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March 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Message



Lord, during this time of Lent help us to open our minds and hearts to you. Give us the grace to follow you by accepting the invitation you give us to have a change of heart during this Lenten Season. Help us to take time and pray, help us to give; be it kindness, patience or a good deed. May we spread your light during Lent and always.

Thank you to the Parent Association and the many volunteers that spread their light on Shrove Tuesday, as our school community enjoyed a wonderful pancake lunch. We are blessed at St. Gerard for the many people that let their lights shine to make our school a better place; the Hot Lunch volunteers, the school volunteers, the Perogy Pinchers and all the others too many to mention, that throughout the year walk in the light of Jesus to help us at school. We are very fortunate to walk in the light of their goodness. To all of the families who share about our school, thank you for spreading the light of our Catholic education.

God Bless

Miss J. Gilbert



2019/2020 REGISTRATION

Registration packages for the 2019/2020 school year have been sent home. White pages in the package contain information for you to keep; and **all coloured** pages (with the exception of the **optional** School Bus Registration) must be completed (including signatures) and returned to the school in order to successfully register your child. Registrations missing any coloured forms or fees will be returned as **"INCOMPLETE"**. **Those families who will not be returning for the 2019/20 school year should indicate so, on the top page of the Registration Package, sign and return the entire package as requested.** Please note: If you currently use the Before and After School Program, new registration forms for 2019/20 will be sent out with the March invoices. If you anticipate the use of the Before/After School Program for 2019/20, and have not used it before, please see the office for a registration form.

Any questions regarding the packages can be directed to the School Office.

Please have your completed package returned to the Office by March 1st.

SPRING BREAK – MARCH 25th TO MARCH 29th
(Back to school – Monday, April 1st)

⚡ Storm Basketball ⚡



Our Storm basketball teams are entering their final month of action. Both teams are playing some competitive basketball and have really improved over the past month.

Our Competitive boys basketball team is playing quite well. They are currently 7-1 and are looking to continue this success right into the playoffs. Playoffs begin the week of March 4th. Our Developmental boys will have their tournament on March 1st.

For league standings and playoff seedings, go to www.mcsaa.ca.

Good luck to both teams as their season will be completed during the month of March.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Many of our families in past years 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' birthdays by sending greetings to them during morning announcements, as well as granting them a

“N.U.T.” Day
(No Uniform Today).

We thank parents for their cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the School Office.

KEEP THE DATE

Book fair – April 29 – May 3
Volunteers will be needed



YEARBOOK REMINDER

Final date to order 2018/2019 Yearbook is Friday, March 22, 2019.
ABSOLUTELY NO ORDER will be accepted after this date. Each copy is \$20.00.
Order forms are available in the School Office.

Perogies for Sale

St. Gerard "Perogy Pinchers" make and sell perogies (cheese/potato) for \$5.00 every Wednesday in the Church basement. If you would like to order, please contact Andrea at 667-2103; otherwise, call 667-3003 on Wednesday morning to place your order.

* The *Perogy Pinchers* are seeking volunteers from the School Community to assist them with their weekly "pinching". Volunteers earn credit dollars towards their family's 2019/2020 tuition fees. If you would like more information about volunteering for this group, please contact the School.

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.

KERNELS POPCORN NEWS

Just a reminder, if you ordered Kernels Popcorn, pick-up will be Wednesday, March 20th.

REMINDER:

There are several parents who pick up their children at the end of the school day. Please be considerate of this when parking along the fence. Please park in the same manner that you would as if you were parking on the south side of the building.

Please park in the designated area when picking up your child and not behind parked cars for the safety of our children.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE AT ANY TIME.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Tired of not knowing what to make for school lunches?

Try our Hot Lunch Program...
Available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday for only
\$4.00 per order - this includes beverage & dessert!
(Book of 10 tickets available in office for \$40.00)

First Thursday of the month is Hot Dog lunch
NO HOT LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS

DROP OFF ZONE for children in the morning AND Volunteer Parking

Please use the parking spaces along the gym wall to drop off your child(ren) in the morning or when you are volunteering.

Parking spaces along the school are assigned to staff who arrive at various times.

Thank you for your cooperation.