



# St. Gerard School

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## October 2020 Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



*It is one thing to be grateful.*

*It is another to give thanks.*

*Gratitude is what you feel.*

*Thanksgiving is what you do.*

*~Tim Keller~*

*Leaves of rust and scarlet are falling to the ground. Birds are traveling south. There is nothing as pleasant as a beautiful autumn day. The autumn season is with us. We are all back into the routines of school. We are blessed and thankful for such a wonderful school community!*

*May the Bounty of the Season fill your Heart and Home!*

*God Bless*

*Miss Gilbert*

### Parents ....

Please remember to call the School when your child will be absent or arriving late ~ it is very time-consuming to be tracking down students every morning to enquire of their whereabouts.

There are children who arrive late every morning ~ which not only disrupts the classroom, but also prevents your child from participating in Morning Prayer, and hearing school announcements.

**Please have your child at School on time to ensure they are present for the entire school day!**



### Has your phone number changed?

**Does the School Office have all your current phone numbers?**

If an emergency occurs involving your child, we can only attempt to reach you at the numbers you have provided on your child's Registration Form. Because of this, we ask that you please advise the School Office **immediately** if these numbers change during the school year.  
*Thank you!*

## **COMMUNICATION**

For families with two or more children - school handouts are normally sent home with the youngest child, (unless your child is in Pre-K), so please check your “*Youngest or Only*” child’s backpack DAILY. Often, notes are sent home which require a time-sensitive response. Please ensure we have your current email address as newsletter and other info will be sent out by email in order to keep paper to a minimum.



### **REMEMBER ...**

**Activity Fees, Building Fees,  
Bus Fees (Sept. & Oct.)  
Tuition (Sept. & Oct.) should  
now be paid.**



### **WINE RAFFLE**

Information regarding the Parent Association wine basket raffle will be sent home by email. Donations of wine can be dropped off at the school office during school hours up to Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly with the draw taking place on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your participation.

### **MABEL'S LABELS**

St. Gerard's Parent Association  
has continued the  
year-long fundraiser with  
Mabel's Labels. Please  
check their  
website for information.

***mabelslabels.ca***

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

If your child is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion (Gr. 2) or Confirmation (Gr. 6) at St. Gerard Parish please contact the parish office at 204-667-0523 for information.

**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.**



**REMINDER:** Please be aware of the reduced speed zone by the school on both Talbot and Foster. The speed zone is set at 30 km/h and is in force Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during September to June. It is for the safety of your children that the City of Winnipeg has enforced this speed zone.



## **BAG UP MANITOBA**

*Please note this program is on Hold indefinitely.*



For information on recycling and donation options for any existing shopping bags you may have collected, please visit

<https://simplyrecycle.ca/plastic-bags-2/bag-it-for>

Please keep in mind that Bag Up Manitoba was never intended to be a recycling program, rather an education program. The message remains the same. Please:

- *Reduce your use of single use plastics*
- *Refuse single-use bags whenever possible*
- *Recycle your bags where available*
- *Re-use your bags multiple shopping trips or for things like household waste, pet waste, etc.*



*St. Gerard School relies on the active participation of volunteers throughout the year. Due to the COVID pandemic there have been protocols put in place to protect all involved – students, teachers, parents and staff which has curtailed most volunteer activities.*

*St. Gerard School Board is currently reviewing the Volunteer Cash Back Program and will send out information accordingly.*

### **Minimum Terminal Protection Guidelines** **SHIPPING IN CALL2RECYCLE BOXES**

#### **BATTERY TYPE / CHEMISTRY**

Terminal protection required



#### **Rechargeable Batteries**

Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)  
Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)

#### **Primary Batteries**

Lithium  
Alkaline (over 12v)  
Button/Coin Cell



Terminal Protection not required (drop in the box)



#### **Rechargeable Batteries**

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)  
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)  
Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)



#### **Primary Batteries**

Alkaline (under 12v)  
Carbon Zinc

#### **Recycle Box**



#### **TERMINAL PROTECTION**

#### **Protect terminals before shipping** **How to Bag or Tape a Battery**



Place the battery into a clear plastic bag

- Call2Recycle-provide bags
- Product bags
- Newspaper bags
- Ziploc bags \*Clear Bags

If non bags are available, tape the positive (+) terminal with a non-conductive tape.

- Clear packing tape
- Electrical tape
- Duct tape

(No masking tape, no painter's tape, No Scotch tape. Do not cover chemistry label). **CALL2RECYCLE RECOMMENDS THE BATTERY BE INDIVIDUALLY BAGGED OR TAPED.**

❖ **DAMAGED BATTERIES:** Special Transport Canada-approved packaging for shipment required contact Customer Service at 1-888-224-9764 for assistance.

❖ Call2Recycle boxes should be shipped when full (25kg) or within one year of the collection of the first battery.

❖ Display the Call2Recycle collection box in a cool, dry place and where it is under supervision.

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**CHARGE UP SAFETY** – [call2recycle.ca/safety](http://call2recycle.ca/safety)

**Avoid the spark!**

Battery terminals that touch metal surfaces or other batteries can spark, causing a fire or explosion.



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## Yearbook 2020/2021

As we grow older and look back on childhood memories, it is always nice to have pictures to help us remember. Our yearbook includes Pre-K to Grade 8 student individual pictures, class activities, school events, sporting events and more! St. Gerard has a tradition of publishing a yearbook filled with school year memories. In order to make this possible we need to sell 30 yearbooks by December 11, 2020.

To order your yearbook(s), please complete the form below and send the form, along with \$15.00 for each yearbook you wish to purchase. If you require a hard copy of the form, please contact the school office. The deadline to order yearbooks is December 11, 2020.

Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of classes in June, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Moore (Grade 8) or Mrs. Potkonjak (Kindergarten) at (204) 667-4862.

Thank you,  
The Yearbook Committee

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## YEARBOOK 2020/2021

**Order Deadline December 11, 2020**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Wishes to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ yearbook(s) at \$15 each

Please provide the following information to help with delivery:

Yearbook #1 Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook #2 Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook #3 Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to: **"St. Gerard School Yearbook"**. If paying cash, please bring the correct amount. Thank you for your support!