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FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Be the living expression of God's kindness.

Kindness in your face

Kindness in your eyes

Kindness in your smile."

~Mother Teresa~

We celebrate Catholic Schools this month, especially St. Gerard Community. We are all fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. We share our faith, knowledge and kindness with each other on a daily basis. Thank you to all the families that send their prized possessions, their children, to learn and grow at our school. We are very fortunate to have you all as part of our St. Gerard School Community. We are fortunate to have a community that works together to make our school an amazing place to learn, grow and be a part of. We are all very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. Thank you to everyone who contributes to make our school amazing~ volunteers, parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends, staff, and especially the students! We are all better people for having been fortunate to spend time learning, praying and sharing together.

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert

2021/2022 School Year

We are accepting names for our Pre-Kindergarten (age 3 & 4) and Kindergarten (age 5 by Dec 31, 2021) programs, as well as for Grades One to Eight.

Please mention St. Gerard School to family and friends who may be looking for a **great** school!

Catholic Schools Week - February 8th to 12th

Check the calendar for activities taking place during Catholic Schools Week! Students are given the opportunity to dress according to the daily dress theme indicated on the calendar.

If you pre-ordered Subway, it will be given to your child in their classroom.

St. Gerard School will offer Full time Kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year.

If you know families interested in full time kindergarten, please have them contact the school at 204-667-4862

St. Alphonsus School Centennial - 1921-2021

Are you an alumni (or supporter) of St. Alphonsus School? Then we want to connect with you! Our school community is celebrating our centennial in 2021; what a momentous milestone! Our Anniversary Committee has been busy planning virtual events and in-school activities to mark the year.

Our first event is a Virtual Gala Celebration on Saturday, February 27th. Join us for a fun-filled “at home” experience, including a charcuterie board loaded with meats and cheeses, choice of dinner for two from Calabria Market, wine, pizza for the family, dessert from Dolce Bake Shop, a Coal and Canary Candle, a chocolate pinata cake and much, much more! The evening will feature a video tribute for the school’s 100th Anniversary. Prize packages will be auctioned off by online bid and we will draw for the \$1000 Raffle winning ticket. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Email gala@stals.ca for more information. As well, find information on our upcoming events and check out our online photo archive at www.stalphonsusschool.ca/100th-anniversary.

2021-2022 REGISTRATION

Registration Packages for the 2021-2022 School Year will be going home with your child mid-February.

The registration packages contain white pages and coloured pages. White pages are information only and are for you to keep.

All coloured pages (with the exception of the grey OPTIONAL School Bus form) 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 to families as “INCOMPLETE”. If you have a child of age for Kindergarten, please notify the school ASAP in order to ensure a spot is available.

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 forms.

Any questions regarding the packages can be directed to the School Office.

All returning students should have their registration packages back by Friday, February 26, 2021.



St. Boniface Diocesan High School Open House (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
7:30 p.m.
282 Dubuc Street

St. Boniface Diocesan High School is now accepting applications for the 2021/22 academic session. Applications may be completed and submitted on-line. Our Virtual Open House will be held on Feb 3 at 7:30 pm – please get your tickets at Eventbrite. Looking forward to seeing you!

Please call 987-1560 or e-mail admin@sbdhs.net for more information, or visit the website at www.sbdhs.net

PANCAKE LUNCH

Tuesday, February 16th.

ORDERS DUE :
Thursday, February 4th

Absolutely **NO** late orders

Friendly Reminder for Bus Students

Ensure your child is at their stop 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.

If Mrs. Wong cannot answer the phone while driving, please leave a message on her cellphone and she will call you back once she is done with her run.

The 2019-2020 School Year Charitable Donation Receipts,

for inclusion with your **2020** tax return, will be prepared for qualifying families.

They will be mailed out to those families when completed.

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.



WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS!

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be exchanging Valentine's or Valentine treats this year.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



If your child is going to be late, please notify the school.

Even though your child is buzzed in when they are late, **please have them report to the office to confirm their attendance.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!
For those parents and students who already do...MANY THANKS!