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FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Be the living expression of God's kindness:

Kindness in your face

Kindness in your eyes

Kindness in your smile."

~Mother Teresa~

We celebrate Catholic Schools this month, especially our St. Gerard Community. We are all fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. We share our faith, knowledge and kindness with each other on a daily basis. Especially through these COVID times we share support, love and working together for everyone in our community. Thank you to the families that send their prized possessions, their children, to learn and grow at our school. We are very fortunate to have you all as part of our St. Gerard School Community. We are blessed with fantastic volunteers that give of themselves regularly. We are fortunate to have a community that works together to make our school an amazing place to learn, grow and be a part of. St. Gerard School is a wonderful place to come and grow in our faith, academics and friendships!

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert

2022/2023 School Year

We are accepting names for our Pre-Kindergarten (age 3 & 4) and Kindergarten (age 5 by Dec 31, 2022) programs, as well as for Grades One to Eight where space is available.

Please mention St. Gerard School to family and friends who may be looking for a **great** school!

Catholic Schools Week - February 14th to 18th

Check the calendar for activities taking place during Catholic Schools Week! Students are given the opportunity to dress according to the daily dress theme indicated on the calendar.

If you pre-ordered Subway lunch for February 15th, it will be given to your child in their classroom.

St. Gerard School will offer Full time Kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year.

If you know families interested in full time kindergarten, please have them contact the school at 204-667-4862

Yearbook Reminder

If you missed the December deadline, you can still order a copy of the yearbook @\$20.00. Order forms are in the office – deadline for order is March 25, 2022. Absolutely NO yearbook order will be accepted after March 25, 2022.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Kavats to our St. Gerard School staff. Mrs. Kavats is our new Educational Assistant.

Handicapped Parking Reminder



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

Thank you for your cooperation!

Hot Lunch Reminder

St. Gerard School Pizza Lunches will be held every Friday that we are in school.

Lunches must be pre-ordered on Wednesday – no exceptions

We are also offering the opportunity to purchase white milk or chocolate milk on a daily basis - \$1.00 cash or a book of 10 tickets for \$9.00.

2022-2023 REGISTRATION

Registration Packages for the 2022-2023 School Year will be going home with your child mid-February.

The registration packages contain white pages and coloured pages. White pages are information only and are for you to keep.

All coloured pages (with the exception of the grey OPTIONAL School Bus form) 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 to families as "INCOMPLETE". If you have a child of age for Kindergarten, please notify the school ASAP in order to ensure a spot is available.

Those families who will not be returning for the 2022/23 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 2022/23 will be sent out with the March invoices. If you anticipate the use of the Before/After School Program for 2022/23, and have not used it before, please see the office for forms.

Any questions regarding the packages can be directed to the School Office.

All returning students should have their registration packages back to school by Friday, February 25, 2022.



St. Boniface Diocesan High School Open House (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
7:00 p.m.
282 Dubuc Street

Please call 987-1560 or e-mail admin@sbdhs.net for more information, or visit the website at www.sbdhs.net

Date to Remember

Year at a Glance
Missing In-Service Date:

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022



If your child is going to be late, please notify the school. Even though your child is buzzed in when they are late, please have them report to the office to confirm their attendance.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!
For those parents and students who already do...MANY THANKS!

PANCAKE LUNCH



Tuesday, March 1st.

Order forms will be sent out shortly and are due by Thursday, February 17th.

Absolutely **NO** late orders will be accepted

The 2020-2021 School Year Charitable Donation Receipts,

for inclusion with your **2021** tax return, will be prepared for qualifying families.

They will be mailed out to those families when completed.



WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS!

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be exchanging Valentine's or Valentine treats this year.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Friendly Reminder for Bus Students

Ensure your child is at their stop 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.

If Mrs. Wong cannot answer the phone while driving, please leave a message on her cellphone and she will call you back once she is done with her run.

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.