

St. Marys D.C.V.I.



Secondary Student Agenda 2017 - 2018

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Palma Non Sine Pulvere
No Reward Without Effort

DAILY SCHEDULE

Period	Times	
	8:40	Warning Bell
	8:45	Announcements
1	8:45 - 10:00	Period 1
2	10:10 - 11:25	Period 2
Lunch	11:25 - 12:10	12:05 - Warning Bell
4	12:10 - 1:25	Period 4
5	1:35 - 2:50	Period 5
	3:00	Buses leave

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS FOR ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMA

To earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, you must:

- earn 30 credits (18 compulsory and 12 optional credits);
- complete 40 hours of community involvement activities;
- complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course successfully.

NOTE: To be considered for any Commencement Awards, all graduation requirements must be met no later than June 30th of that school year.

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP:

St. Marys DCVI is a community, and everyone at this school contributes to this community. The community spirit at DCVI is based on Respect. You give it - You get it. It extends from the classrooms, into the hallways, and outside the school building.

All school community members should:

- demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- treat each other with dignity;
- respect differences in people and treat others fairly;
- respect the rights of others;
- seek assistance, if necessary, to resolve conflict peacefully;
- show proper care and regard for school property and for the property of others; and
- assist others in need.

CLASSROOM:

This is your education. Help to create a vibrant learning atmosphere by:

- being on time and being prepared for class;
- participating, actively, in each class;
- working with your classmates and teacher, especially if you fall behind.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential to your success.

- If you are absent from school you should have a parent or guardian advise the school on the day of the absence if possible (519-284-1731 attendance) or bring a note on the day that you return to school.
- It is your responsibility to make up any work missed.
- If you are absent, without the prior consent of your parent, then you are truant.
- If you become ill during the day and plan to go home, you must report to the office before you leave.
- You are required to report to the office to get an admit slip if arriving late, due to appointments, etc.
- If you are less than 15 minutes late to class, report directly to your class. You will be recorded as late. If you are more than 15 minutes late, you must report to the office for a late slip before going to class.

Consequences for lates and/or truanancies could include:

- detentions.
- a meeting with school administration.
- a phone call home.
- a letter sent home.
- an in-school suspension and/or additional lunch detentions.
- a meeting with student, parents and school administration.
- out-of-school suspensions.
- removal from the course you have missed
- referral to the Attendance Counselor.

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM

Every individual's work is unique. Students should take pride in their work. School is about developing integrity. Copying another's work is plagiarism.

Examples of plagiarism: Doing any of the following without giving the proper credit (citation):

- Using images, including charts, diagrams and graphs.
- Copying another's work.
- Using another's ideas.

Plagiarizing could result in the following consequences:

First Offence:

- a conference with teacher, student, and school administration.
- redoing the assignment in a supervised setting according to the time line given.
- a phone call home by the teacher.
- a letter sent home.

Repeated Offences:

- a conference with teacher, student, parents, and school administration.
- a phone call home by teacher.

- a letter sent home and filed in OSR.
- an in-school OR out-of-school suspension.
- no opportunity to redo assignment (*Incomplete*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are usually made at 8:45 a.m. daily. Announcements must be written out or emailed the night before and sent to Ms. Edgar-Stubgen and signed by the appropriate staff advisor or coach.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are a regularly-scheduled part of the curriculum, and are designed to be educational as well as entertaining. Attendance is mandatory. Regardless of the type of program, courtesy demands that you be respectful and appreciative. Books should be left in the classroom.

CAFETERIA

Whether you are eating your lunch in the cafeteria, the halls or elsewhere around the school, please clean up after yourself. Stairwells should be left clear. Students who are disruptive in the halls will be directed to the cafeteria. The cafeteria is unavailable to secondary students from 12:15 to 12:50 each day.

COMPUTER POLICY (desktop, laptop, tablet, etc.)

The proper use of a computer and computer software will enrich your learning experiences. Please keep in mind that:

- the computers are to be used for school activities and purposes only
- inappropriate use of computers will result in consequences

The Avon Maitland District School Board reserves the right to monitor all traffic in and out of the Board's Internet access point, to review any material on user school accounts and to monitor file server space. The network, including the wireless, is for school purposes only.

HALLS

Please keep the halls quiet and traffic free while the classes are on. At other times (e.g., breaks, lunch), students should keep conversations respectful and appropriate, similar to a classroom. For safety reasons, please walk in the halls. Note: The Arthur Meighen Wing is out of bounds to secondary students during lunch.

SMOKING

The use of any tobacco products (for example cigarettes and chewing tobacco) are not allowed on school property. Using vaporizers and e-cigarettes on school grounds is also prohibited. The Smoke-Free Ontario Act is a law that prohibits anyone (including visitors) from smoking or holding lit tobacco on school property, 24 hours a day. This also includes smoking in a vehicle on school property. The provincial fine is \$305.

Supplying anyone under the age of 19 with tobacco is against the law; the provincial fine is \$365.

Students are expected to show their consideration by not loitering on or near our neighbours' properties and the adjacent sidewalks. If you smoke, it should be done off school property, on the James Street sidewalk (far side of the student parking lot).

LOCKERS

Each student will be assigned a locker by the office. It is the responsibility of each student to put a lock on their locker. The school has the legal right to search a locker. Every student must provide

their combination to the office. For your own safety, do not share your combination with others.

Every year students lose valuables from lockers, the classrooms and the change rooms. To be safe, do not bring valuables to school.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Cell phones or other such devices may be used in class only as part of a lesson at the sole discretion of the teacher. Otherwise, please turn your cell phone off before you go into class.

CLOTHING

Clothing that is too revealing or has obscene or suggestive writing on it, is not allowed. You will be asked to change. Hats may be worn in classrooms at the teacher's discretion.

STUDENT PARKING

Parking at DCVI is a privilege. If a student abuses this privilege, he/she will lose the privilege. Please park in the lot off of James Street. If necessary, a vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense. The student parking lot is a no loitering and smoke free zone.

BUS DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

For information about delays and cancellations, you should listen to either CJCS (AM 1240) or MIX FM 107.7. You may also get information at <http://ourschoolbuses.ca/region-delays/> or on the DCVI website.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Various emergency situations are posted in every classroom. For everyone's safety, you must follow the instructions given by the office and by your teacher.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Student Services Office

The Student Services Office is located across from the Main Office and provides the following services:

- Personal and group counseling
- Referrals to outside agencies
- Career development and exploration
- College / University / Apprenticeship Information
- Student Records
- Leadership Programs
- Student Registration
- Student Scheduling
- Alternative Education Information
- Student appointments (see the Guidance Secretary)

Websites for Career Planning:

My Blueprint Education Planner

myblueprint.ca

Activation key: smd cvi

Assess strengths / interests / employability skills

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/
general/elem sec/job/project/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elem_sec/job/project/)

Career Sensation	www.careerccc.org
The Globe and Mail	www.theglobeandmail.com
Interest Inventory	www.ncsu.edu/careerkey
Ministry of Education	www.edu.gov.on.ca
National Post	www.nationalpost.com
Ontario College Application Centre	www.ocas.on.ca
Ontario Student Assistance Plan	osap.gov.on.ca
Ontario University Application	www.ouac.on.ca
Post-Secondary Options	www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/ps_overview/html
The Star	www.thestar.com
TVO	www.tvo.org
University Programs	www.myfuture.ca/flash/index.html

Crisis Services:

Children's Aid Society (CAS)	- Middlesex & Oxford 1-800-668-5094 - Perth 519-271-5290
Gay / Lesbian (LGBT) Hotline	1-800-269-9688
Huron-Perth Crisis Intervention (24 hours)	519-274-8000 OR 1-888-829-7484
Kids Help Line	1-800-668-6868
Optimism Place / Sexual Assault Crisis Line	519-271-5550 OR 1-800-265-8598
Perth Ontario Works	519-273-2131

Other Services:

Perth District Health Unit

- A Public Health Nurse is available to students at DCVI Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students can self-refer or be referred by a parent or a teacher. See office for details.
- A health line is available Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30 at (519) 271-7600 ext. 267, to talk about personal health issues. The service is confidential.
- A sexual health clinic is available at DCVI the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1 -3 pm call (519) 271-0375 ext. 704. This is a free and confidential service.

Dating Violence Prevention

- Students wishing to discuss relationship concerns in their lives can arrange for individual one to one counseling with the Dating Violence Prevention Co-ordinator (Optimism Place). The counselor will come to St. Marys DCVI to see you during class time. Assault is about power - not passion.
- A dating violence discussion group can also be arranged if there is enough interest! Learn warning signs of an abusive relationship, how to end a relationship, how to help a friend and learn about physical, emotional, sexual abuse.
- Request through your Student Services or call (519) 271-5310 ext. 24.

Choices for Change

- A drug/alcohol addictions counselor is available to students at St. Marys DCVI. Students can self-refer or be referred by a parent or a teacher.

Shelter Link

Students requiring assistance to be independent can request an appointment from Shelter Link. A

youth worker will come and meet students at DCVI.

Homework Club

Study and Snacks. The teachers and support staff who are volunteering are ready, willing and able to help, every day after school!

Math Help

The teachers in the Math Department are volunteering their time, so take advantage! Do the math - extra help works! Available every (or almost every) lunch hour throughout the school year!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

Try out! Get involved! Don't wait! Have fun! Make memories! We are the Salukis! Here are your teams:

FALL:

Girls Basketball
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Golf
Tennis
Swimming
Boys Volleyball
Boys Baseball

WINTER:

Boys Basketball
Curling
Nordic Skiing
Girls Volleyball

SPRING:

Badminton
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Slo Pitch
Track & Field

CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (subject to change):

Eco-Team	Save the planet. It's the only home you have. It all starts here, at DCVI, with you!
Culinary Club	Food - who doesn't love it? Be creative in the kitchen. Have fun with friends. Dinner is served!
Drama Club	All the world's a stage - and you could be on it!
Intramurals	Hear the roar of the crowd. Be part of the action. It's about having fun (although it's nice to win sometimes too!)
Music	Without music life would be a mistake. (<i>Nietzsche</i>). Festivals, trips and more.
Slo-Pitch	Hey batter, batter! Swing batter, batter! Swing! It all happens in the Spring!
Student Council	Do you like to run with your ideas? Are you into having fun? How about being a part of a positive dynamic? We have something for everyone.

Global Voices

Would you like to have your say about a world issue? Global Voices will give you that opportunity in the school and community.

GSA

The GSA club is a student-run club that brings together LGBTQI+ and straight students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, LGBTQ, and economic justice.

Keep current. The St. Marys DCVI website (stmarysdcvi.ca) has all sorts of information. Whether it be bus delays and cancellations, calendars or teacher blogs, you can find it here. Read about what's happening, how school teams are doing, about special events and about the many achievements and activities that make DCVI *a small school with a big heart*.

Exams / Final Assessments

The chart below indicates the exam dates for both semesters. Courses may also include final assessments before the exam. Together, the exam and final assessments will make up 30% of the course mark. Students should be in attendance for all of the classes during this time. Permission **MUST** be given by the office **BEFORE** the date of any final assessment, to be excused from it. A medical note may be required during final assessments. This includes the Grade 9 EQAO Math assessment.



St Marys DCVI
Key Dates 2017-2018
 (subject to change)

Activity	Date
School Opening Day Secondary Semester 1, Term 1 begins	September 5
School Photos	September 11
Elementary Meet the Teacher Night	September 21
PA Day	September 29
Secondary Interim Reports - Due to Office	TBC
Commencement	October 6
Thanksgiving Day	October 9
Secondary Interim Reports - To Students	October 12
Photo Retake Day	October 23
Elementary Progress Reports - Due to Office	October 19
Secondary Parents Night	October 19
Elementary Progress Reports - To Students	October 30
Elementary Parent Interviews	November 2 (Evening) November 3 (Morning)
PA Day	November 3
Secondary Sem 1, Mid-term Report Cards - Due to Office	November 13 (by 9:00 a.m.)
Secondary Semester 1, Term 2 begins	November 9
Secondary Sem 1, Mid-term Report Cards - To Students	November 16 (handed out P5)
Christmas Break	December 25 - January 5
EQAO Grade 9 Math	January 15 - 26 (TBC)
Secondary Semester 1 Exams	January 26 - February 1
PA Day	February 2
Grad Photos	TBC
Secondary, Semester 2 Term 1 begins	February 5

Activity	Date
Secondary Semester 1, Final Report Card - Due to Office	February 5 (by 9:00 a.m.)
Secondary Semester 1, Final Report Card - To Students	February 8 (handed out in Pd 5)
Elementary First Reports - Due to Office	February 7
Family Day	February 19
Elementary First Reports - To Students	February 20
Secondary Interim Reports - Due to Office	TBC
Secondary, Semester 2 - Interim Reports - To Students	March 8
March Break	March 12 - March 16
Parents Night	March 22
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Monday	April 2
OSSLT	April 10
Secondary, Semester 2 Term 2 begins	April 18
Secondary, Sem 2 Mid-term Report Cards - Due to Office	April 19 (by 9:00 a.m.)
Secondary, Sem 2 Mid-term Report Cards - To Students	April 23 (handed out in Pd 5)
Victoria Day	May 21
EQAO Elementary Assessment	May 22 - June 4
EQAO Grade 9 Math	June 5 - 18 (TBC)
PA Day	June 8
Elementary Final Reports - Due to Office	June 13
Elementary Final Reports - To Students	June 26
Secondary Semester 2 Exams	June 22 to June 28
Secondary, Semester 2, Report Cards - Due to Office	June 29 (at 9:00 a.m.)
Secondary, Semester 2, Report Cards	July 6 (pick-up at school, PM)