also provides parents access to specific bus stop location, pick up, and drop off times for their children if eligible for transportation. Parents must have their child's OEN in order to obtain transportation information.

In addition, parents may also access information specific to: *what school do I attend?* and *am I eligible for transportation?*

At the following website, <https://businfo.stopr.ca>

**Parents who are eligible for transportation may access specific bus stop location and pick up and drop off time information on this site. This site can also be accessed from the [stopr.ca](http://stopr.ca) website.**

***Please Note:* All transported primary protocol students (students in JK, K & Grade 1) are required to be met by a parent/caregiver when disembarking from their bus on their return trip from school.**

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STOPR is excited to launch a small pilot project for a School Bus Tracking App called "Chipmunk".

Chipmunk **School Bus Tracking APP gives parents the ability to track their children's school bus location through GPS in real time.** The APP can be downloaded on a mobile phone or tablet and will provide parents with an ETA of when the bus will arrive at their destination.

If you have any questions about the "App" or how to sign up or create an account, you can contact STOPR between the hours of 8:00am – 4:30pm for information. We also have a dedicated Chipmunk support page available on our website [www.stopr.ca/chipmunk](http://www.stopr.ca/chipmunk).

This is a great opportunity to stay informed of where your child is at all times while riding the bus.  
**Don't miss out!**  
Thank you,

## **Policy on Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has the following policy regarding **Personal Electronic Devices** in place for all schools.

### **CELL PHONE USAGE**



- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 must now keep their phones turned off or set to silent mode and out of sight for the school day, unless otherwise allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.
- Students in Grades 7 to 12 must store their phones out of view and powered off or set to silent mode during instructional time, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the educator during instructional time for a specific purpose.
- Students who need to use their phones or other electronic devices for health and medical reasons, e.g., glucose monitoring, medication administration reminders, etc., or to support specific special education needs, may continue to use them during the school day following consultation with school administration.
- Contravention of these Ministry of Education expectations will be addressed according to the procedures outlined within DPCDSB's Catholic Code of Conduct.
- DPCDSB is not considering the creation of a central phone depository in schools or classrooms. Instead, DPCDSB recommends students keep their devices stored in their backpack or pocket when not in use for educational purposes or for health, medical, or special education needs.
- DPCDSB is also not looking for educators to confiscate phones, rather, school administrators will deploy a progressive discipline approach with those found to be in violation of the outlined restrictions. It is hoped that student behaviours and actions will align with the new rules. Nevertheless, we will be closely monitoring the situation during the first weeks of school, so we have a better idea of the reality in classrooms before we consider additional steps.
- It is recognized that some parents need to communicate with their children during the school day, and in such instances, parents should contact the school office.
- Report cards may include comments on students' distraction levels in class.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- PPM 128 identifies the removal of social media sites from school board networks. DPCDSB had previously removed these sites so there was no action required on this component of PPM 128.

## **PROGRAM/CURRICULUM**

### **Physical Education**

All students JK-8 are expected to return the signed Element of Risk and Medial Information Form **GF401** to participate in the Physical Education Program. Students are required to wear comfortable clothing on gym days.

### **Head Injury Policy**

When a student receives an injury to the head, it is Board Policy that we inform parents. We will attempt to reach you even when it is a minor injury. Please try not to be too alarmed should you receive a call. Please remind your child to let a staff member know immediately, if they are hurt at school.

As per the Ministry of Education direction, our Board has a Concussion Protocol in place. ALL students who sustain a head injury during the school day, however minor, will receive a ***Concussions Are Serious*** pamphlet and accompanying paperwork to take home. We ask parents/guardians to review this pamphlet and seek medical attention for your son/daughter if you feel it is required. As in previous years, all head injuries will be logged and reported to parents/guardians directly. We ask that you please inform the school as soon as possible when your son/daughter sustains a concussion because of a school incident or because of an activity

outside of school. **Questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the Main Office.** Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.

## Student Insurance

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment:

- 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in directly; or
- 2) Register online at: [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

## Support English Catholic Education

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](http://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@dpcdsb.org](mailto:admissions@dpcdsb.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@dpcdsb.org](mailto:admissions@dpcdsb.org).



## Orange Shirt Day

On Monday September 30th, students will be honoring survivors and raising awareness about the victims of residential schools in Ontario. Students are asked to wear orange on this day to show their support.

## Keep Our Air Clean

Our school members have been working very hard to complete our Eco School initiatives and submissions. A big goal is for our school community to turn off their engines while they wait for their child(ren) to be picked up. Thank you for caring about our planet and kids as much as we do.

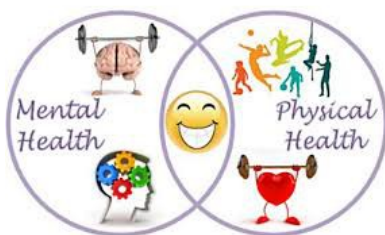


## No Pets Please

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.

## Parent Corner

The most challenging yet most rewarding job in the world!



## Mental Health

At St. Simon Stock we will work hard to provide students with strategies to support and strengthen their mind, body and spirit in order to navigate life's challenges and to equip them to become successful on their life journey.

## School Mental Health Ontario and Community Resources:

**School Mental Health Ontario and Community Resources:** School Mental Health Ontario has updated their list of resources. We invite you to review their list of resources available on our DPCDSB Well-Being SharePoint to help support you and students during this time of transition back to school. For a list of community telephone-based mental health supports, please see below.

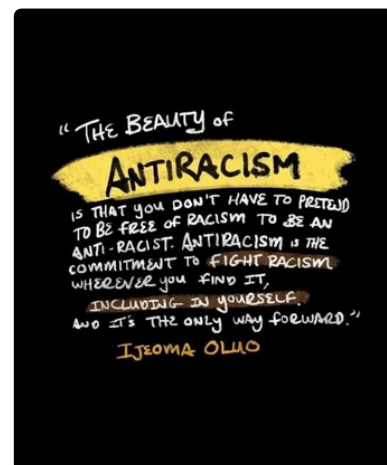
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or text "CONNECT" to 686868 (0-18 years of age)
- 24.7 Crisis Support Peel Dufferin: 905-278-9036 | 1-888-811-2222. (for all ages)
- Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310 (support for all Indigenous peoples across Canada)

## Equity

As a Catholic community we believe that all people deserve to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity. Racism has no place in our schools or communities.



At St. Simon Stock we vow to listen, acknowledge, support and take a stand for all of our students.



## Inclusion

We are all different from one another. We all look different and have different abilities and backgrounds. This is what makes our world dynamic and interesting. Yet in spite of the differences, we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Everyone warrants the same love and support. God is devoted to all children equally and excludes no one. We are also called to welcome everyone and treat them with human dignity, compassion, empathy and love.





# Back-To-School Prayer



Dear God,

Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

In your name we pray!



**Karen Kilic**

Karen is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters