



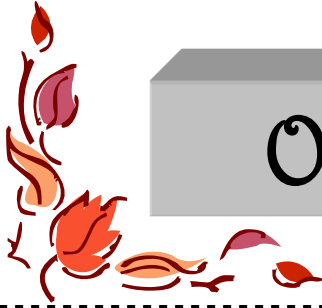
# St. Gerard School

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## October 2023 Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Be Kind,  
Be Genuine,  
Be Thoughtful,  
But most of all,  
Be Thankful!

May the beauty of autumn reach every corner of your life.  
We wish you all the joys of a wonderful Thanksgiving  
and a beautiful autumn season!

*God Bless*

*Miss Gilbert*

### 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/address 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!*

## Family Halloween Dress-Up and Dance

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 to 10:00 pm

There will be games, canteen and  
a silent auction.

Tickets are \$7 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  
Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

LOOK FOR  
INFORMATION  
COMING SOON  
REGARDING  
OUR NEXT  
FUNDRAISER:

**PEAK OF  
THE MARKET**

### YEARBOOK

Yearbook  
information for  
2023-2024  
school year will  
be sent home  
shortly.

### PARENT ASSOCIATION

All Parents are members of the Parent  
Association. If you attend meetings you  
are able to help organize fundraisers and  
events run by the Parent Association.

Our first meeting is  
Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 p.m. in the library.

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!
- ▶ The 2 handicapped parking spaces located near the gym entrance are to be used by vehicles with designated handicapped stickers only PLEASE.
- ▶ **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.



**REMINDER:** Please be aware of the reduced speed zone by the school on both Talbot and Foster. The speed zone is set at 30 km/h and is in force Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during September to June. It is for the safety of your children that the City of Winnipeg has enforced this speed zone.

## COMMUNICATION

For families with two or more children - school handouts are normally sent home with the youngest child, (unless your child is in Pre-K), so please check your "Youngest or Only" child's backpack DAILY. Often, notes are sent home which require a time-sensitive response. Please ensure we have your current email address as newsletter and other info will be sent out by email in order to keep paper to a minimum.



### REMEMBER ...

Activity Fees, Building Fees,  
Bus Fees (Sept. & Oct.)  
Tuition (Sept. & Oct.) should now  
be paid.

⚡ **STORM**



**VOLLEYBALL** ⚡

Yes, another year of STORM sports has begun and our students started playing this season. We have boys and girls on one Competitive team. We are blessed once again to have great coaches. Coaching the team are Miss Reann Beaudry and Miss Sara Hughes.

League play began on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and you can catch all the up to date results by visiting [www.mcsaa.ca](http://www.mcsaa.ca).

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)**

**COMPETITIVE  
VOLLEYBALL TEAM:**

<i>Azaleiah</i>	<i>Joseph</i>
<i>Christian (7)</i>	<i>Mariel</i>
<i>Emmanuel</i>	<i>Moses</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Noah</i>
<i>Fetsum</i>	<i>Tony</i>
<i>Henry</i>	

**Game Schedule and School**

Mon	Sept 25	St. Gerard	@ St. Alphonsus
Wed	Sept 27	St. Gerard	@ Holy Ghost 2
Mon	Oct 2	IHMS	@ St. Gerard
Mon	Oct 16	St. Ignatius	@ St. Gerard
Mon	Oct 30	Holy Cross	@ St. Gerard
Mon	Nov 6	St. Gerard	@ Linden Christian
Wed	Nov 8	St. Maurice	@ St. Gerard
Mon	Nov 13	St. Gerard	@ St. Charles

**Tournament Schedule**

Sat	Oct 28	Tournament - St. Alphonsus
		8:30 – 4:30
Sat	Nov 4	Tournament - St. Paul
		8:30 – 4:30



## WINE RAFFLE

Information regarding the Parent Association wine basket raffle will be sent home shortly. Donations of wine can be dropped off at the school office during school hours up to Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly after with the draw taking place at the Christmas Concert on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your participation.

## 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).

If you have any tickets left from last year they are still good for this year.

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 and 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 submit your family's record to the School Office to have your pre-paid volunteer fee returned.

If your volunteer sheet are not submitted to the Office PRIOR to the end of each schedule - 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.

## Believe in the Goal Update

*Our Cancer Run Day was a beautiful day.*

*We raised \$310.00 for "Toonies for Todd."*

*Thank you for your support!*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all students who are bringing their refillable water bottles to school, using our water station.



## REMINDER TO BUS STUDENTS

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE ON THE BUS

Please ensure your water bottle is secure in your backpack so that they are not coming loose and rolling down the bus aisle.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If your child is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion ( Gr. 2 ) or Confirmation ( Gr.6 ) at St. Gerard Parish please contact the parish office at 204-667-0523 for information.