



St. Gerard School

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October 2014 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Behold the changing leaves, and enjoy the crisp breeze. Let your eyes take in the bursts of colour; enjoy the crunch of the leaves under your feet. Autumn has arrived, as we are falling back into routine of school and extra-curricular activities. May the spirit of Thanksgiving bring you love, laughter and a warm heart.

Miss J. Gilbert

COMMUNICATION

All students and parents are asked to read and familiarize themselves with the **Home-School Communication Handbook** located at the front of each student's agenda book. The St. Gerard website (www.stgerardschool.net) also contains pertinent school information and is updated regularly.

For families with two or more children - newsletters and school handouts are normally sent home with the youngest child, so please check the plastic pocket located at the front of your "Youngest or Only" child's agenda book, or in their backpack.

REMEMBER ...



Activity Fees,
Building Fees,
Bus Fees,
September &
October Tuition
should now be
paid.

Family Halloween Dress-Up and Dance

Saturday, October 25th - 7:00 to 10:00 pm

There will be games, canteen and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$6 per person (2 years & under free). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR EXACT NUMBER OF "GOBLINS"!

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Silent auction prizes and mini-chocolates for prizes will be accepted until Thursday, October 23rd

Thank you for your support in this fun evening! We will have a spook-tacular time!





SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ~

✠ *Reconciliation*

✠ *First Communion*

✠ *Confirmation*

The **Grade 2 Religion Program** prepares the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation in the Fall and First Holy Communion in the Spring, should the parents request it.

For your child in Grade 3 to Grade 8, Father Greg coordinates a multi-graded program for these Sacraments at the Parish. If you wish your child, Grade 3 and up, to receive these sacraments this year, you **must** register him/her with Father Greg at the Parish Office, 204-782-3135, as soon as possible.

The **Grade 6 Religion Program** prepares the children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring. For children in Grades 7 and 8, Father Greg coordinates a multi-graded program at the Parish to prepare the children to receive this Sacrament. Should you wish this sacrament for your child, Grade 7 and up, you **must** register him/her with Father Greg at the Parish Office, 204-782-3135, as soon as possible.

The School is again reminding all our families to please follow our “road safety” rules to ensure our children are safely dropped off and picked up from school:

- ▶ The lane is ONE WAY from Foster to Grey streets during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
- ▶ We thank our families for following the signage that indicates the area in front of our back lane door is a “No Stopping / No Drop-Off” area. For the safety of our children – please park in an open parking spot against the gym wall when dropping off or picking up your child. (NOTE: the spots against the school wall that are “numbered” are for STAFF ONLY. As there are minimal spots available for our staff’s use, please refrain from parking or stopping in these stalls at any time.)
- ▶ **DO NOT STOP OR PARK YOUR VEHICLE ON OUR NEIGHBOUR’S PROPERTY!**
- ▶ Many of our families are stopping/parking “hugged” up against the garages/fences situated along the school’s back lane. These areas are not school or public property – therefore, our families should be respecting the property of the home owner. Let’s practice and encourage “healthy living lifestyles” with our children by walking the short distance!
- ▶ **Please do not park in the School Bus Loading Zone on Foster Street (as indicated on the street signs).**

Let’s be respectful of each other – as we ask our children to be.

Parents

Please remember to call the School when your child will be absent or arriving late ~ it is very time-consuming to be tracking down students every morning to enquire of their whereabouts.

There are children who arrive late every morning ~ which not only disrupts the classroom, but also prevents your child from participating in Morning Prayer, and hearing school announcements.

Please have your child at School by 8:45 a.m. to ensure they are present for the entire school day!



Has your phone number changed?

Does the School Office have all your current phone numbers?

If an emergency occurs involving your child, we can only attempt to reach you at the numbers you have provided on your child’s Registration Form.

Because of this, we ask that you please advise the School Office immediately if these numbers change during the school year.

Thank you!



Yes, another year of STORM sports has begun and volleyball is the sport of choice. The volleyball teams have started practicing for the upcoming season. There were many who came for practices and with that, we are lucky to have 3 teams this year. We have a girls' and boys' competitive team and a girls' developmental team. Also we are blessed to have great coaches this year as well. Coaching the girls' competitive team is Mrs. T Beaudry, and coaching the developmental team will be Ms. Pyrozyk. Our boy's team is being coached by Mr. M. Chartrand and Mr. J. Knysh with Mr. Moore supervising. League play begins the week of September 29th and it looks to be another busy, but exciting year for STORM volleyball.

It is each player's responsibility to ensure that they have advised their parents of game days, and have coordinated transportation requirements prior to game day. Players who are car pooling with teammates should have all arrangements and parental approval done the evening before games. Parents, please do not call the School Office on game days and ask: *"Does my child have a ride to the game?"*

Dismissal time remains at 3:25. Players must bring all necessary clothing and equipment with them.

PLAYERS ARE NOT TO BE CALLING PARENTS ON GAME DAYS FOR RIDES, JERSEYS, FOOTWEAR, ETC.

We thank all parents for their support and help in enforcing these guidelines – we're teaching our children to be responsible to their commitments!

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL ON GAME DAYS TO CHEER ON THE "STORM" MUST BRING A NOTE FROM PARENTS GRANTING THEM PERMISSION TO STAY - DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL WITH "VERBAL" PERMISSION.

(SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS: PARENTS MUST CONTACT MRS. WONG TO INFORM HER OF SIBLINGS NOT GOING HOME ON THE BUS

GIRL'S COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL TEAM:

Shiana S. Allysa D.
Galli K. Olivia V.
Megan B. Emma H.
Mystica A. Janelle N.
Alyssa C. Akandu L.

BOY'S COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL TEAM:

Noah Y. David L.
Adrian P. Gerald O.
Tayler B. Zachary B.
Wences L. Amoli Y.
Eagen H. Jean Paul O.
Max T. Kenyi K.
Shorya K.

DEVELOPMENTAL GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Bailey L. Charelle C.
Fatima K. Igalé F.
MJ B. Tsion M.
Shanicia R. Eunice F.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

BOY'S	COMPETITIVE		
Wed Oct 1	St. G	@	St. Al's
Wed Oct 8	CTK	@	St. G
Wed Oct 15	St. G	@	St. M
Mon Oct 27	St. G	@	SJB
Wed Oct 29	WG	@	St G
Wed Nov 5	St .C	@	St. G
Mon Nov 17	St G	@	LC
Wed Nov 19	St E	@	St. G

GIRL'S	COMPETITIVE		
Wed Oct 1	HG	@	ST G
Wed Oct 8	ST G	@	St Al's
Mon Oct 20	ST G	@	ST M
Mon Nov 3	CTK	@	ST G
Wed Nov 5	ST G	@	WG
Mon Nov 10	ST G	@	HG
Wed Nov 12	LC	@	ST G
Mon Nov 17	BH	@	ST G

GIRL'S	DEVELOPMENTAL		
Thurs Oct 2	CTK	@	St. G
Tues Oct 7	St. G	@	St. I
Tues Oct 21	St. G	@	St. M
Tues Oct 28	St. G	@	HG
Thurs Nov 13	IHMS	@	St. G
Thurs Nov 20	St. E	@	St. G

IHMS	Immaculate Heart of Mary School	650 Flora Ave	ST G	St Gerard	40 Foster St
ST AL'S	St. Alphonsus	343 Munroe Ave	ST M	St Maurice	1639 Pembina Hwy
ST E	St Emile	552 St Anne's Rd	CTK	Christ the King	12 Lennox Ave
WG	Westgate	86 Westgate	LC	Linden Christian	877 Wilkes Ave
SJB	St John Brebeuf	603 Renfrew St	ST C	St Charles	331 St Charles St
HG	Holy Ghost	319 Selkirk Ave	BH	Balmoral Hall	630 Westminster Ave

FIT FACT

Underwater swimming is the only time you should hold your breath while exercising



Thanks...

To all the families who participated in our first fundraiser and sold Show 'n' Save Coupon books!
We sold over 200!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the generous Community of St Gerard.
We collected \$270.50 for Toonies for Todd
(Sept 26 - Believe in the Goal)

**LOOK FOR INFORMATION COMING SOON REGARDING OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER...
PEAK OF THE MARKET**

Yearbook 2014/2015 Reminder

Number of yearbooks needed to sell by Nov 3rd **30**
Number of yearbooks sold (to Sept. 23rd) **7**

Need to sell **23**

To order your yearbook(s), please complete the form below and send \$15 for each yearbook you wish to purchase. **The deadline to order yearbooks is November 3, 2014.**

The Yearbook Committee needs 30 books ordered and paid for by that date. If we cannot sell 23 more books by that date, there will be no yearbook in June. Production costs, time and effort, are not feasible without a minimum order of 30 books.

Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of classes in June, 2015.

St. Gerard's Yearbook Committee

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER Nov. 3, 2014



Yearbook 2014/2015

Order Deadline November 3, 2014

Please make cheque payable to:
"St. Gerard School Yearbook".
If paying cash, please send exact change.

FAMILY NAME: _____

Wishes to purchase _____ yearbook(s) at \$15* each

Please provide the following information: Yearbook #1 Student name _____ Grade _____
Yearbook #2 Student name _____ Grade _____
Yearbook #3 Student name _____ Grade _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

**Many of our families have begun volunteering at various school venues...
... thank you!!**



Please remember: It is each family's responsibility to ensure their volunteer hours are logged on the "*Volunteer Cash Back Program*" record sheet & verified with an authorized signature.

(Record sheets can be obtained from the School Office.)

Begin logging your hours after completion of your first volunteer project/event. Keep the record with you, and bring it along to every event you are volunteering at. When you have completed 20 or more volunteer hours, submit your family's record to the School Office to have your pre-paid volunteer fee (\$200) returned.

If your sheet is not submitted to the Office prior to the end of May, 2015- the Office assumes your hours have not been completed and your cheque will be cashed.

If you have any questions regarding the *Volunteer Cash Back Program*, please contact the school.

**CAN YOU HELP ?
SEEKING VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS...
for...**

- **Campbell's Soup Labels** – This person counts labels every few months, batches them, records numbers, and reports count to the school.
- **Casino Bingo Organizer** – This person would work in conjunction with the school by calling parents who volunteered to work at the casino bingos, giving people information about volunteering at the casino bingos, and relaying to the school who is volunteering on our required dates.

IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THESE POSITIONS, AND/OR REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE at 204-667-4862.

**We require volunteers
for our next Casino Bingo...**

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2014**

**at McPhillips Street Station
4:15-6:30 p.m.**

**If you available, please contact
the school office at **204-667-4862**
for more information.**

**Families are asked to save labels
from**

**Campbell's Soup
Products**

**(be sure to include the UPC and front
label - UPC only is required for
Campbell's Ready-to-use Broths.)**

**The labels are worth points – which are
redeemed for educational products to be
used by the school.**

For more information, visit:

www.labelsforeducation.ca

**Ask your family, friends, neighbours to save
their labels ~ collect
them and bring them in to school!**

***Note: Labels from the United States are not eligible in
Canada.***