



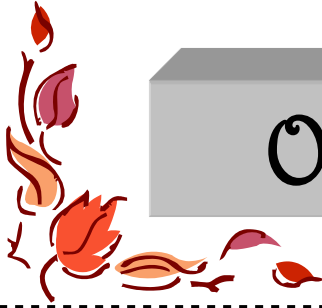
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October 2022 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all."

~William Faulkner~

Now is the time the days grow shorter and cool breezes blow the leaves from the trees. All around us are the glorious colours of autumn. We are surrounded by the richness of nature and the fruits of the harvest. During this season of Thanksgiving and Harvest may we thank God for the wonderful gifts he gives us and the wonders that he allows us to be a part of.

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 by 8:45 a.m. to ensure they are present for the entire school day!



Has your phone number/address 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!

Family Halloween Dress-Up and Dance

Friday, October 21st

7:00 to 10:00 pm

There will be games, canteen and
a silent auction.

Tickets are \$7 per person (2 years &
under free).

All children must be accompanied by an
adult.

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED IN
ORDER TO PREPARE FOR EXACT
NUMBER OF "GOBLINS"!

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE
DOOR.

Silent auction prizes and mini-chocolates
for prizes will be accepted until
Wednesday, October 19th.

Thank you for your support in this fun evening!

We will have a spook-tacular time!

LOOK FOR
INFORMATION
COMING SOON
REGARDING
OUR NEXT
FUNDRAISER:

**PEAK OF
THE MARKET**

PARENT ASSOCIATION

All Parents are
members of the
Parent Association. If
you attend meetings
you are able to help
organize fundraisers
and events run by the
Parent Association.

Our first meeting
is Wednesday,
October 26th at
6:30 p.m. in the
library.

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.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook
information
for 2022-2023
school year
will be sent
home shortly.

**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.

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.

STORM



VOLLEYBALL

Yes, another year of STORM sports has begun and our students started playing this season. We have boys and girls on one Competitive team. We are blessed once again to have great coaches. Coaching the team are Miss Reann Beaudry and Miss Sara Hughes.

League play began on Sept. 28th and you can catch all the up to date results by visiting www.mcsaa.ca.

It is each player's responsibility to ensure that they have advised their parents of game days, and have coordinated transportation requirements prior to game day. Players who are car pooling with teammates should have all arrangements and parental approval done the evening before games. Parents, please do not call the School Office on game days and ask: "Does my child have a ride to the game?"

Dismissal time remains at 3:25. Players must bring all necessary clothing and equipment with them.

PLAYERS ARE NOT TO BE CALLING PARENTS ON GAME DAYS FOR RIDES, JERSEYS, FOOTWEAR, ETC.

We thank all parents for their support and help in enforcing these guidelines – we're teaching our children to be responsible to their commitments!

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL ON GAME DAYS TO CHEER ON THE "STORM" MUST BRING A NOTE FROM PARENTS GRANTING THEM PERMISSION TO STAY - DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL WITH "VERBAL" PERMISSION.

(SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS: PARENTS MUST CONTACT MRS. WONG TO INFORM HER OF SIBLINGS NOT GOING HOME ON THE BUS)

**BOY'S/GIRL'S COMPETITIVE
VOLLEYBALL TEAM:**

*Ann
Camilo
Christian (6)
Dimimu
Evan
Fetsum*

*Henry
Jomi
Joseph
Noah
Richard
Semilore*

Game Schedule and School

Wed	Sept 28	IHMS	@ St. Gerard
Wed	Oct 5	St. Gerard	@ St. Charles
Wed	Oct 12	St. Gerard	@ St. Ignatius
Wed	Oct 19	Linden Christian	@ St. Gerard
Mon	Oct 24	St. John Brebeuf	@ St. Gerard
Thurs	Oct 27	St. Maurice	@ St. Gerard
Wed	Nov 9	St. Gerard	@ St. Alphonsus
Wed	Nov 16	Linden Christian	@ St. Gerard

Tournament Schedule

Sat	Oct 22	Tournament - St. Alphonsus
		8:30 – 4:30
Sat	Nov 5	Tournament - St. Paul
		8:30 – 4:30



WINE RAFFLE

Information regarding the Parent Association wine basket raffle will be sent home shortly. Donations of wine can be dropped off at the school office during school hours up to Friday, October 28th. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly after with the draw taking place at the Christmas Concert on December 15th.

Thank you for your participation.

Daily Milk Sales



Daily milk sales continue at school - white or chocolate milk at \$1.00 cash or a book of 10 tickets for \$9.00 available from the school office (cash or cheque payable to St. Gerard School).

If you have any tickets left from last year they are still good for this year.

Many of our families have begun volunteering at various school venues...thank you!



Please remember: It is each family's responsibility to ensure their volunteer hours are logged on the "Volunteer Cash Back Program" record sheet and verified with an authorized signature. (Record sheets can be obtained from the School Office.)

Begin logging your hours after completion of your first volunteer project/event. Keep the record with you, and bring it along to every event you are volunteering at. When you have completed submit your family's record to the School Office to have your pre-paid volunteer fee returned.

If your volunteer sheet are not submitted to the Office PRIOR to the end of each schedule - the Office assumes your hours have NOT been completed and your cheque WILL BE cashed.

If you have any questions regarding the *Volunteer Cash Back Program*, please contact the school.

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.

CHARGE UP SAFETY – call2recycle.ca/safety

Avoid the spark!

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