

St. Gerard School

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December 2022 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"One candle for Hope... One candle for Peace... One candle for Joy... One candle for Love"

It's that time of year again-when the air gets crisper, the days grow shorter, and just about everyone's thoughts turn to Christmas. Advent is a time of getting ready. Soon we will celebrate the birth of Christ... and always we look forward to the day when Christ will come again. May peace and light fill your home and your hearts this Advent Season.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas filled with peace, love and joy!

God Bless, Miss J. Gilbert, Principal







Season's Greetings to all St. Gerard School Families!

As we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, the Students and Staff have been hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas Concert: "A King is Coming to Town". Please watch for the email regarding concert volunteer opportunities.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Thank you to all who have ordered to date. We have sold 6 but need to have 30 in order to print. If you are still interested in purchasing a yearbook (or 2), you have until Dec. 16^{th} to order a copy at \$15.00.

> Order forms are available in the School Office.

WINE RAFFLE DONATION

A huge thank you to all the families that donated wine for our wine raffle, your support is much appreciated! Sold tickets for the raffle are due December 9th.

Uniforms

All uniform pieces will be available to order on-line at any time of the year.

www.envisionuniforms.ca

If you have used uniforms that you do not need, you can donate them to school.





HOT LUNCH UPDATE

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St. Gerard School is happy to announce the Hot Lunch Program is able to run a Pizza Lunch every Friday. Lunches **must be pre-ordered on Wednesday**, as Pizza Pizza requires 48 hours notice. Late orders will not be accepted. Lunch can be an x-large slice of either cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$3.00 or the "full meal deal" of an x-large slice of either cheese or pepperoni pizza, choice of beverage (white milk, chocolate milk or juice) and dessert for \$5.00. Please order by placing exact change (or lunch ticket) in an envelope with your child's name clearly printed.

Please use a separate envelope for each child.

We are also offering the opportunity to purchase either white or chocolate milk daily for \$1.00 or you can purchase a book of 10 vouchers for \$9.00. Cheques for books of milk vouchers (10 for \$9.00) or lunch tickets (10 for \$50) should be made payable to St. Gerard Hot Lunch Program.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Friday meal distribution.

If you would like more information please contact the school at 204-667-4862.

St. Gerard Parent Association

A huge thank you to the families that supported our Peak of the Market Fundraiser. We sold \$1,520.00 of veggies with 50% coming to the school.

Save The Date

The Parent Association is holding a Winter Family Fun Dance January 27, 2023 (7:00 – 10:00 p.m.) More details to follow in 2023.

Please encourage your child to <u>regularly</u>

check their classroom for any items

Lost & Found

they may have misplaced.

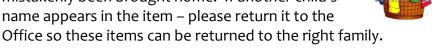
PARENTS: please ensure clothing items are labeled with your child's name so "found" items can be returned to the owner.

When laundering your child's uniform items - check for items

that may not belong to your family, and have mistakenly been brought home. If another child's

name appears in the item - please return it to the





Wednesday, December 21st is the final day of classes before Christmas Break. This will be an early dismissal day (2:25 p.m.) for the entire school.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

There will be **NO** *After School Program* available on Wed., December 21st. (*Before School Program* will be available on this day.)

Please make certain you make transportation arrangements to have your child picked up at <u>2:25 dismissal time</u>.

SCHOOL BUS FAMILIES

In anticipation of an increased amount of traffic on this day, the school bus will be departing the school at an earlier time. The students who use the school bus for afternoon transportation home will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m. Please ensure that arrangements are in place for someone to receive your child either at home, or at their stop approximately 2 hours earlier than their usual drop-off time when classes are dismissed at 3:25 p.m. (e.g. if your child is normally dropped off at 4:00 p.m., the drop-off time that day will be at approximately 2:00 p.m.).

THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE.



<u>CHRISTMAS GIVING</u>

This year in the spirit of giving for Advent we are asking each grade to bring specific items. These items will be donated to Sisters of the Missionary Charity Soup Kitchen. Please find your child's grade in the list below and when you are doing your grocery shopping buy a few of those items for those less fortunate than us. This is a wonderful time to show your giving spirit!

Kindergarten -		Canned Fruit and Vegetables – packed in own juice		
Grade 1	-	Canned Stew, Chili, Brown Beans		
Grade 2	-	Whole Grain Pasta		
Grade 3	-	Peanut Butter		
Grade 4	-	Baby Formula and Food	 iron-enriched formula, baby food jars (vegetables, 	
			fruit or meat), infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice	
Grade 5	-	Rice	- Plain, brown, converted or parboiled	
Grade 6	-	Canned Spaghetti Sauce		
Grade 7	-	Cereal	- plain, fiber, and non-sugar coated	
Grade 8	-	Canned Soup	- vegetable, tomato, lentil, pea	

White Elephant Sale

Donations of gently used and clean items can be dropped off at St. Gerard School until December 7, 2022. The sale will be open to our children during school hours on Dec. 8th & 9th.

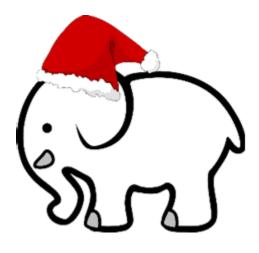
Items will be priced from \$.50 to \$4.00.

Thank you for your support.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



Would you like to purchase a gift for someone special or find something new for yourself?

We invite students to come on December 8th and 9th and look through the items we have collected. There are a wide range of items priced from .50 to \$4.00.

St. Gerard Parent Association would like to thank everyone who donated to the White Elephant Sale.