



# St. Gerard School

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## JANUARY 2020

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto men His son hath given;  
While angels sing with tender mirth,  
A glad new year to all the earth."

~Martin Luther~

Wishing everyone great promise, love and faith as we start 2020.  
Happy New Year to all of our St. Gerard School Community!

*God Bless,*

*Miss Gilbert*



Please remember to call the school when your child will be away from school. If you call before 8:15 a.m., please leave a message on the answering machine, with your child's full name/grade.

Attendance is taken at 8:55 a.m. and we are responsible to account for all students. It can take a great deal of time to track down parents to check on missing students.

This is done for the safety of your child. Please be considerate and contact the school to advise of your child's absence/tardiness.

(Do not advise a sibling or other student to notify the Office of your child's absence – it is the responsibility of the parent.)

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

### 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!



### Parents ...

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate outdoor clothing.

Temperatures can change rather quickly. Students should be prepared for outdoor conditions by having ski pants, hat, scarf, mittens, etc. with them. Students are not permitted to "stay in for recess" because they did not bring warm enough outdoor wear!

## NEW ADDRESS? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the office of any changes to your home address, home phone number or cell numbers. It is imperative that the office has up to date contact information, should your child become ill or require immediate attention.

# Almost half way there!



January 31<sup>st</sup> marks the half-way point of our school year, which means that all families should have at least half of their current school year tuition paid at this time. St. Gerard School, as with all independent schools, receives only 50% in government funding ~ therefore, your payments are essential to meet the financial demands of the school. School bus fees are required for the daily operation and continuous maintenance of the bus –and are required to be paid in full or monthly.

The *Before & After Program* is a “user-pay” program that charges a nominal fee to pay for salaries and supplies. If your family uses the *Before & After Program*, the fee is due upon receipt of your monthly bill (normally the first week of the following month). Without payment, this program cannot continue to exist, so prompt payment is necessary and appreciated.

***Thank you for assisting St. Gerard School to operate successfully for the benefit of all students!***



## SCHOOL BUS NEWS



**The School Bus** will not run if the temperature (with wind chill) is -45 or colder. **In the event that the bus is cancelled in the morning this cancellation will be in effect for the whole day.** Please listen to CJOB for Winnipeg division school bus information. You will be contacted by phone that the bus is not running.

Please have your family waiting at their stop in the morning. They should be dressed appropriate for the weather conditions, as at times, the bus may be running behind schedule due to traffic or weather conditions – and the children may have to wait a few minutes longer for the bus to arrive. If all our passengers are ready and waiting at their stop, this helps keep the bus on schedule.

When your child will not be on the bus (in the morning and/or afternoon) please remember to contact

**Mrs. Wong at (204) 981-3502  
between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

*Thank you!*

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

St. Gerard School offers a Hot Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

A meal is \$4.00 which includes a beverage and a dessert.  
EXACT CHANGE IS PREFERRED.

A book of 10 tickets can be purchased in the school office for \$40.00.

(Napkins, forks, spoons, plastic cups are not provided to students who do not order hot lunch)

A reminder that the HOT LUNCH PROGRAM is **not offered on Wednesdays**

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM IN ORDER FOR IT TO CONTINUE.

## PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you to our generous families who donated baking to the Christmas Concert Bake Sale and to our parents who volunteered their time to assist with the Bake Sale, Raffle Ticket Sales and White Elephant Sale

### **NEXT ACTIVITY: PANCAKE LUNCH**

**( Shrove Tuesday – February 25, 2020 )**

**All parents are encouraged to participate!**

**Next Meeting : Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

## Yearbook Update

If you missed December deadline, you can still order a copy @ \$20.00. Order forms are in the office – deadline for order is March 27, 2020. Absolutely NO yearbook order will be accepted after March 31, 2020.

## WINE RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the winners from our Wine Raffle Draw: (December 18, 2019 )

First Prize: Jonald Punsalan  
Second Prize: Michelle W  
Third Prize: Joselito Garcia

Thank you to all families who supported the Fundraising.

## Storm Volleyball Update

*Congratulations to both our girls and boys volleyball teams as their seasons have come to an end. They worked hard to develop their skills as individuals and as a team. They showed fair-play and team spirit! Our boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tier 2. Thanks a million to our volunteer coaches for the many hours they put in helping our teams develop.*

## Reminder

**St. Gerard's Parent Association has a year-long fundraiser with Mabel's Labels.**

Please see:  
[campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)



## STUDENT ILLNESS & MEDICATION



As indicated in the Student Handbook, St. Gerard School does not have facilities to accommodate children who are ill. When a student becomes ill, we will call a parent (or Emergency Contact, if necessary) to request that the student be picked up. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FAMILIES ENSURE ALL PHONE NUMBERS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE ARE CURRENT.** Out of consideration for the health of others, a child who is not well should be kept at home. Please contact the School Office when your child will not be in attendance at school due to illness, appointments, or other planned/unplanned absences.

The school does not keep pain relief or cough medication on hand to administer to students. **A child who is not well enough to go outside for recess should be kept at home.**

Parents should administer any required medication at home, when possible. If a student requires a prescription (**or over-the-counter**) medication to be administered at school – parents must complete an “Authorization of Prescribed Medication” form (available from the Office); or submit a note to the Office with the medication indicating:

- **DATE THE NOTE**
- **NAME OF CHILD/GRADE**
- **NAME OF MEDICATION**
- **DOSAGE OF MEDICATION & TIME TO BE TAKEN, AS WELL AS ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (I.E. TO BE TAKEN AFTER LUNCH). THE MEDICATION SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL IN THE ORIGINAL PHARMACY'S CONTAINER.**

**WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION** is imperative for your child's safety. It is not the school's responsibility to decide when medication should be administered - and therefore specific instructions from the parent must be submitted with the medication. Students should not be presenting medication to the Office with “verbal” instructions from home. For the safety of your child: Please take the time to write out this important information.

For the safety of the entire school – all medication should be kept in the School Office.

**Please do not send medication with your child and advise them “... to keep it in their backpack or locker until they need it”.** This is an extremely unsafe practice and can put the School in a precarious situation should the medication be accessed and ingested by another student.

Basketball Schedule  
2019-2020

Against -Home Game  
@ - Away Game



**Competitive Team:**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @ Linden Christian1  
Monday, January 20, 2020 @ St. Ignatius\*  
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ St. Emile2  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 against Holy Ghost  
Monday, February 3, 2020 @ St. Charles+  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 against Westgate  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 against St. John Brebeuf  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 against St. Maurice1

+2:45 dismissal

\*3:00 dismissal

Holy Ghost School (319 Selkirk Ave)  
Linden Christian (877 Wilkes Ave)  
St. Charles (331 St. Charles Street)  
St. Emile (552 St. Anne's Road)  
St. Ignatius (239 Harrow Street)  
St. Maurice (1639 Pembina Hwy)  
St. Alphonsus School (343 Munroe Ave)

**Boys Developmental Team:**

Thursday, January 30, 2020 against St. John Brebeuf 2  
Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ St. Alphonsus  
Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ Holy Ghost  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 against Westgate  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ St. Emile1  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 against Our Lady of Victory

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.

**Competitive**

**Mihr  
Sened  
Martha  
Oliver  
Sila  
Braydin  
Cedrick  
Sumure  
Jonavyn  
Settimo**

**Developmental**

**Aiden  
Ethan  
Eyob  
Lorenzo  
Dagmawi  
Lucas  
Amar  
Tian  
Sukhraj**

**\*\*\*Reminder for Players: Please ensure you have your uniform and that rides to and from games have been arranged BEFORE game days.**