

St. Dominic Savio is an official Ontario EcoSchool!



Last year, St. Dominic Savio school, led by a group of Eco-Savy students known as the **Eco-Avengers**, participated in various environmental practices and achieved **'Silver'** Certification status for their pro-environmental efforts!



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
ECO AVENGERS INITIATIVES!**

*Help us to achieve 'Gold' certification this year!! **Every day** is **'Litterless Lunch and Snack Day'** at St. Dominic Savio.*

Help us reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by providing waste free meals for your child.

What is a waste-free lunch?

- Start with a reusable lunchbox, or lunch bag.
- Pack your food in reusable containers, thermos.
- Use a refillable drink bottle.
- Include reusable utensils.
- Add a cloth napkin.

Why pack a waste-free lunch?

- Landfills are reaching capacity and incineration creates air pollution.
- Funds not spent on trash removal can be put to better use.
- Empower our children to make positive changes for the Earth God gave us as a gift.
- Eliminate the need for processed, pre-packaged foods, individually wrapped snacks and drinks. Healthier Eating!

Waste-free lunches are easy!

- Pack lunches in the evening.
- Put leftovers from dinner directly into your box.
- Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Look what we accomplished last year!

- 'Eco Avengers' Club with participation of students from grade 1 through 8
- reduction in amount of garbage and recycling, and energy conservation practices
- litterless lunch and snacks, Water Bottle free campaign
- school ground greening: school garden, planting new trees
- curriculum lessons focused on environmental practices and ecological literacy, pro-environmental field trips
- participation in Earth Day, Earth Hour and School ground Clean-Up Day
- encouraging leadership and stewardship of the Earth

What is an Ontario EcoSchool?

Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education and certification program for Grades K-12 that helps school communities develop both ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible citizens and reduce the ecological footprint of schools. Schools reach levels of certification (Bronze, Silver and Gold) by participating in a wide variety of activities, including: waste free lunches, energy conservation, recycling and school ground greening. For more information, please visit the website: ontarioecoschools.org

A Special Thank you to all parent/community donors for providing plants, soil and gardening materials last year and made our School Garden possible! If you or anyone you know can donate your time or expertise in our School Ground Greening or any other pro-environmental practices, please contact the school. We are still welcoming ALL DONATIONS!

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