



The Queen of Heaven Herald

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Principal's Message

Dear Queen of Heaven Families,

As we conclude a wonderful first week of school, I would like to take a moment to thank our students, families, and staff for a positive and successful start to the 2026-2027 school year. It has been a joy to see our classrooms filled with excitement, learning, laughter, and faith as we welcomed students back to Queen of Heaven.

I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received as the new Principal of Queen of Heaven Catholic Elementary School. Over the past week, I have already witnessed the strong sense of community, dedication, and school spirit that make this such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we settle into our school routines. Strong relationships between home, school, and parish are essential to student success, and I look forward to getting to know our families throughout the year.

As we move forward, please continue to visit our school website at <https://qheav.dpcdsb.org/> for important updates, announcements, calendars, and school information. We encourage all families to stay connected through our communication platforms, including:

-  **Queen of Heaven CES Instagram Account** ([@qofhdpdcsb](https://www.instagram.com/qofhdpdcsb))
-  **SchoolMessenger**
-  **The Queen of Heaven Herald Newsletter**

To make information easier to access, the **Queen of Heaven Herald** includes a convenient [navigation menu](#) located directly beneath the letterhead, allowing families to quickly jump to the sections that are most relevant to them.

These communication channels will be used regularly to share important school news, upcoming events, celebrations, and reminders throughout the year.

I also look forward to meeting many more of our parents and families at our **Open House and BBQ on September 22, 2026**. This special evening will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate our school community, and learn more about your child's educational journey this year.

Thank you for helping us make the first week of school such a success. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, faith, and community as we journey together.

May God continue to bless our Queen of Heaven community.

Warm regards,

R. Commisso 🙏📚💙
Principal

Welcome New Staff

A warm welcome to our returning staff and those joining the Queen of Heaven family for the first time.

New Staff Member	Role
J. Skalić	Gr. 5/6
D. Ramanauskas	Planning Time
J. Chlebowicz	Educational Resource Worker

Footwear Safety 🦿

To help keep all students safe during outdoor play, physical education classes, and school activities, students are expected to wear appropriate athletic footwear. OPHEA safety standards identify appropriate footwear as shoes designed for physical activity that provide good traction and are securely fastened to the foot. Open-toed or open-heeled footwear is not considered safe for active play.

For this reason, **Crocs are not permitted for outdoor activities, recess, gym classes, or physical education programs**, even when worn in "sport mode." Students should instead wear running shoes or other athletic shoes that support safe movement, running, climbing, and participation in physical activities.

We appreciate your support in helping ensure that all students are dressed safely and ready to enjoy an active school day. 💙

Bell Times 🔔

8:15 AM	SUPERVISION BEGINS
8:30 AM	MORNING BELL
8:38 AM	OPENING EXERCISES (Prayer, Land Acknowledgement and O Canada) followed by Morning Announcements. Please note that the front doors will not be open during Opening Exercises.
10:36-10:51 AM	RECESS
11:31 - 12:31 PM	LUNCH
1:54 - 2:09 PM	RECESS
3:00 PM	DISMISSAL

Catholic School Council (CSC) 🙏📚

All positions on the **2026-2027 Catholic School Council (CSC)** are open for nominations. We encourage parents and guardians to consider becoming involved in this rewarding opportunity to support our school community. **All are welcome!**



Catholic School Council Elections

Date: October 7, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: School Library

Nomination Forms

Nomination forms have been emailed to families and are also available through the school office.

Submission Deadline:

September 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members as we work together to support the success and well-being of all students.

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 21-25 - Truth and Reconciliation Week  
- Sep 22 Open House/BBQ 
- Sep 25 Picture Day 
- Sep 25 CSC Nominations Due
- Sep 28 Terry Fox Move-a-thon
- Sep 30 Orange Shirt Day 

OCTOBER

- Oct 7 CSC Meeting and Election – 6pm in Library
- 🕒 Oct 12 Thanksgiving 
- ★ Oct 26 PA DAY

NOVEMBER

- ★ Nov 27 PA DAY

DECEMBER

- 🕒 Dec 18 Last Day before Christmas Break    

JANUARY

- ★ Jan 18 PA DAY - Assessment and Evaluation

FEBRUARY

- ★ Feb 12 PA DAY - Reporting 
- 🕒 Feb 15 Family Day**°...*.★

MARCH

- 🕒 Mar 12 Last Day before March Break
- 🕒 Mar 26 Good Friday †
- 🕒 Mar 29 Easter Monday  

APRIL

MAY

- 🕒 May 24 Victoria Day 

JUNE

- ★ Jun 14 PA DAY - Assessment and Evaluation

[DPCDSB EVENTS](#)

[2026-2027 DPCDSB Calendar](#)

OUR FAITH

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

In September, we celebrate the virtue of **Faith**.

Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A faithful person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God.

A faithful person believes that God helps us to create a safe and caring school.

A Faithful person...

- ✓ prays whenever they can



- ✓ learns from Scripture stories
- ✓ assumes that there is good in everyone
- ✓ knows that we are all loved by God

Moment of Reflection... What can I do today to show my faith in God?

LUNCH DROP OFF

At Queen of Heaven, we value instructional time and strive to minimize classroom interruptions so that students can remain focused on learning. Whenever possible, please ensure your child comes to school with their lunch each morning. If a lunch needs to be dropped off during the day, please make arrangements with your child in advance to pick it up from the **front foyer** at lunch time.

- ✓ Clearly label the lunch with your child's name.
- ✓ Place it on the designated lunch drop-off table at the front entrance.
- ✓ Ensure your child's name is written prominently on the front of the lunch bag or container.

⊘ Please note that food deliveries from third-party services (e.g., Uber Eats, SkipTheDishes, DoorDash) cannot be accepted.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maximize valuable learning time for all students.



Thank you for helping us keep our focus on learning while ensuring students receive their lunches! 😊🍽️

PED/CELL PHONE USE

In accordance with provincial legislation and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board policy, personal electronic devices, including **cell phones and smart watches**, must be **turned off** and **kept out of sight** during instructional time including recess unless authorized by staff for educational purposes.

Students who bring devices to school are responsible for their care and are expected to use them respectfully and responsibly. The school and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

☎ If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the main office.

SAFE ARRIVALS

There are **3 ways** to report your child's absence, late arrival or early departure:

1. Using the **Safe Arrival App** (download from Google or Apple Store).
2. Using the **SafeArrival website**, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>.
3. Calling the toll-free number **1.844.435.3440** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

The above 3 options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.
NOTE: For absences greater than five consecutive days, please call your child's school directly.

Remember to: Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

MEDICAL INFORMATION and STORAGE OF MEDICATION

Please see previous School Messenger communication as well as important information on our [Queen of Heaven Website](#). 

Allergy Alert

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind families that Queen of Heaven is an **allergen-aware school**. Some students and staff have severe, life-threatening allergies to foods such as peanuts, tree nuts, and dairy products. Even trace amounts of an allergen can trigger a serious reaction.

To help keep all members of our school community safe, we ask for your cooperation by **not sending foods containing peanuts, tree nuts, or nut byproducts** to school. Please also refrain from sending **WOW butter**, as it can be difficult to distinguish from peanut butter. We ask that all caregivers be made aware of these restrictions when preparing lunches and snacks.

 **Please do not send food items for birthdays or other special occasions.**

Thank you for your understanding and partnership in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students.

TRANSPORTATION

- Any **courtesy seats** will be assigned as soon as possible, typically by the beginning of October. To submit a courtesy seat request please download and [complete this form](#), and submit it to the school with your child or to the InfoBox: [✉QueenOfHeavenInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:QueenOfHeavenInfo@dpcdsb.org). Please note that courtesy seating is only available if there is room on the bus, as determined by STOPR. Should new students who are eligible for bussing register, courtesy bussing may no longer be available.
- **Opt-Out:** Eligible students who do not require transportation services **must opt out** as soon as possible. This procedure will allow for courtesy seating for other students.
- For more information regarding transportation, please visit the STOPR website at:
<http://www.stopr.ca/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **Access** your child's bussing information by entering in your child's OEN (available on the report card) on the STOPR Website www.stopr.ca.

KISS AND RIDE

To help ensure the safety of all students and maintain an efficient flow of traffic, please follow these important Kiss & Ride guidelines:

1. **Use the Kiss & Ride lane only for quick drop-off and pick-up** during arrival and dismissal times. Due to heavy traffic, especially in the morning, families are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early.
2.  The Kiss & Ride is **not available for Kindergarten students**. Kindergarten students must be escorted to and picked up from their designated entry and dismissal area by a parent, guardian, or authorized caregiver.
3. **Student safety is our top priority**. Please follow all traffic signs, posted speed limits, and staff directions while on school property. Remind children to use designated walkways and crosswalks and to remain alert around vehicles at all times.
4. **Drive slowly and cautiously** at all times while on school property and follow the directions of staff members supervising the area.
5. **Pull all the way forward** in the Kiss & Ride lane before stopping. This helps maximize space and keeps traffic moving efficiently.
6. **Have students ready to exit the vehicle** with backpacks and belongings prepared before entering the lane. For safety, students should exit from the **passenger side** of the vehicle onto the sidewalk and proceed directly to the school.
7. **Remain in your vehicle at all times**. If your child requires assistance, please park in a designated parking space and walk them to the school.
8. **Do not park, stop, or leave your vehicle unattended** in the Kiss & Ride lane.
9. **Do not change lanes or attempt to merge into the Kiss & Ride lane** once traffic has formed.
10. If parking in the school lot, please use designated pedestrian crossing areas and exercise caution when walking through traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping arrival and dismissal safe, respectful, and efficient for all members of our Queen of Heaven community.  

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

The safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority. Students who ride a bicycle  or scooter  to school are reminded that they must **dismount as soon as they arrive on school property** and walk their bicycle or scooter to the designated storage area. Riding on school sidewalks, pathways, or within school grounds creates a safety risk for pedestrians, particularly during busy arrival and dismissal times.

At the end of the school day, students must also **walk their bicycles and scooters off school property before mounting and riding away**. This simple practice helps ensure a safe and orderly dismissal for everyone.

Please note that **e-scooters are not permitted at school**. Under City of Mississauga regulations, e-scooter riders must be **16 years of age or older**, and e-scooters are not permitted on sidewalks.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing these important safety expectations and helping keep our school community safe for all.

REMINDERS

- ✓ Please return your child's medication to the school with the completed GF035.
- ✓ Please return your child's Verification Form as soon as possible.