

St. Marys D.C.V.I.



Secondary Student Agenda 2012 - 2013

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Name :

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I have read and I understand the contents of this agenda:

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature



AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT GOALS

- to improve student achievement in all areas of student learning
- to develop positive citizenship and character qualities in our students
- to engage our community as partners in public education

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL GOALS

- To have a graduation rate of 85% or higher;
- To improve student achievement and engagement in all programs;
- To continue to promote and model good character and citizenship;
- To increase the use of information technology in the delivery of program.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DCVI is a small school with a big heart. School is first and foremost about learning but not all learning takes place in classrooms. Get involved, take chances, be the best that you can be. Create memories and take pride in your accomplishments. You will grow and be successful in your time here at DCVI. Enjoy.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 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.

Honour Roll Criteria:

Students must take:	Grade 9	=	8 courses at the Grade 9 level
	Grade 10	=	8 courses at the Grade 10 level
	Grade 11	=	7 courses at the Grade 11 - 12 levels
	Grade 12	=	6 courses at the Grade 11 - 12 levels

- all courses must be taken during the current school year
- **Alternative Education Courses** will be considered for Honour Roll purposes only if they are completed in time (sometime in June). **Alternative Education Courses will not be considered for other Commencement awards.**
- Student average over the courses must be 80% (not 79.5%) or higher to be eligible.

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.

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

DAILY SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

Periods	Times	
	8:35	Warning Bell
	8:40	Announcements
1	8:40 - 9:55	
2	10:05 - 11:20	
Lunch	11:20 - 12:05	12:00 - Warning Bell
4	12:05 - 1:20	
5	1:30 - 2:45	
	2:55	Buses leave

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 (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, for one or more classes on a day, without the prior consent of your parent, then you are truant.
- If you become ill during the day, you must **report to the office**.
- 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 also 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.
- 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. It cheapens the accomplishment of others as well as diminishes your integrity. "Do your own thing and be proud of it."

Examples of plagiarism: Doing any of the following with out 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 8:40 a.m. daily by members of the Student Council. Announcements must be written out 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. **Note: The cafeteria is unavailable from 12:00 to 12:45 each day.**

COMPUTER POLICY

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

HALLS

Please keep the halls quiet and traffic free while the classes are on. At all times, for safety reasons, please walk. **Note: The Arthur Meighen Wing is out of bounds during lunch.**

SMOKING

If you smoke, it must be done off school property, by James Street (far side of the student parking lot). A fine of \$300.00 to \$5000.00 may be issued by the Tobacco Control Officer for smoking on school property.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Cell Phones and Pagers

In order to minimize disruptions in the classroom, please turn your cell phone off before you go into class. If you need to use it, then you may do so outside of class time in the foyer (outside the main

office), in the stairwells, or outside the building. If your cell phone disrupts the class, the teacher will take it and give it to the office, where you can pick it up at the end of the day. If there is a second offence, then your parents must come in to school and collect it. Remember, please show proper cell phone etiquette.

i-pods/MP3 players/etc.

Teachers may allow them in their classrooms at their discretion. The teacher may temporarily confiscate your music device, if you are using it at an inappropriate time.

CLOTHING

Clothing that is too revealing or has obscene or suggestive writing on it, is not allowed. You will be asked to change.

Hats can be worn in the school, but not in classrooms, so **do not** bring it to class. It is best to keep your hat in your locker. If you get repeated warnings about wearing your hat, it will be taken away and given to the office, where you may pick it up at the end of the day. No backpacks or bookbags in the classroom. Please leave them in your locker.

SNOWBALLS

For safety reasons, please do not throw snowballs. If you do, you may be suspended.

STUDENT PARKING

Parking at DCVI is a privilege. Please park in the lot off of James Street.

BUS DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

For information about delays and cancellations, you should listen to either CJCS (AM 1240) or CFPL (AM 980). You may also get information at www.amdsb.ca, and click on the “Delays and Cancellations” Quick Link or on the DCVI Weblog.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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

COURSE CHANGES

Course changes may be made until the end of the second week of classes. However, they will only be made due to extenuating circumstances. Students are expected to continue attending course(s) until the course(s) have officially been dropped.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

GUIDANCE

The Guidance Office is located next to 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

<http://myblueprint.ca>

Activation key: **smd cvi**

Assess strengths / interests / employability skills

[http://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

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com>

Interest Inventory

www.ncsu.edu/careerkey

Ministry of Education

www.edu.gov.on.ca

National Post

<http://www.nationalpost.com>

Ontario College Application Centre

www.ocas.on.ca

Ontario Student Assistance Plan

<http://osap.gov.on.ca>

Ontario University Application

www.ouac.on.ca

Post Secondary Options

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/
postsec/ps_overview/html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/ps_overview/html)

The Star

<http://www.Thestar.com>

TVO

www.tv.org

University Programs

<http://www.myfuture.ca/flash/index.html>

Crisis Services:

Children's Aid Society (CAS)

- Middlesex & Oxford

1-800-668-5094

- Perth

271-5290

Gay / Lesbian Hotline

1-800-269-9688

Huron-Perth Crisis Intervention (24 hours)

274-8000 OR

1-888-829-7484

Kids Help Line

1-800-668-6868

Optimism Place / Sexual Assault Crisis Line

271-5550 OR

1-800-265-8598

Perth Ontario Works

273-2131

OTHER SERVICES

Perth District Health Unit

- a Public Health Nurse is available to students at DCVI once a week. 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 @ (519) 271-7600 ext. 267, to talk

about personal health issues. The service is confidential.

- a sexual health clinic is available @ DCVI the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 1 -5 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 271-5310 ext. 24.

Choices for Change

- A drug / alcohol addictions counselor is available to students at St. Marys DCVI once a week. 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.

Huron Perth Centre for Children and Youth

This year a youth worker will be made available to students at DCVI. See Student Services for referral information.

Homework Club

Study and Snacks. The teachers who are volunteering are ready, willing and able to help. This all happens after school. Do the right thing - get the help that you need.

Math Help

The teachers in the Math Department are volunteering their time, so take advantage! Do the math - extra help works! 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
Boys Volleyball

WINTER:

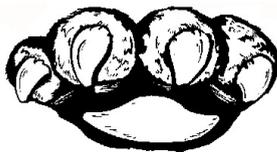
Boys Basketball
Curling
Nordic Skiing
Girls Volleyball
Wrestling

SPRING:

Badminton
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Track & Field

CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- 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. (*Nietzsche*). Festivals, trips and more.
- Slo-Pitch Hey batter, batter! Swing batter, batter! Swing! It all happens in the Spring!
- Swimming Do you like the water? We now offer competitive swimming using the new Pyramid Centre.
- 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.



Keep current. The St. Marys DCVI Weblog (Google DCVI to get there) 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.