

### St. Ggrard School

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## JANUARY 2018



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day". ~ Michael Josephson~

May 2018 be filled with much love, faith and wonderful adventures. Wishing all the families and friends of St. Gerard School much health and happiness during 2018.

God Bless,

Miss Gilbert



<u>Please remember to call the school</u> when your child will be away from school. If you call before 8:15 a.m., please leave a message on the answering machine, with your child's full name/grade.

Attendance is taken at 8:55 a.m. and we are responsible to account for all students. It can take a great deal of time to track down parents to check on missing students. This is done for the safety of <u>your</u> child. Please be considerate and contact the school to advise of your child's absence/tardiness.

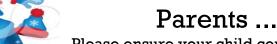
(Do not advise a sibling or other student to notify the Office of your child's absence – it is the responsibility of the <u>parent</u>.)

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

### Reminder

The 2 handicapped parking spaces located near the gym entrance are to be used by vehicles with designated handicapped stickers only please.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Please ensure your child comes to school <u>each</u> <u>day</u> with appropriate outdoor clothing.

Temperatures can change rather quickly. Students should be prepared for outdoor conditions by having ski pants, hat, scarf, mittens, etc. with them. Students are not permitted to "stay in for recess" because they did not bring warm enough outdoor wear!

#### **PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Thank you to our generous families who donated baking to the Christmas Concert Bake Sale!

Thank you to our parents who volunteered their time to assist with the Bake Sale and Raffle Ticket Sales!

NEXT ACTIVITY: PANCAKE LUNCH (watch for further details)

All parents are encouraged to participate!



### **SCHOOL BUS NEWS**



The School Bus will not run if the temperature (with wind chill) is -45 or colder. In the event that the bus is cancelled in the morning this cancellation will be in effect for the whole day. Please listen to CJOB for Winnipeg division school bus information. You will be contacted by phone that the bus is not running.

Please have your family waiting at their stop in the morning. They should be dressed appropriate for the weather conditions, as at times, the bus may be running behind schedule due to traffic or weather conditions – and the children may have to wait a few minutes longer for the bus to arrive. If all our passengers are ready and waiting at their stop, this helps keep the bus on schedule.

When your child will not be on the bus (in the morning and/or afternoon) please remember to contact

Mrs. Wong at (204) 981-3502 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

## HOTTUNCH PROGRAM

St. Gerard School offers a Hot Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
A meal is \$3.75 which includes a beverage and a dessert.
EXACT CHANGE IS PREFERRED.

A book of 10 tickets can be purchased in the school office for \$37.50.

(Napkins, forks, spoons, plastic cups are not provided to students who do not order hot lunch)

A reminder that the HOT LUNCH PROGRAM is **not offered** on Wednesdays

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM IN ORDER FOR IT TO CONTINUE.

# Almost half way there !



January 31<sup>st</sup> marks the half-way point of our school year, which means that all families should have at least half of their current school year tuition paid at this time.

St. Gerard School, as with all independent schools, receives only 50% in government funding ~ therefore, your payments are essential to meet the financial demands of the school. School bus fees are required for the daily operation and continuous maintenance of the bus –and are required to be paid in full or monthly.

The Before & After Program is a "user-pay" program that charges a nominal fee to pay for salaries and supplies.

If your family uses the Before & After Program, the fee is due upon receipt of your monthly bill (normally the first week of the following month). Without payment, this program cannot continue to exist, so prompt payment is necessary and appreciated.

Thank you for assisting St. Gerard School to operate successfully for the benefit of all students!

### NEW ADDRESS? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the office of any changes to your home address, home phone number or cell numbers. It is imperative that the office has up to date contact information, should your child become ill or require immediate attention.

### NEWS FROM THE GYM...



Basketball practices have started for all teams - 2018 Basketball Game Schedule

### **Boys - Developmental**

### Senior Boys - Competitive

Tues	IHMS @ SGS	Mon	SGS @ St. Ignatius
Jan 30		Jan 29	
Tues	SGS @ Our Lady of Victory	Wed	Our Lady of Victory @ SGS
Feb 6		Jan 31	
Tues	St. Charles @ SGS	Mon	St. Emile @ SGS
Feb 20		Feb 5	
Thurs	Westgate 2 @ SGS	Wed	SGS @ Westgate
Feb 22		Feb 7	
Tues	SGS @ St. Ignatius	Wed	St. Al's @ SGS
Feb 27		Feb 14	
Tues	St. Emile 2 @ SGS	Wed	St. Charles @ SGS
Mar 6		Feb 21	
		Mon	SGS @ Christ the King
		Mar 5	
		Wed	SGS @ Our Lady of Victory
Tues Jan 30 Tues Feb 6 Tues Feb 20 Thurs Feb 22 Tues Feb 27 Tues Mar 6		Mar 7	

### <u>Developmental</u> <u>Competitive</u>

Marzellus Majer Nahom Arike Yohannes Josh Dagmawe Ιjα Anthony Sadig Brayden Steven PJ Aluma Justin Sila Cedrick Sened Jim Boy Sumure

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\*\*\*Reminder for Players: Please ensure you have your uniform and that rides to and from games have been arranged BEFORE game days.