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December 2019 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"One candle for Hope... One candle for Peace... One candle for Joy... One candle for love"

It's that time of year again - when the air gets crisper, the days grow shorter, and just about everyone's thoughts turn to Christmas. Advent is a time of getting ready. Soon we will celebrate the birth of Christ... and always we look forward to the day when Christ will come again. May peace and light fill your home and your hearts this Advent Season.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas filled with peace, love and joy!

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert, Principal



"The Christmas Story"

St. Gerard School Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 ~ 7:00 p.m.
(Matinee Performance at 1:15 p.m.)

(Audience Welcome - same as evening performance)

Doors will open at 6:30 pm for the evening performance.

Students should all be wearing their *Sunday Best* (neat and orderly clothes they would normally wear to a proper or formal event).

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR JEANS OF ANY KIND.

Students must be in their classrooms at 6:30 pm on concert evening.

Parent Association Bake Sale & Raffle to take place prior to the start of the Concert!

YEARBOOK UPDATE

WE ARE GOING TO PRINT THIS YEAR!!!

Thank you to all who have ordered to date. If you are still interested in purchasing a yearbook (or 2), you have until Dec. 20th to order a copy at \$15.00.

An additional \$5.00 late fee per yearbook will be added to orders received Jan. 6 – Mar. 27, 2020 for a total cost of \$20.00 per yearbook.

Order forms are available in the School Office.

Absolutely no orders will be accepted after April 1st, 2020.



Parent Association Annual Christmas Bake Sale

All parents/guardians are members of this Association

**Donations of baking will be accepted
in the School Office**

Monday, Dec. 16th to Tuesday, Dec. 17th.

Please do not send any baking which requires refrigeration - i.e. Cheesecake; Please ensure your baked goods are pre-cut and ready for packaging with the other donations.



Assorted dainty plates will be made from the donations received. Thank you!
Baking will be sold prior to the Concert (6:30-6:55 p.m.)



THANK YOU

Parents/Visitors

for removing your outdoor footwear at the school entrances. Your effort to help keep our school clean is a great example to the students!

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 13th.

Traffic Issues



A letter has been sent home recently regarding traffic issues. Please ensure that the information is passed on to all individuals who may be picking up or dropping off your children.



Please encourage your child to regularly 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.

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 PROGRAM

The Hot Lunch Program sells lunch tickets in a book:
10 tickets for \$40.00.

This is a convenient way for your child to use the Program – it eliminates the need for parents to scramble for exact change in the mornings. A pre-paid lunch ticket can be sent with your child tucked into the clear pocket of their agenda.

Remember...there is NO Hot Lunch Program on Wednesdays.

Please check the calendar for menu changes. (Hot dog days).

If you wish to purchase a book of tickets for Hot Lunch, please send cash or cheque for \$40.00 to the school office made out to:

St. Gerard School Hot Lunch



STORM VOLLEYBALL

***Playoffs held the week of November 25th-30th.
Results will be in the January newsletter.***

Good luck to our teams in Playoffs!

Thanks a million to our volunteer coaches for the many hours they put in helping our teams develop.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH 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 Friday, December 20th.
(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 to place under our giving tree in the hallway near the Grade 3 classroom. These items will be donated to a worthy organization. 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

Friday, December 13, 2019

Donations of gently used and clean items can be dropped off at St. Gerard School from November 18 - December 09, 2019. The sale will be open to our children during school hours.

Thank you for your support.