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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we begin another school year, it is wonderful to see all our returning families, as well as a warm welcome to the new ones.

In past years, many of our families have chosen to celebrate their child's birthday by generously providing the entire class with cake, treats, and beverages. **Unfortunately, the school is unable to allow this practice – mainly due to severe food allergies which may prevent some children from participating in the “party”.** As well, the celebration is a disruption to the day's lessons. The teachers have asked that all birthday celebrations be conducted at venues outside of the school. St. Gerard will continue to recognize our students' birthday by sending greetings to them during morning announcements, as well as granting them a “N.U.T.” Day (**N**o **U**niform **T**oday).

We thank parents for their cooperation with this request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

Miss J. Gilbert, Principal