

# St. Gerard School

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## September 2019

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



*There is something you must always remember...  
You are Braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem,  
And Smarter than you think.*

*~Christopher Robin~*

*Welcome to the start on the 2019-2020 school year. We would like to welcome new students, their families and staff to the community of St. Gerard. To our returning families, it is great to see you after the summer break. As we all return with joy and excitement may we grow this year spiritually and academically.*

*May God be with us in our successes as learners and guide us on the days we need a caring hand. Wishing everyone a wonderful school year!*

*God Bless,  
Miss J. Gilbert, Principal*

#### 2019/2020 ST. GERARD SCHOOL STAFF

Miss J. Gilbert	- Principal	Mrs. C. Deang	- Administrative Assistant
Mrs. J. Francisco	- Pre-K /Library/Music	Mrs. A. Chartrand	- Administrative Assistant
Mrs. B. Potkonjak/Mrs. J. Parsons	- Kindergarten	Mr. D. Kolowca	- Physical Education
Miss E. Logan	- Grade 1	Mrs. C. Yorski	- Educational Assistant/ Before and After
Mrs. S. Shade	- Grade 2	Mr. J. Calvo	- Educational Assistant/Gr. 7 Geography
Mrs. J. Pelleck	- Grade 3	Mrs. S. Letkeman	- Educational Assistant
Mrs. H. Pollock	- Grade 4	Ms. J. Vines	- Educational Assistant
Mrs. R. Cunningham	- Grade 5	Mrs. J. Parsons	- Resource Teacher
Miss M. Pyrozyk	- Grade 6	Mr. E. Dyck	- Guitar
Mr. C. Smith	- Grade 7	Mr. J. Munoz	- Custodian
Mr. T. Moore	- Grade 8	Mrs. R. Wong	- School Bus Driver
		Father Janusz Maron	- Pastor

#### SCHOOL TIMETABLE:

First Bell:	8:45 a.m.
Second Bell:	8:55 a.m. (Announcements)
Lunch K-Grade 5:	12:10 -12:55 p.m.
Lunch Grades 6-8:	11:45 -12:35 p.m.
Dismissal:	3:25 p.m.



Parents...Please ensure your children are at school ON TIME to join in the singing of "Oh, Canada" & the Morning Prayer – morning announcements follow with important information.



**None of us are "nutty" around here!**

**ST. GERARD SCHOOL PROMOTES A "NUT-SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT".**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD WITH YOUR CHILD THAT CONTAINS (OR MAY CONTAIN) NUTS – AS WE HAVE STUDENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING NUT ALLERGIES.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP ALL OUR CHILDREN SAFE!**

# Welcome Back!

## "HOMECOMING BBQ & MEET THE TEACHER" EVENING



Parents/Guardians are invited to "Meet the Teacher"

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

BBQ\* 5:00-6:30 p.m. • Meet the Teacher 6:30-7:45



This evening provides families the opportunity to meet teachers and staff and to visit your child's classroom. As well it is a fantastic opportunity to meet & mingle with other families of students in your child's class!  
(\*Food must be pre-ordered using the order form in the Homecoming/BBQ pamphlet.)

All families are encouraged to attend the **Meet the Teacher**, even if you are not attending the BBQ.  
We look forward to seeing everyone on the 12<sup>th</sup>!!

### Uniform Sale

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Cash or cheque only.

### UNIFORM DONATION

IF YOU HAVE USED  
UNIFORMS THAT YOU DO  
NOT NEED, YOU CAN  
DONATE THEM TO SCHOOL.

THANK YOU!



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CHANGES

Grade 2 – Reconciliation & First Communion  
Grade 6 – Confirmation

This year Sacraments (First Communion and Confirmation) will be taught through St. Gerard Parish on Saturdays much like it was done last year. Gyan Reyes is the instructor. He will be available at the Parish on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for you to meet him, hand in your registration forms or to talk with him personally if you have any questions. We sent the registration forms and class dates home so you have all the information needed to register your child for Sacramental preparation. If you choose to register your child either prepare the registration forms and return to Gyan on Saturday or return to the school by September 12, 2019 and we will forward to the parish office.

## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

All families have received a copy of "2019/2020 Year-at-a-Glance" which indicates holidays, in-service, administration days, and early dismissal days for the school year. These days are printed on the monthly school calendar which your child brings home with the newsletter.

(This information is also available on the School's website: [www.stgerardschool.net](http://www.stgerardschool.net))

Please mark the dates at home to remind yourself when your child will be dismissed early to ensure they have a ride at 2:25 p.m. Early dismissal days are scheduled to provide time for school personnel to attend Staff Meetings. Teachers/Staff are not available to supervise students after 2:30 p.m. on these days. Students are not permitted to wait unsupervised for their ride – and students not picked up by 2:30 will be sent to the *After School Program* (a service Parents **will be** charged for).

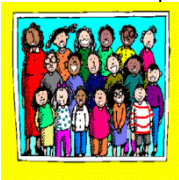
**DO NOT INSTRUCT YOUR CHILD TO PHONE TO REMIND, OR ARRANGE RIDES ON EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS, ETC. SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE. THE PHONE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY.**

We do our best to keep our families informed of all school events.

It is the parent's responsibility to read all school correspondence in a timely manner to ensure they are informed of important announcements/events. Parents should check backpacks/agenda books daily for notes, newsletters, permission slips, etc. (Ask your child each day if there are any notes sent home from school!)

Parents who do not receive a calendar/newsletter each month, should contact the School Office to have another sent home. Thank you!

**First Early Dismissal Day is September 10, 2019**



Mark your calendar...  
**Picture Day:**  
**Tuesday, October 15 (K - 8)**  
 Picture day for Pre-K is November 15th

← **Parent Volunteers** are required on Picture Day (8:15-9:15 a.m.) for playground supervision. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you are able to assist with this request.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Many of our families in past years have chosen to celebrate their child's birthday by generously providing the entire class with cake, treats, and beverages.

**Unfortunately, the school is unable to allow this practice – mainly due to severe food allergies which may prevent some children from participating in the “party”.**

(As well, the celebration is a disruption to the day's lessons.)

The teachers have asked that all birthday celebrations be conducted at venues outside of the school. St. Gerard will continue to recognize our students' birthdays by sending greetings to them during morning announcements, as well as granting them a “N.U.T.” Day (**No Uniform Today**).

**We thank parents for their cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the School Office.**



### Reduced Speed Limits in School Zones:

Please remember the reduced speed zone on Talbot Avenue. The reduced speed limit is set at 30 km/hr and in force Monday to Friday from 7:00 – 17:30, in the months of September to June. This has been set out by the City of Winnipeg. You will find signs to indicate the start and end of the reduced speed zone. Please be mindful of this as you drive down Talbot Avenue during the school months. It is for the safety of our children.

## School Bus News

### A FEW REMINDERS TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO USE THE SCHOOL BUS:

- ★ Ensure your child is at their stop 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.
- ★ Call **Mrs. Wong 204-981-3502** (7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.) - on the days your child will not be taking the bus.
- ★ Remind your children to be courteous to the driver and other children.

## PARENTS ...

**WHEN DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP YOUR CHILD – PLEASE DO NOT STOP/PARK ON FOSTER STREET WITHIN THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS AREA.**  
**THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER REQUIRES THE ENTIRE DESIGNATED SPACE TO SAFELY PARK THE BUS.**

**ALSO, PLEASE RESPECT THE 2 DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED SPOTS ALONG THE SIDE OF THE SCHOOL.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

## SCHOOL FEES

All families are aware of their yearly mandatory school fees, and have been invoiced for such.

Please be aware that all SEPTEMBER fees were due **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, and should be submitted to the School Office (Activity, Building Improvement, Tuition, School Bus).

**If you have not already done so, and in order to keep your account up-to-date, please submit your fees immediately.**

(Note: An outstanding **Activity Fee** may hinder your child's participation in Field Trips until fees, which are used to pay for these events, are collected.)

If you have submitted your payments, they will be applied to your account accordingly, and you will receive a receipt.

For those requiring payment plan information or current balances, please contact the Office.

*Thank you for your timely payments!*

## **Attention: All Volunteers ....**

It is your responsibility to ensure all your volunteer hours are logged on the: **VOLUNTEER CASH BACK PROGRAM** form and verified with an authorized signature.

**THE SCHOOL OFFICE DOES NOT KEEP TRACK OF THE HOURS YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED.**

Forms are available from the School Office – please pick one up, or have one sent home with your child, to keep track of your hours.

Once you have completed volunteer hours, submit your form to the School Office as per the schedule to have your pre-paid Non-Volunteer Fees returned.

If you have any questions regarding this Program, please contact the School Office.  
**Thank you!**



## “IS THIS YOURS?”

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR NAME** (INCLUDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES, GYM/FOOTWEAR, SWEATERS, LUNCH BOX/THERMOS, ETC.). THERE ARE MANY ITEMS COLLECTED IN THE “**LOST & FOUND**” THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CLAIMED – AS ITEMS ARE NOT LABELLED. “**LOST & FOUND**” ITEMS NOT CLAIMED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH ARE DONATED TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO CHECK “**LOST & FOUND**” FOR ITEMS THEY MAY HAVE MISPLACED.

THE GYM UNIFORM FOR ALL **GRADES 4 to 8** STUDENTS CONSISTS OF THE GREY “**STORM**” T-SHIRT AND BLACK SHORTS. THESE ITEMS ARE OFTEN LEFT BEHIND IN THE CHANGE ROOM AFTER GYM CLASS, AND WITHOUT A NAME ON THE CLOTHING ITEMS, THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE CORRECT STUDENT.

THE SCHOOL SWEATERS SHOULD ALSO BE LABELLED. MANY STUDENTS REMOVE THEIR SWEATER INDOORS (AND OUTDOORS DURING RECESS) AND OFTEN LEAVE THEM BEHIND.

*We would like to welcome*

**Mr. Smith** (Grade 7 Teacher) &

**Ms. Vines** (Educational Assistant)

*to our St. Gerard School staff.*

*Please help us in welcoming them to our school community.*

Congratulations to our Las Vegas Fundraiser Trip winner :

**Mr. Nolan Selkirk**

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**THANK YOU**

*Thank you to all the families who supported/participated in our Las Vegas Fundraiser for 2018/19.*

## SHOW & SAVE

### MOBILE APP



Our School will be raising money this September by selling Show & Save.

The Show & Save App has exploded in popularity. The simplicity and convenience of it, along with the growing number of cool features has helped people to save more money than ever before.

You can buy back and flag your favorite coupons, keep track of coupons you have redeemed, see nearby savings as well as search for businesses by name and keywords. It gets better, new businesses are joining all the time. For only \$25 you can experience endless savings with Show & Save.

Sell even more! People you don't see regularly can still buy and support our School by purchasing Show & Save online or in the App. All they have to do is enter our Fundraising Code #7ZGKK and when they do our school gets the profit from the sale and their App Activation Code is emailed directly to them. How easy is that!

By purchasing your Show & Save from us, you will be supporting our School while at the same time saving your family a lot of money.

The sale of APP Cards runs September 5-20, 2019  
If you have any questions/concerns, please call the school office.

Spread the news!

