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December 2021 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."*

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta~

Advent is a time of year we find ourselves encircled with the images and emotions of the wreaths, the lights and the anticipation of Christmas. God fills our spirits with courage and our hearts with hope. We hear the story of our faith: Emmanuel, God is with us, as we prepare during the Advent Season. May we give thanks and show thanks for the presence of God in our lives, for calling us to be better people and show our acts of kindness to each other, giving us hope during this season and all year round. May we prepare our hearts and homes for the Reason for the Season – Christ! May your family and friends be filled with Hope, Love, and Joy this Christmas Season and all year long.

God Bless,
Miss J. Gilbert, Principal



Season's Greetings to all St. Gerard School Families!

As we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, the Students and Staff have been hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas Concert: "Twas the Night of Christ". However, due to the pandemic, our annual concert will continue to be a virtual concert that you can enjoy at home. We will be sending you the link on concert day, Thursday, December 16, 2021.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Thank you to all who have ordered to date. We have sold 9 but need to have 30 in order to print. If you are still interested in purchasing a yearbook (or 2), you have until Dec. 17th to order a copy at \$15.00.

Order forms are available in the School Office.

St. Gerard Parent Association

The Parent Association has started a GOFUNDME account to collect donations to upgrade outdoor space. If you choose to donate you will receive a charitable donation receipt that you may use when you file your taxes. Every little bit will help us reach our goal.
Thank-you.

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/st-gerard-school-play-structure-fundraiser>

WINE RAFFLE DONATION

A huge thank you to all the families that donated wine for our wine raffle, your support is much appreciated! Sold tickets for the raffle are due December 10th.

Uniforms

All uniform pieces will be available to order on-line at any time of the year.

www.envisionuniforms.ca

If you have used uniforms that you do not need, you can donate them to school.



Lost & Found

Please encourage your child to regularly check their classroom for any items they may have misplaced.

PARENTS: please ensure clothing items are labeled with your child's name so "found" items can be returned to the owner. When laundering your child's uniform items - check for items that may not belong to your family, and have mistakenly been brought home. If another child's name appears in the item - please return it to the Office so these items can be returned to the right family.



HOT LUNCH UPDATE



St. Gerard School is happy to announce the Hot Lunch Program is able to run a Pizza Lunch every Friday. Lunches **must be pre-ordered on Wednesday**, as Pizza Pizza requires 48 hours notice. Lunch can be an x-large slice of either cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$3.00 or the "full meal deal" of an x-large slice of either cheese or pepperoni pizza, choice of beverage (white milk, chocolate milk or juice) and dessert for \$5.00. Please order by placing exact change (or lunch ticket) in an envelope with your child's name clearly printed. **Please use a separate envelope for each child.**

We are also offering the opportunity to purchase either white or chocolate milk daily for \$1.00 or you can purchase a book of 10 vouchers for \$9.00. Cheques for books of milk vouchers (10 for \$9.00) or lunch tickets (10 for \$50) should be made payable to St. Gerard Hot Lunch Program.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Friday meal distribution.

If you would like more information please contact the school at 204-667-4862.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND IS THE FINAL DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK.
THIS WILL BE AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY (2:25 P.M.) FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.**



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

There will be **NO After School Program** available on Thurs., December 22nd.
(Before School Program will be available on this day.)

Please make certain you make transportation arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:25 dismissal time.

SCHOOL BUS FAMILIES

In anticipation of an increased amount of traffic on this day, the school bus will be departing the school at an earlier time. **The students who use the school bus for afternoon transportation home will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m.** Please ensure that arrangements are in place for someone to receive your child either at home, or at their stop approximately 2 hours earlier than their usual drop-off time when classes are dismissed at 3:25 p.m. (e.g. if your child is normally dropped off at 4:00 p.m., the drop-off time that day will be at approximately 2:00 p.m.).

THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

This year in the spirit of giving for Advent we are asking each grade to bring specific items. These items will be donated to Sisters of the Missionary Charity Soup Kitchen. Please find your child's grade in the list below and when you are doing your grocery shopping buy a few of those items for those less fortunate than us. This is a wonderful time to show your giving spirit!

Kindergarten	-	<i>Canned Fruit and Vegetables</i>	-	packed in own juice
Grade 1	-	<i>Canned Stew, Chili, Brown Beans</i>		
Grade 2	-	<i>Whole Grain Pasta</i>		
Grade 3	-	<i>Peanut Butter</i>		
Grade 4	-	<i>Baby Formula and Food</i>	-	iron-enriched formula, baby food jars (vegetables, fruit or meat), infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice
Grade 5	-	<i>Rice</i>	-	Plain, brown, converted or parboiled
Grade 6	-	<i>Canned Spaghetti Sauce</i>		
Grade 7	-	<i>Cereal</i>	-	plain, fiber, and non-sugar coated
Grade 8	-	<i>Canned Soup</i>	-	vegetable, tomato, lentil, pea

White Elephant Sale

Donations of gently used and clean items can be dropped off at St. Gerard School from November 22 - December 03, 2021. A full list is on the email that was sent out by Miss Gilbert on Nov. 19th. The sale will be open to our children during school hours on Dec. 6th & 7th.

Items will be priced from \$.50 to \$4.00.

Thank you for your support.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



Would you like to purchase a gift for someone special or find something new for yourself?

We invite students to come on December 6th and 7th and look through the items we have collected.

There are a wide range of items priced from .50 to \$4.00.

St. Gerard Parent Association would like to thank everyone who donated to the White Elephant Sale.