

George Vanier Catholic School

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School Calendar *April 2021*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  HOLY THURSDAY	2  GOOD FRIDAY	3
4  Easter Sunday	5  Easter Monday	6 Pastel Colour Day 	7	8	9 Special Outdoor Ed. classes today at GVCS with Mr. Solar (all grades)	10
11	12 Spring Break Begins 	13	14	15	16 Spring Break Ends 	17
18	19	20 Confirmation class @ 10:20am	21 Confirmation class @ 10:20am	22  EARTH DAY	23 Pyjama Day 	24
25	26	27 Confirmation class @ 10:20am	28 Confirmation class @ 10:20am	29 Career Day 	30	



School Information

-When students are unable to attend school in person (e.g. illness, self-isolation, no transportation “snow” days) they can continue with their studies on-line. Mr. Dupuis posts work and messages using SeeSaw for his Kindergarten and Grade One students, Ms. Wagner posts work for her Grade 2-4 students using Google classroom and messages parents using Remind, Ms. Cannon uses Google classroom for Grade 5-8 communication and school work. Mr. Summers posts French work for Grades K-4 using SeeSaw and Grades 2-8 using Google classroom. **We really appreciate your support in sustaining student work during periods of absence.** If you require a chromebook sent for your child while they are off school please contact us. Please let Ms. Landon know if your family has issues with internet or internet availability.

-Jackie Bouchard passed away at the end of February. Jackie was a long time supporter of GVCS, first as a parent when her sons attended our school, then she became a noon hour and bus supervisor and also served on Parent Groups and all GV School Councils since their formation. We keep Jackie and her family in our prayers and are thankful for her generous spirit, volunteering nature, and beautiful smile. She will be missed.

-Florence Rumleskie passed away at the end of February. Florence was back up custodian at GVCS for many years and was an incredible cook. We keep Florence and her family in our prayers. She will be missed.

-We welcome Evey Yantha to our staff as our Tutor in the Classroom beginning April 26. Evey is a graduate of GVCS and is currently studying Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa.

Lost and Found

Please call the school office if you recognize any of these items and we will send them with your child.



School Board Information

-- During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board is striving to improve safety and reduce risk wherever possible. One safety measure is minimizing cash and cheque payments at our schools. To accomplish this, we use SchoolCash Online for all school items and activity fees. **If you haven't already created a free account, we encourage all parents to register now, so you'll be ready to make online payments from home: both now and in the future as more school items become available again.**

SchoolCash Online is free, safe, simple, secure, and saves time. You will help increase efficiency and security at your school by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This limits the number of people entering the school, reduces risk of lost payments, and allows teachers and office staff to focus on helping students and not counting cash. In addition, you are automatically informed about school activities! Registering takes less than two minutes: visit <https://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashonline.com> and click Register.

Donations to the school can now be made through School Cash Online and donors will receive a receipt online.

RCJTC Information (Transportation)

Bell times effective September 2021:

School Name:	Current Bell Times:	Bell Times for 2021-2022:
George Vanier Catholic School	8:40 am – 2:55 pm	9:30 am – 3:45 pm

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Bertrand 613 756 3606	
Weekend Mass Times:	
Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere Saturday at 5pm Sunday 9am	St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge 11am

-The programs of formation for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion have finished. Families will soon receive a letter indicating how they go about booking a Sacrament Mass for their family.

-The Confirmation program starts soon under the direction of Father Justin. Classes for children who attend George Vanier Catholic School will be held during the school day on the following dates, which are subject to change:

Confirmation classes 10:20am
Tuesdays April 20, 27 May 4, 11
Wednesdays April 21, 28 May 5, 12

Thank You

-to our amazing families for supporting the work of our teachers and staff.

-to Mark Searson, our Director of Education and Mary-Lise Rowat, our Superintendent of Education, for visiting GVCS in March. We had some fascinating conversations about the blessings of small schools and we celebrated the academic achievements of our students.

-to Father Justin for instructing the program of formation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and for sharing his incredible sense of humour with us. We loved your drawings of sardines and whales!

-to the staff of GVCS who care deeply and work hard to meet the needs of our students.

-to everyone who honks and waves when our students wave to you. You may not realize it but students often count how many honks or waves they get so you are helping us with growing our number fluency skills!

Community Information

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE* ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS?

UPDATED - Guidance on Testing and Isolation.
Effective - February 22, 2021



SYMPTOMATIC PERSON

1. ANY person (adult or child) with ANY COVID-19 symptoms (even if it is just one symptom) must self isolate **AND** get tested.
2. The person with symptoms can go back to school/work **when** they receive a **negative test** result **AND** their symptoms are improving **AND** they have **not had a fever** (without medication) for 24 hours.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

1. Household members must also self-isolate but do not need testing if they do not have any symptoms.
2. Household members can go back to school/work **when** the person with symptoms has received a **negative** result.

⚠️ The guidance on testing and isolation has changed due to the concern about **COVID-19 variants** that are **more transmissible AND spreading in our communities**.

⚠️ If the symptomatic individual **does not get tested for COVID-19**, then **all members of the household** must quarantine for **14 days** from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

⚠️ **A doctor's note IS NOT required** for return to work/school, **once the above criteria have been met**.

* The most up to date information can be found online at **RCDHU.COM**

RC VTAC
Regional Council of Voluntary Transfusion Centres
1-844-727-6404
WWW.RCVTAC.CA

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Guidance for COVID-19 High-Risk Contacts



How do I know if I am a high-risk contact?

- ✓ Public Health has advised you through contact tracing via phone call or virtual assistant text message.
- ✓ School (with direction from Public Health) has confirmed that you and/or your child is a high-risk contact.



I am a high-risk contact. What next?

- ✓ You must **self-isolate and self-monitor for 14 days**. Do not return to work or school in-person.
- ✓ Make every effort to self-isolate from those in your household (i.e. separate space, wear a mask).
- ✓ **Get tested.** Contact RC VTAC at 1-844-727-6404 to book your test.
 - ➔ If test result is negative, continue 14 day self-isolation. You may require a second test on or after day 10.
 - ➔ If test result is positive, continue self-isolation and you will be contacted by Public Health.



I share a household with a high-risk contact. What next?

- A If the high-risk contact has no symptoms of COVID-19:**
 - ➔ **AND** if you are able to **fully self-isolate** away from the high-risk contact, you **can still attend work**. However, for the duration of the contact's isolation period, you should only leave the home for essential reasons (i.e. work, school, childcare, essential errands).
- B If the high-risk contact does have symptom(s) of COVID-19:**
 - ➔ All household members must stay home and **self-isolate** until the high-risk contact receives a negative test result. Make every effort to self-isolate from the high-risk contact in your home (i.e. wear a mask, separate space).
 - ➔ If the high-risk contact is able to **fully self-isolate** from other members of the household **AND** receives a **negative test result**, household members can end their self-isolation and return to work/school. However, for the duration of the high-risk contact's isolation period, you should still only leave home for essential reasons (i.e. work, school, childcare, essential errands).
- C If the high-risk contact cannot fully self-isolate from household members** within the home during the isolation period, all household members must stay home and self-isolate until the end of the high-risk contact's isolation period.
- D If the high-risk contact receives a positive test result**, an extended self-isolation period will apply for household members.



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

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Did You Know?

-From our friends at CPAN (Child Poverty Action Network) re: Growing at Home

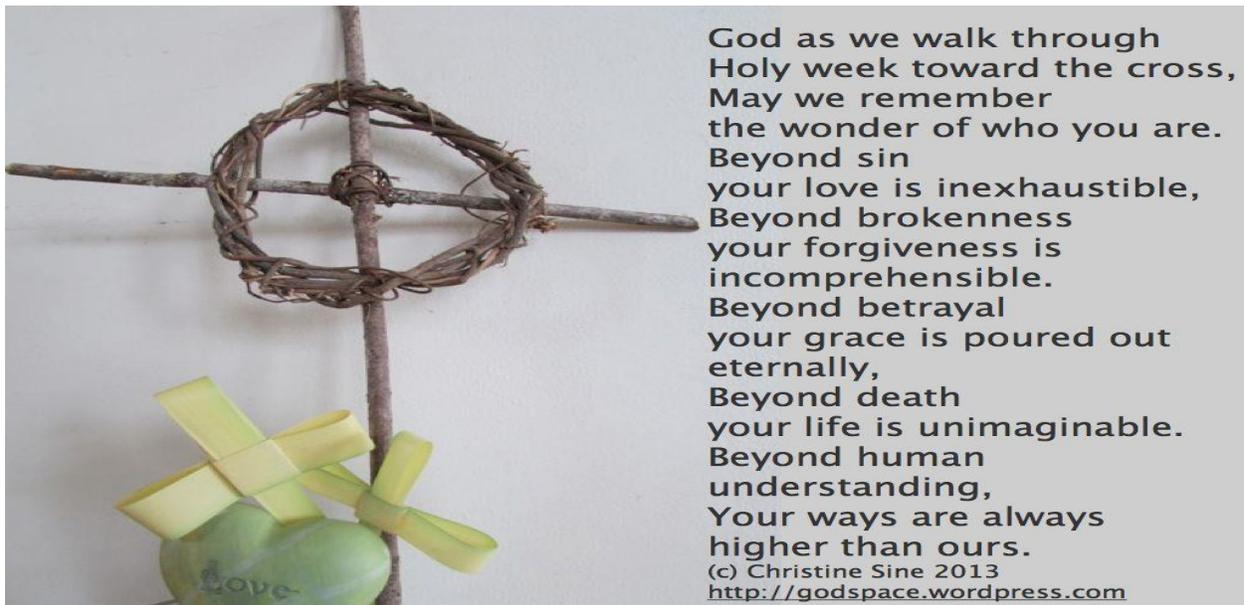
Gardening teaches students environmental stewardship, skills like math and science, and encourages healthy eating.

Research shows children and youth are more likely to eat what they grow.

CPAN has an exciting new initiative called Growing at Home, where we provide seeds so that children and youth can grow fresh produce!

If your child or youth wants to grow their own garden this year, send us an email at cpan@phoenixctr.com or message us on our Facebook Page: (Link: <https://www.facebook.com/childpovertyactionnetwork>) with your name, mailing address, the school(s) your child(ren) or youth attend(s) and their grade(s), and we will mail you packs of easy-to-grow seeds!

-As we recognize Holy Week here is prayer to share:



God as we walk through
Holy week toward the cross,
May we remember
the wonder of who you are.
Beyond sin
your love is inexhaustible,
Beyond brokenness
your forgiveness is
incomprehensible.
Beyond betrayal
your grace is poured out
eternally,
Beyond death
your life is unimaginable.
Beyond human
understanding,
Your ways are always
higher than ours.

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<http://godspace.wordpress.com>

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 2	Start of Catholic Education Week (goes until May 7 th) 2021 theme: Nurturing Hope
Friday, May 21	PA Day "Christian Community Day" Guest speaker: The Honourable Murray Sinclair
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day
Friday, June 11	PA Day "Reporting"
Monday, June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, June 30	Last day of 2020-2021 School Year for students

Action Items for our Families

- **Please continue daily self-screening:** Students have to complete the COVID Self-Assessment DAILY and not get on the bus or enter the school if they have any new and worsening symptoms that are not caused by previously known medical reasons such as seasonal allergies. It is imperative that parents ensure they are following this protocol at home each morning and making it a part of the morning routine. Parents have a significant role to play in helping us ensure that our school population remains healthy and it starts with the accurate completion of this self-assessment. Please use this link to complete the self assessment (**Please note that the screening questions were updated on February 19**):

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) school screening](#)

-Please continue to spread the news about our on-going Kindergarten registration for September 2021 at GVCS. Knowing enrollment now helps us plan for student, staffing and other organizational needs.

-Please let the school know asap if you are making changes to sitters or bus pick up or drop off addresses for September. We will be meeting to plan our new bus routes soon and need this information to plan properly.



Family Activity of the Month



Attack the Plaque!

Colouring Contest

Child's first & last name:

age:

email:

phone number:

dental hygienist/clinic:

Contest deadline:

May 1, 2021

Submit your entry today!

email to: marketing@cdha.ca

or mail to: 1122 Wellington St W
Ottawa, Ontario
K1Y 2Y7

Categories:

- 5 years old & UNDER
- 6-9 years old
- 10-13 years old

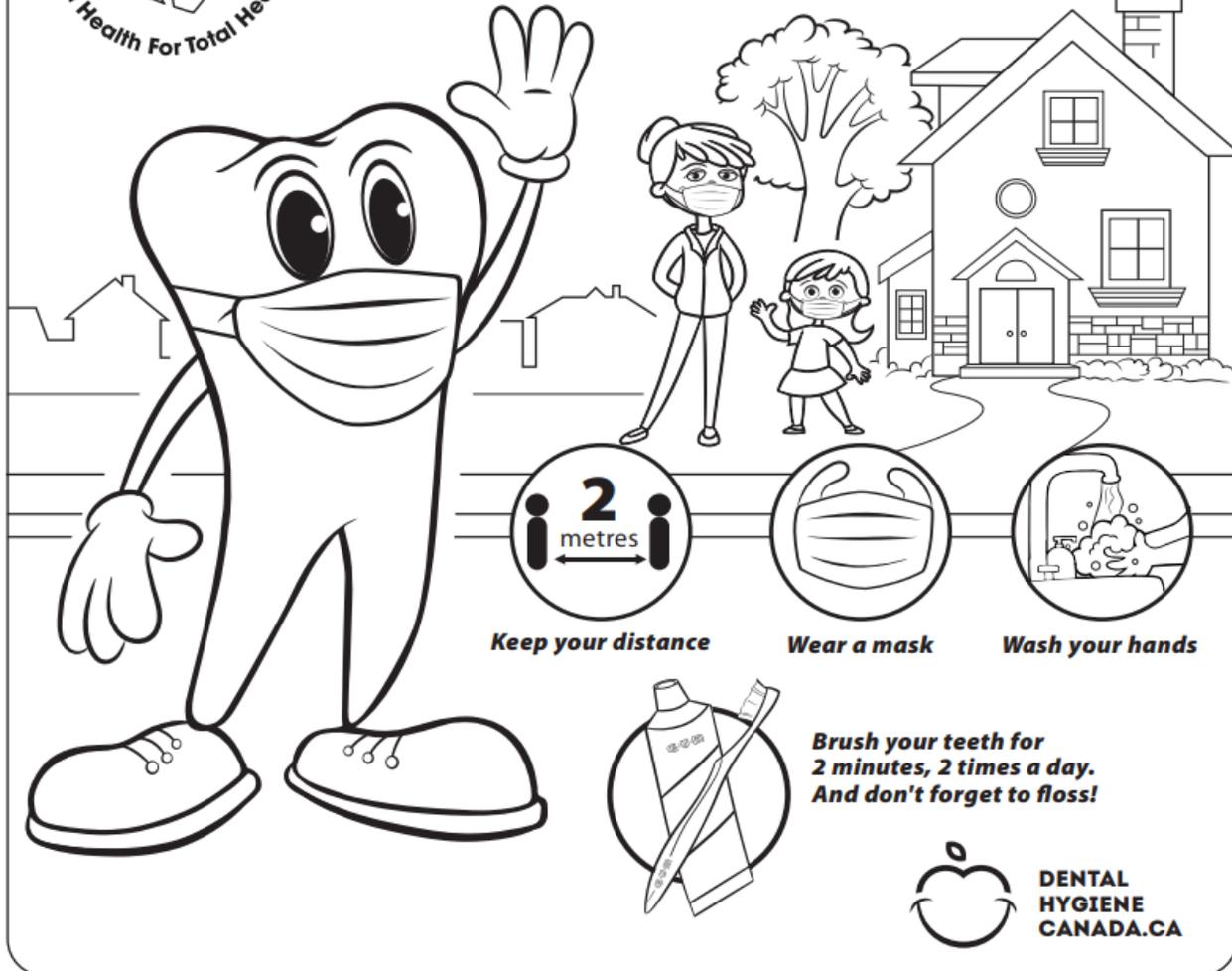
Prizes:

Win a Toys R Us gift card and kids' oral health prize packs from Sunstar G-U-M

- First prize \$75
- 2nd prize \$50
- 3rd prize \$25

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Keep your distance

Wear a mask

Wash your hands

**Brush your teeth for
2 minutes, 2 times a day.
And don't forget to floss!**


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