



# St. Gerard School

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## March 2024 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

#### LENT

*May we draw from the Cross...  
The power to be humble,  
The strength to be meek,  
And the guidance to be true always!*

*Thank you to the many hands that prepared our Shrove Tuesday Lunch, everyone in our St. Gerard School community truly enjoyed. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers that lend their time and talents to make our school community a better place, from the families that volunteer at Pizza Lunch to the people who volunteer cutting the lawn and everything in between that people do at school, coaches, Parent Association, field trip volunteers, home volunteers and the list goes on. Thank you for sharing with us and giving to our community so willing. You are all excellent examples of God's gift of generosity.*

*Please continue to let your friends and families know about our school. You are our best advertisement. We appreciate the kind words you say about our school. We are Blessed to have such a wonderful community!*

*As spring break draws closer, may the children enjoy that break from routine and come back refreshed after Easter for the final term of this school year.*

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert  
Principal



### **2024/2025 REGISTRATION**

Registration packages for the 2024/2025 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 2024/25 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 2024/25 will be sent out with the March invoices. If you anticipate the use of the Before/After School Program for 2024/25, 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.

Your completed package was due **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If it has not been returned, please do so by **March 1, 2024**.

At that time we will start contacting new families.

**SPRING BREAK – MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> TO MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Back to school – Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**REMINDER TO FAMILIES**

*Parent - Teacher Conference*

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
(4:00-8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
(4:00-8:00 p.m.)

**Please check report card envelopes for the form.**

**KEEP THE DATE**



***The Scholastic Book Fair***  
**April 15 - 19, 2024**

Information to follow.

**REMINDER**

Please remember to include a spoon and fork with your child's snack/lunch if they will need one to eat.



**Reminder**



Still winter season. If possible please include an extra pair of mitts and socks. Students are not permitted to "stay in for recess" because they did not bring warm enough outdoor wear!



**YEARBOOK REMINDER**

Final date to order 2023/2024 Yearbook is Friday, March 22, 2024.  
**ABSOLUTELY NO ORDER** will be accepted after this date. Each copy is \$20.00.  
Order forms are available in the School Office.

### UNIFORM ORDER INFORMATION

Reminder regarding uniform ordering for 2024-2025 school year.

Complete ordering details will be sent out in April.

All orders should be placed in April and will be delivered to the school in June, 2024

### LENTEN ALMS GIVING

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Jam Buster Fundraiser for Lent

### Parking News!!!

*“Integrity: doing the right thing when no one else is watching”*

Please do not park in the handicap stall (even just for a second) if you do not have a handicap pass. There are many people who legitimately need to use this spot and you have taken that ability away from them.

Please do the right thing and park in a non-handicap spot!

#### 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.

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**



## Scholastic Book Fair - April 15<sup>th</sup> to Apr 19<sup>th</sup>

**Looking for a way to finish your 20 volunteer hours? Look no further!**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at St. Gerard from, April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>, and we are looking for volunteers! Scholastic Book Fairs give our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students and books together. It's the ultimate book event!

Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging our kids to read. It's also a great way to earn your volunteer hours!

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please fill out and return the slip at the bottom of this page with your preferred date and time by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

More information will be sent home with students as we get closer to the date of the book fair.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers - we couldn't do it without your participation.

Book Fair Committee - Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Shade and Mr. Kharchenko

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### Scholastic Book Fair Volunteer Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mon., April 15	Tues., April 16	Wed., April 17	Thurs., April 18	Fri., April 19
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 12:00
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<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 3:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 3:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 3:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 - 3:30	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 5:45 - 7:45 (During the Learning Fair)	

Return by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>