## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last several years the Ministry of Education has implemented a policy surrounding the development of the whole child. This policy can be found in the document entitled "Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools, Policy and Program Requirements, Kindergarten to Grade 12". Within the Dufferin-Peel CDSB, students have been provided opportunities to set personal and academic goals that encourage them to become self-directed, responsible life-long learners who demonstrate their God-given potential.

Dufferin-Peel CDSB continues to provide the foundational support required for students to grow in building their knowledge and skills concerning career/life planning from an early age and to vocation. Students in grades 7-12 have been accessing their Individual Pathways Plans for their educational and career planning goals using an online tool called myBlueprint. This year St. FX is pleased to introduce the All About Me e-Portfolio (Grades K-6) where your child will have the opportunity to visually explore their interests, abilities, passions and goals both inside and outside of the school.

In the school, teachers will ensure that all students understand that the development of their "All About Me" portfolio as a tool for reflecting and planning for their life and who they want to become reflective, creative and holistic thinkers, as influenced by their Catholic teachings. Teachers will assist your child in compiling materials, information and personal reflections that can be posted online that will be accessible for their educational life!

At home you are encouraged to review your child's All About Me portfolio at least twice a year. Children may share their web-based portfolio with parents/guardians to provide opportunities to discuss and encourage reflection and inquiry about who they are. With direct access from home, you and your child can work together to encourage self-discovery and understand ways in which he/she can showcase their growth, review, create and build their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

To access the site with your child, visit <a href="www.myBlueprint.ca">www.myBlueprint.ca</a>, enter <a href="dpcdsb">dpcdsb</a> as the child's username and your child's <a href="OEN">OEN</a> (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on a report card, as their password. Then have fun navigating the site and explore all its possibilities!

As with any internet usage, it is essential to review and discuss responsible digital citizenship with your child. The internet provides an opportunity to gain a wealth of knowledge and experience but it also can lead to inappropriate and incorrect information. At Dufferin-Peel CDSB, students are encouraged to use the internet responsibly and respectfully. Here are some quick tips to encourage the same in the home:

- Monitor your child while using the internet
- > Ensure your child is visiting reputable websites
- > Encourage your child to create a positive, catholic online image

For more information and resources visit: <a href="https://www.osapac.ca">https://www.osapac.ca</a>

We look forward to your continued partnership in education.

Sincerely,

A. Saragosa

Principal