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March 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

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

We began Lent with receiving Ashes on Ash Wednesday. The students preparing for Confirmation distributed the ashes. They distributed the ashes with reverence and respect to all. We open our hearts to be better people and appreciate the blessings of God that have been bestowed on each and every one of us. May we reflect on all the wonderful things in our lives and may we try to change for the better the things that we ask for forgiveness:

Give up complaining-focus on gratitude.
Give up on harsh judgment-think kindly thoughts.
Give up on worry-trust the divine.
Give up on bitterness-turn to forgiveness.
Give up anger-be more patient.
Give up jealousy-pray for trust.
Give up on giving up – hang in there!

As we prepare for the Easter season and the resurrection of Jesus may we continue to grow as people and as a community.

Thank you to the families of our school that continue to tell others about St. Gerard School. You are the best promoters of our school and we appreciate your positive comments to others!

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert

Principal



2023/2024 REGISTRATION

Registration packages for the 2023/2024 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 2023/24 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 2023/24 will be sent out with the March invoices. If you anticipate the use of the Before/After School Program for 2023/24, 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 24th**. If it has not been returned, please do so by **March 10, 2023**.

At that time we will start contacting new families.

SPRING BREAK – MARCH 27th TO MARCH 31st
(Back to school – Monday, April 3rd)

REMINDER TO FAMILIES

Parent - Teacher Conference

Tuesday, March 14th
(4:00-7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 16th
(4:00-7:30 p.m.)

Please check report card envelopes for the form.

KEEP THE DATE



The Scholastic Book Fair will be IN PERSON this year from May 8 - 11, 2023

Information to follow.

REMINDER

Please remember to include a spoon and fork with your child's snack/lunch if they will need one to eat.



Reminder



Still winter season. If possible please include an extra pair of mitts and socks. Students are not permitted to "stay in for recess" because they did not bring warm enough outdoor wear!



YEARBOOK REMINDER

Final date to order 2022/2023 Yearbook is Friday, March 24, 2023.
ABSOLUTELY NO ORDER will be accepted after this date. Each copy is \$20.00.
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 24th. 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>Packaged Noodles</i>	- like Mr. Noodle
Grade 7	-	<i>Canned Stew, Chili, Brown Beans</i>	
Grade 8	-	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	