



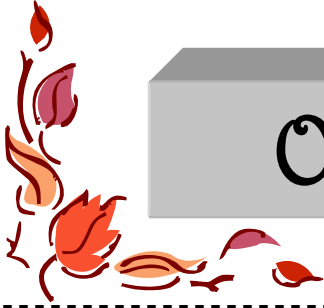
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October 2021 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Lifes' Riches

*When we count our many blessings;
It isn't hard to see that life's most valued treasures
are the treasures that are free.
For it isn't what we own or buy that signifies our wealth.
It's the special gifts that have no price:
our family, friends and health.
~Anonymous~*

May the bounties of the Harvest and Thanksgiving season fill your hearts and homes with love and peace. We wish you all the joys of a wonderful and beautiful autumn season. May you and your families be thankful for the blessing and riches that life has given you.

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 on time to ensure they are present for the entire school day!



Has your phone number 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!

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.



WINE RAFFLE

Information regarding the Parent Association wine basket raffle will be sent home by email. Donations of wine can be dropped off at the school office during school hours up to Friday, October 29th. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly with the draw taking place on December 16th.

Thank you for your participation.

Halloween Update

Our Halloween Family Fun Party will not be happening this year. With the current Public Health Protocols we are unable to have this event.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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.



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Yearbook 2021/2022

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 17, 2021.

To order your yearbook(s), please complete the form below and send the form, along with \$15.00 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 17, 2021.

Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of classes in June, 2022.

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

Thank you,
The Yearbook Committee

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YEARBOOK 2021/2022

Order Deadline December 17, 2021

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!