

St. Gerard School

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November 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

"BE HAPPY IN THE MOMENT - THAT'S ENOUGH.

EACH MOMENT IS ALL WE NEED - NOT MORE."

~MOTHER TERESA~

As we start the month of November we remember the men and women who have died in the wars so that we may have freedom in Canada. We remember the peace keepers and the soldiers of today that are assigned to war torn areas of the world and we pray and hope that they are safe and will return safe to their families and friends. We can be a positive influence on others by leading and showing peace to each other. Showing kindness and respect to others is an important part of being a peace-filled person. These acts of goodness can spread not only in the month of November but all year long. May we all make the extra efforts to be peace filled people.

Student led conferences are at the beginning of November. Students will be sharing with their families the learning they have been doing this year in school. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate your child's learning and help your child as they continue on the learning journey for this school year.

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert

Thank you!!!

A huge thank you to families who are not sending children to school when your child is sick, and coming to pick up promptly when called that they are not well at school.

Reminder

The 2 handicapped parking spaces located near the gym entrance are to be used by vehicles with designated handicapped stickers ONLY – at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Storm Volleyball



As we approach the end of the volleyball season, we thank the coaches for putting in the many hours they do for practises and games. The volleyball team has shown great team spirit and fair play throughout the season. Good luck to our Storm Volleyball team in their final games!

For up to date scores and standings, you can check out the website: <u>www.mcsaa.ca</u>.

REMINDER TO STUDENTS & PARENTS

Students who wish to stay at school to watch any sporting events, <u>must</u> have a <u>written permission note</u> from their parent. Please <u>do not</u> phone the school office with "<u>verbal</u>" permission. If students do not have a written note, and are not picked up at 3:30, they will be sent to the <u>After School Program</u> to wait for their ride - and parents <u>will be</u> charged for this service. If your child is a "School Bus Student" - you must <u>also</u> contact Mrs. Wong to notify her.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

will be held on

Friday, November 10th at 9:15 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cadets, Brownies, Girl Guides, Beavers, and Scouts may choose to wear those uniforms on November 10th.

Poppies will be distributed to all students on Monday, November 7th

Donations are gratefully accepted and will be forwarded to the Canadian Legion.



~ Lest We Forget ~

REMINDER

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

Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended, made donations & volunteered at our Annual Halloween Family Fun Party.

It was a HUGE SUCCESS!

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

There will be NO after school program available on Friday, December 22nd. This is the last day of school before Christmas Break – and the children will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m. Please ensure you make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:30 on that day.

the <u>bus children will be dismissed at 1:25</u> on December 22nd. Please be prepared to pick up your child at his/her school bus drop-off site approximately <u>two hours earlier</u> than the regular time.



WINE RAFFLE

A huge thank you to all the families that donated wine for our wine raffle, your support is much appreciated! Tickets for the raffle will be coming home with children shortly.

White Elephant Sale News

St. Gerard School is holding its 6th Annual White Elephant Sale.

The sale will be open to our students during school hours. Donations of gently used items are greatly appreciated.

More information (including dates) will be sent home shortly.

LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your children to check the "Lost & Found" bin at school for any items they may have misplaced. Items that are not claimed at the end of each month are donated to a needy organization.

REMEMBER ... your child's belongings & clothing should be labelled with their name. If items are labelled they can be returned to their owner!

LATE ARRIVAL REMINDER

All students (includes all grade levels) that arrive late for school are to use the back lane entrance so they are able to hand sanitize on arrival.

Thank you for your co-operation.

"Peak of the Market" FUNDRAISER

Peak of the Market forms
were sent home
Tuesday, October 24th
with orders due by
Thursday, November 2nd.
Delivery day will be
Tuesday, November 21st.

<u>REMINDER</u>

We try to be good neighbours to the homes that are our back lane neighbours. A reminder that these families have driveways to the lane and sometimes access their driveways when we are coming and going. Please be neighbourly and let them in and out. Also, please be cautious as you drive down the lane!

Thank you for the help with this.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Gerard School

<u> 2023</u>

Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 19th

Volunteers will be needed! More information will follow

ST. GERARD SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: If your child(ren) will not be using the school bus, please phone Mrs. Wong at 204-981-3502.

In the morning, please call between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. If there is no answer, please leave a message as Mrs. Wong may be driving at the time you call.

If you do not require the bus in the afternoon, please ensure you have sent a note to your child(ren)'s teacher to let them know not to dismiss with the bus students.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you very much for your cooperation in keeping our bus riding students safe.

Daily Milk Sales



Daily milk sales continue at school - white or chocolate milk at \$1.00 cash or a book of 10 tickets for \$10.00 available from the school office (cash or cheque payable to St. Gerard School).

Just a reminder that the school is collecting **TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**. We are also collecting **batteries** and **markers** for recycle. Please call the office for details.

Reminder

Parents... Please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate outdoor clothing, such as boots, parka, ski pants, hat/toque, scarf and mittens.

Please include an extra pair of mittens and socks. Students are not permitted to stay in because they did not wear proper outdoor wear.

Reminder

This fall has seen many of us having congested noses and coughing. We need to stay home when we are sick and can return when symptoms are becoming less. When we are at school we need to wear a mask if still experiencing any symptoms. Staff will be asking students to mask if they are with symptoms at school. This will hopefully help mitigate the spread of germs to others. We all want to remain healthy and taking these precautions we hope will help. If you should need any rapid antigen test kits we still have many available for use-please just make a request.

If possible, please send masks with your child(ren).



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Yearbook 2023/2024

As we grow older and look back on childhood memories, it is always nice to have pictures to help us remember. Our yearbook includes Pre-K to Grade 8 student individual pictures, class activities, school events, sporting events and more! St. Gerard has a tradition of publishing a yearbook filled with school year memories. In order to make this possible we need to sell 30 yearbooks by December 15, 2023.

To order your yearbook(s), please complete the form below and send \$15 (along with the form) for each yearbook you wish to purchase. If you require a hard copy of the form, please contact the school office. The deadline to order yearbooks is December 15, 2023.

Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of classes in June, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact the school office at (204) 667-4862.

Thank you, The Yearbook Committee

YEARBOOK 2023/2024

Order Deadline December 15, 2023

FAMILY NAME:

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

Please provide the following information to help with delivery:

Yearbook #1 Student name ______ Grade ____

Yearbook #2 Student name _____ Grade ____

Yearbook #3 Student name _____ Grade ____

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ______

Please make cheque payable to: "*St. Gerard School Yearbook*". If paying cash, please bring the correct amount. Thank you for your support!