



# St. Gerard School

40 Foster Street

Winnipeg MB R2L1V7

Telephone: 204-667-4862 Fax: 204-668-7932

Email: [stgerard@shaw.ca](mailto:stgerard@shaw.ca)

Website: [www.stgerardschool.net](http://www.stgerardschool.net)

## September 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*As we embark on a new school year, we come to You seeking Your guidance and blessings. Please watch over all the students, parents, staff and teachers, filling their hearts with Your peace and wisdom. Help each one to face the challenges ahead with courage and faith, trusting in Your presence. May this year be filled with growth, learning, and joy of discovering more about Your world. Keep everyone safe and let Your love shine through in all that we do.*

*Amen*

*Wishing everyone a great school year!*

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert, Principal

### 2025/2026 ST. GERARD SCHOOL STAFF

<b>Miss J. Gilbert</b>	- Principal	<b>Mrs. C. Deang</b>	- Administrative Assistant
<b>Mrs. B. Potkonjak</b>	- Kindergarten	<b>Mrs. A. Chartrand</b>	- Administrative Assistant
<b>Mrs. J. Parsons</b>	- Kindergarten/Resource Teacher	<b>Mr. D. Kolowca</b>	- Physical Education
<b>Miss J. Urbanski</b>	- Grade 1	<b>Mrs. H. Avdalyan</b>	- Library/Music
<b>Mrs. S. Shayna</b>	- Grade 2	<b>Mr. J. Calvo</b>	- Educational Assistant/Gr. 7 Geography
<b>Mrs. J. Francisco</b>	- Grade 3	<b>Mrs. J. Kelly</b>	- Educational Assistant/Pre-Kindergarten
<b>Mrs. H. Pollock</b>	- Grade 4	<b>Mrs. S. Letkeman</b>	- Educational Assistant
<b>Mrs. R. Cunningham</b>	- Grade 5	<b>Mrs. L. Kavats</b>	- Educational Assistant
<b>Miss M. Pyrozyk</b>	- Grade 6	<b>Mrs. C. Yorski</b>	- Educational Assistant/ Before & After School
<b>Mrs. N. Escoto</b>	- Grade 7	<b>Mrs. R. Wong</b>	- School Bus Driver
<b>Mr. T. Moore</b>	- Grade 8	<b>Mr. G. Escritor</b>	- Custodian
		<b>Father Peter Tran</b>	- Parish Priest

### WEB INFORMATION



Go to our webpage [www.stgerardschool.net](http://www.stgerardschool.net).

Click on our **Facebook** link.

**Like** us on Facebook and you will automatically get the information we post.

**None of us are  
"nutty" around  
here!**



**ST. GERARD SCHOOL PROMOTES A  
"NUT-SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT".**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD WITH YOUR  
CHILD THAT CONTAINS (OR MAY CONTAIN) NUTS – AS  
WE HAVE STUDENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING  
NUT ALLERGIES.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP  
ALL OUR CHILDREN SAFE!**

### National Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30th

We will honour Truth &  
Reconciliation Week

September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup> .

Students may wear Orange

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> . We will

have an activity day on

September 29<sup>th</sup> learning about what is a  
Pow-Wow. We will wear our Team

Colours that day.

### Uniform Update

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

<https://envisionuniforms.ca>

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

USED UNIFORM Sale will be  
Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:15 – 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### Cell Phone Reminder:

The Province of Manitoba has made the  
policy for all elementary school that  
students do not use their cell phones at  
school. St. Gerard students already adhere  
to this policy, so we will not have difficulty  
doing this. If parents want children to carry  
a cell phone for going to and from school  
remember to have your child either give it to  
the teacher at the beginning of the day or for  
the grade 6-8 students they may secure it in  
their locker. As always, if you need to get a  
hold of your child during the school day  
please call the school and we will have your  
child come to the phone. Thank-you for  
your continued co-operation and support  
with this.

### Milk News



Daily milk sales will resume on Thursday,  
September 11 – white or chocolate milk at \$1.25 cash  
or a book of 10 tickets for \$12.50 available from the  
school office (cash or cheque payable to  
St. Gerard School Hot Lunch).

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

*Please label all students' supplies and all clothing  
– parkas, jackets, shoes, boots, uniform shirts, gym  
clothes etc.*

*Reminder to send any cutlery (spoons and forks)  
your child will need to eat lunch.*

*We do not have a supply at school.*

*Please include refillable water bottle with  
your child.*



Mark your calendar...  
**Picture Day:**  
**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 (K - 8)



#### **Reduced Speed Limits in School Zones:**

Please remember the reduced speed zone on Talbot Avenue. The reduced speed limit is set at 30 km/hr and in force Monday to Friday from 7:00 – 17:30, in the months of September to June. This has been set out by the City of Winnipeg. You will find signs to indicate the start and end of the reduced speed zone. Please be mindful of this as you drive down Talbot Avenue during the school months. It is for the safety of our children.

### **School Bus News**

#### **A FEW REMINDERS TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO USE THE SCHOOL BUS:**

- ★ Ensure your child is at their stop 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.
- ★ Call **Mrs. Wong 204-981-3502** (7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.) - on the days your child will not be taking the bus.
- ★ Remind your children to be courteous to the driver and other children.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

- All families are aware of their yearly mandatory school fees, and have been invoiced for such.
- Please be aware that all SEPTEMBER fees were due **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, and should be submitted to the School Office (Activity, Building Improvement, Tuition, School Bus).
- **If you have not already done so, and in order to keep your account up-to-date, please submit your fees immediately.**
- (Note: An outstanding **Activity Fee** may hinder your child's participation in Field Trips until fees, which are used to pay for these events, are collected.)
- If you have submitted your payments, they will be applied to your account accordingly, and you will receive a receipt.
- For those requiring payment plan information or current balances, please contact the Office.

*Thank you for your timely payments!*

## **EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS**

All families have received a copy of **"2025/2026 Year-at-a-Glance"** which indicates holidays, in-service, administration days, and early dismissal days for the school year. These days are printed on the monthly school calendar and newsletter available on the School's website: [www.stgerardschool.net](http://www.stgerardschool.net)

Please mark the dates at home to remind yourself when your child will be dismissed early to ensure they have a ride at 2:25 p.m. Early dismissal days are scheduled to provide time for school personnel to attend Staff Meetings. Teachers/Staff are not available to supervise students after 2:30 p.m. on these days. Students are not permitted to wait unsupervised for their ride – and students not picked up by 2:30 will be sent to the *After School Program* (a service Parents **will be** charged for).

**DO NOT INSTRUCT YOUR CHILD TO PHONE TO REMIND, OR ARRANGE RIDES ON EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS, ETC. SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE. THE PHONE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY.**

We do our best to keep our families informed of all school events.

It is the parent's responsibility to read all school correspondence in a timely manner to ensure they are informed of important announcements/events. Parents should check backpacks/agenda books **daily** for notes, permission slips, etc. (Ask your child each day if there are any notes sent home from school!)

We will be emailing all notes/information that does not require information from families. This way there is less paper transfer between many hands.

Thank you!

**First Early Dismissal Day is September 9, 2025**

# Welcome Back!

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENING



Parents/Guardians are invited to "*Meet the Teacher*"

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:30

(Please Meet In The Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.)

This evening provides families the opportunity to meet teachers and staff and to visit your child's classroom. As well it is a fantastic opportunity to meet & mingle with other families of students in your child's class!

All families are encouraged to attend the **Meet the Teacher**.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 11<sup>th</sup>!!

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Many of our families in past years have chosen to celebrate their child's birthday by generously providing the entire class with cake, treats, and beverages.

**Unfortunately, the school is unable to allow this practice – mainly due to severe food allergies which may prevent some children from participating in the "party".**

(As well, the celebration is a disruption to the day's lessons.)

The teachers have asked that all birthday celebrations be conducted at venues outside of the school. St. Gerard will continue to recognize our students' birthdays by sending greetings to them during morning announcements, as well as granting them a "N.U.T." Day  
(**No Uniform Today**).

**We thank parents for their cooperation.  
If you have any questions regarding this matter,  
please contact the School Office.**

**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 do not park even "briefly".**
- ▶ **Please do not park (even briefly) 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.