



# St. Gerard School

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## March 2021 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

*Give alms...  
Pray to your Father...  
Fast without a gloomy face..."  
Matthew 6:1-18*

*Lord, during this time of Lent help us to open our minds and hearts to you. Give us the grace to follow you by accepting the invitation you give us to have a change of heart during this Lenten Season. Help us to take time and pray, help us to give; be it kindness, patience or a good deed. May we spread your light during Lent and always.*

*To all of the families who share about our school, thank you for spreading the light of our Catholic education. Our school community is a better place because we all work together so that the children in our care grow spiritually, academically and let their light shine as good people.*

*As spring break draws closer, may the children enjoy that break from routine and come back refreshed after Easter for the final term of this school year.*

*God Bless*

*Miss J. Gilbert*

### **2021/2022 REGISTRATION**



Registration packages for the 2021/2022 school year have been sent home. White pages in the package contain information for you to keep; and **all coloured** pages (with the exception of the **optional** School Bus Registration) 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 as **"INCOMPLETE"**. **Those families who will not be returning for the 2021/22 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 2021/22 will be sent out with the March invoices. If you anticipate the use of the Before/After School Program for 2021/22, and have not used it before, please see the office for a registration form. Any questions regarding the packages can be directed to the School Office.

Your completed package was due **February 26<sup>th</sup>**. If it has not been returned, please do so by **March 5, 2021**.

At that time we will start contacting new families.

**SPRING BREAK – MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> TO APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**(Back to school – Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

**REMINDER TO FAMILIES**

*Parent - Teacher Conference*

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
(4:00-7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
(4:00-7:30 p.m.)

We will be doing this virtually via  
Microsoft TEAMS or telephone call.

Please check report card envelopes for  
the form.

**KEEP THE DATE**



*The Scholastic Book Fair will  
be VIRTUAL this year from  
May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>.*

Information to follow.

**Thank You!**

*Missionaries of Charity extends their heartfelt gratitude to St. Gerard School Community for  
sharing our donation during Christmas gift giving.*

*The Sisters ask that our school community (staff, students & parents) pray for them and for  
their poor people.*



**YEARBOOK REMINDER**

Final date to order 2020/2021 Yearbook is Friday, March 26, 2021.  
**ABSOLUTELY NO ORDER** will be accepted after this date. Each copy is \$15.00.  
Order forms are available in the School Office.

## Parking News!!!

*“Integrity: doing the right thing when no one else is watching”*

Please do not park in the handicap stall (even just for a second) if you do not have a handicap pass. There are many people who legitimately need to use this spot and you have taken that ability away from them.

Please do the right thing and park in a non-handicap spot!

### DROP OFF ZONE for children in the morning AND Volunteer Parking

Please use the parking spaces along the gym wall to drop off your child(ren) in the morning or when you are volunteering.

Parking spaces along the school are assigned to staff who arrive at various times.

There are several parents who pick up their children at the end of the school day. Please be considerate of this when parking along the fence. Please park in the same manner that you would as if you were parking on the south side of the building.

Please park in the designated area when picking up your child and not behind parked cars for the safety of our children.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE AT ANY TIME**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

## ALMS GIVING

St. Gerard students are encouraged to give alms during Lent. Each class will be assigned specific items and will be donated to Missionaries of Charity. There will be a box in each classroom for the collection of items. Please find your child's grade in the list below. Donations will be accepted until March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

Kindergarten	-	<i>Canned Soup</i>	- vegetable, tomato, lentil, pea
Grade 1	-	<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 2	-	<i>Canned Spaghetti Sauce</i>	
Grade 3	-	<i>Rice</i>	
Grade 4	-	<i>Whole Grain Pasta</i>	
Grade 5	-	<i>Canned Fruit and Vegetables</i>	- packed in own juice
Grade 6	-	<i>Cereal</i>	- plain, fiber, and non-sugar coated
Grade 7	-	<i>Canned Stew, Chili, Brown Beans</i>	
Grade 8	-	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	