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November 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Message

"PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE."

~SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA~

As we look to November, we think about how fortunate we are to live in a free country. Our thoughts are of the brave men and women who gave their lives so we could have freedom. We are blessed to have the many things we do because of those fine men and women. We should be showing our appreciation by extending kindness and love to all those around us. We should be examples of goodness and compassion for our children so they too can show their faith, love and goodness to all they meet. Showing these characteristics, we will have peace in our community and hopefully peace within our world eventually.

Students will be sharing their learning with families during Student Led Conferences on November 7 and 8. We look forward to seeing everyone as you celebrate your child's learning.

God Bless,

*Miss J. Gilbert
Principal*

Thank you!!!

A huge thank you to families who are not sending children to school when your child is sick, and coming to pick up promptly when called that they are not well at school.

Reminder

The 2 handicapped parking spaces located near the gym entrance are to be used by vehicles with designated handicapped stickers ONLY – at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

⚡ Storm Volleyball ⚡



As we approach the end of the volleyball season, we thank the coaches for putting in the many hours they do for practises and games. The volleyball team has shown great team spirit and fair play throughout the season. Good luck to our Storm Volleyball team in their final games!

For up to date scores and standings, you can check out the website: www.mcsaa.ca.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

will be held on

**Thursday, November 7th
at 11:00 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cadets, Brownies, Girl Guides, Beavers, and Scouts may choose to wear those uniforms on November 7th.

Poppies will be distributed to all students on Tuesday, November 5th
Donations are gratefully accepted and will be forwarded to the Canadian Legion.



~ Best We Forget ~

REMINDER TO STUDENTS & PARENTS

Students who wish to stay at school to watch any sporting events, **must** have a **written permission note** from their parent. Please **do not** phone the school office with "verbal" permission. If students do not have a written note, and are not picked up at 3:30, they will be sent to the *After School Program* to wait for their ride - and parents **will be** charged for this service. If your child is a "School Bus Student" - you must **also** contact Mrs. Wong to notify her.

REMINDER

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

Thank you!

**Thank you to all who
attended, made donations
& volunteered at our
Annual Halloween Family
Fun Party.**

It was a HUGE SUCCESS!

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

There will be **NO after school program** available on **Friday, December 20th**. This is the last day of school before Christmas Break – and the children will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m. Please ensure you make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:30 on that day.

SCHOOL BUS FAMILIES: please be aware, the **bus children will be dismissed at 1:25** on December 20th. Please be prepared to pick up your child at his/her school bus drop-off site approximately **two hours earlier** than the regular time.



WINE RAFFLE

A huge thank you to all the families that donated wine for our wine raffle, your support is much appreciated! Tickets for the raffle will be coming home with children shortly.

LATE ARRIVAL REMINDER

All students that arrive late for school are to use the back lane entrance. Students should report to the office when arriving late.

Thank you.

White Elephant Sale News

St. Gerard School is holding its 7th Annual White Elephant Sale. The sale will be open to our students during school hours. Donations of gently used items are greatly appreciated.

More information (including dates) will be sent home shortly.

End of Day Pick Up Reminder

Regular Dismissal

3:20 - K - 2
Gr. 6 - 8

3:25 - Gr. 3 - 5

Early Dismissal

2:20 - K - 2
Gr. 6 - 8

2:25 - Gr. 3 - 5

School gives parents until 3:45 p.m. (2:45 for early dismissal) to pick up students. If students have not been picked up by 3:45 (2:45)p.m. they will be sent to After School Program.

Please arrange pick-up of students within the time zone.

LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your children to check the "**LOST & FOUND**" bin at school for any items they may have misplaced. Items that are not claimed at the end of each month are donated to a needy organization.

REMEMBER ... your child's belongings & clothing should be labelled with their name. If items are labelled they can be returned to their owner!

REMINDER

We try to be good neighbours to the homes that are our back lane neighbours. A reminder that these families have driveways to the lane and sometimes access their driveways when we are coming and going. Please be neighbourly and let them in and out. Also, please be cautious as you drive down the lane!

Thank you for the help with this.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Gerard School

2024

Christmas Concert

**Tuesday,
December 17th**

*Volunteers will be needed!
More information will follow*

ST. GERARD SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: If your child(ren) will not be using the school bus, please phone Mrs. Wong at 204-981-3502.

In the morning, please call between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.
If there is no answer, please leave a message as Mrs. Wong may be driving at the time you call.

If you do not require the bus in the afternoon, please ensure you have sent a note to your child(ren)'s teacher to let them know not to dismiss with the bus students.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.
Thank you very much for your cooperation in keeping our bus riding students safe.

Daily Milk Sales



Daily milk sales continue at school - white or chocolate milk at \$1.00 cash or a book of 10 tickets for \$10.00 available from the school office (cash or cheque payable to St. Gerard School).

Just a reminder that the school is collecting **TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**. We are also collecting **batteries** and **markers** for recycle. Please call the office for details.

Reminder

Parents... Please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate outdoor clothing, such as boots, parka, ski pants, hat/toque, scarf and mittens.

Please include an extra pair of mittens and socks. Students are not permitted to stay in because they did not wear proper outdoor wear.

Reminder

This fall has seen many of us having congested noses and coughing. We need to stay home when we are sick and can return when symptoms are becoming less. When we are at school we need to wear a mask if we are still experiencing any symptoms. Staff will be asking students to mask if they are with symptoms at school. This will hopefully help mitigate the spread of germs to others. We all want to remain healthy and taking these precautions we hope will help. If you should need any rapid antigen test kits we still have many available for use-please just make a request.



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Yearbook 2024/2025

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 13, 2024.

To order your yearbook(s), please complete the form below and send \$15 (along with the form) 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 13, 2024.**

Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of classes in June, 2025.

If you have any questions please contact the school office at (204) 667-4862.

Thank you,
The Yearbook Committee



YEARBOOK 2024/2025

Order Deadline December 13, 2024

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!