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December 2023 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.
The Lord never lets us down.”

—~Pope Francis~

Advent is a time of preparing, of getting ready, of looking forward to the great feast of Christmas, the birth day of our Lord. Through the season, of Advent, we have a chance to get closer to God. Let us prepare not only our homes but our hearts as we welcome Jesus into our hearts during the Christmas season. May you and your families be blessed this Christmas season with peace, love and joy.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas from our St. Gerard Family to yours.

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: "Straight Outta Bethlehem". Please watch for the email regarding concert volunteer opportunities.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Thank you to all who have ordered to date. We have sold 13 but need to have 30 in order to print. If you are still interested in purchasing a yearbook (or 2), you have until Dec. 22nd to order a copy at \$15.00.

Order forms are available in the School Office.

St. Gerard Parent Association

A huge thank you to the families that supported our Peak of the Market Fundraiser. The School made just over \$1,000



Save The Date

The Parent Association is holding a Winter Family Fun Dance
January 26, 2024
(7:00 – 10:00 p.m.)
More details to follow in 2024.

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 19th.

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.



Lost & Found

Please encourage your child to regularly check their classroom for any items 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 Office so these items can be returned to the right family.



HOT LUNCH UPDATE



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 morning**, 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 \$10.00. Cheques for books of milk vouchers (10 for \$10.00) or lunch tickets (10 for \$50) should be made payable to St. Gerard Hot Lunch Program.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND 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 Fri., December 22nd.
(Before School Program will be available on this day.)

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

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.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

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	-	<i>Canned Vegetables</i>	
Grade 1	-	<i>Ramen Noodle Soup - like Mr. Noodle</i>	
Grade 2	-	<i>Whole Grain Pasta</i>	
Grade 3	-	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	
Grade 4	-	<i>Crackers</i>	
Grade 5	-	<i>Rice</i>	
Grade 6	-	<i>Canned Spaghetti Sauce</i>	
Grade 7	-	<i>Cereal</i>	- plain, fiber, and non-sugar coated
Grade 8	-	<i>Canned Soup</i>	- vegetable, tomato, lentil, pea

White Elephant Sale

Donations of gently used and clean items can be dropped off at St. Gerard School until December 1, 2023. The sale will be open to our children during school hours on Dec. 5th - 7th.

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 5th - 7th 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.