

George Vanier Catholic School

May 2020 – Spring Edition



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Vision Statement

Inspired by our rich heritage and challenged by the struggles of our past, we at George Vanier Catholic School, are called to express our mission as church, to pass on the good news of Jesus Christ, to make it relevant in the world today, and to be the hope for the future.

School Board Information

-This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Igniting Hope." Catholic Education Week is the first week of May.

The theme for CEW 2020 was inspired by three sources:

- The recent Papal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, by Pope Francis following the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment
- The recent Ontario Bishops' pastoral letter, *Renewing the Promise* (2018)
- The *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations* by the Institute for Catholic Education (2011)

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

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| Day 1: | Our Hope in Christ/Notre espérance, c'est le Christ |
| Day 2: | The Hope Within Us/L'espérance en nous |
| Day 3: | The Hope Among Us/L'espérance au milieu de nous |
| Day 4: | Hope for the World/L'espérance pour le monde |
| Day 5: | A Future Full of Hope/Un avenir rempli d'espérance |

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources, as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how the students and staff at our school are *Igniting Hope*.

*Share photos of how your family is celebrating Catholic Education Week.
Twitter @GVCS_RCCDSB #IgnitingHope or email to alandon@rccdsb.edu.on.ca

-April 24th, 2020 Board Update for Parents and Students

The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board wants to thank its students and families for the work you have done in keeping learning happening while our schools remain closed. On April 6th, we asked you to participate, to the best of your ability during this very difficult time, in our attempt at emergency distance learning. RCCDSB teachers, principals, vice-principals and support staff have worked hard at our initial priority which was to get as many of our students as possible up and running in the Google Classroom environment. You have responded with both energy and also nervousness as we know your work does not take the place of the classroom and school environment. We understand. We are committed to doing our best to listen as we go further with the distance learning tools at our disposal. At the same time, our number one priority remains the safety of students and staff in order to halt the spread of COVID-19.

Given that reliable internet access in Renfrew County varies from community to community, we wanted to update you on some recent and next steps in our efforts to reach everyone and keep learning happening:

- Broadening of our Wifi network at our schools so that they could be accessed from school parking lots.
- Delivery of devices such as Chromebooks and Ipads to students.
- Upcoming delivery of hard copy learning resources to students who learn best through those means.
- Upcoming loan of wifi hubs to those without internet service and can't travel to a parking lot.

Please continue to stay safe and stay home as much as possible. Continue to take care of one another. We ask you to continue to especially pray for people affected by COVID-19 and for our health care and essential workers.

Finally, please help us get the word out. We are open for virtual registration. Please go to the RCCDSB website at <https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/> and follow the link for more information about the registration process.

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Fr. John Lacey	
Weekend Mass Times: All Churches currently closed.	
Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere Saturdays 5pm Sundays 9am	St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge Sundays 11am

-Information for families with students who were preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the COVID-19 closures will be shared at a later date. Please continue to reflect on the material found in your booklets and also practice the "Act of Contrition" prayer.

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday, September 1 PA day "Occupational Health and Safety Training, School Learning Planning"
Wednesday, September 2 First day of school for students

Action Items for Our Families

-Please register for **School Cash On Line**. For safety and efficiency reasons the RCCDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into schools and the amount of class time being spent collecting money. It takes less than 5 minutes to register at <https://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashionline.com>. Please contact Mrs. Villeneuve for more information. **This year GVCS will only be accepting cheques or School Cash on line** for most purchases. We currently have an adoption rate for School Cash On Line of 53.85% for registered students.

-You can **continue to spread the news that registration for the 2020-2021 School Year is on-going** at GVCS. Knowing approximate student numbers now helps in planning for staffing and classes for the fall.

-Continue to follow @GVCS_RCCDSB on twitter for updates on the COVID-19 school closures. We are aware many families wish to retrieve items left in our building such as shoes, hoodies, earbuds, etc., and the Board is working with the local Health Unit to produce a protocol to ensure the safe retrieval of these items.

-Please reach out to us if we can be of assistance to your family during these challenging times. We miss all of you and we care about all of you.

Thank you for your attention to these items. Together we're better!

Attachments

May 2020 GVCS calendar		
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Family Activity of the Month

Another great recipe from our friends at Food for Learning:

Apple Nachos

Give this healthy and easy idea a try!

Ingredients

- 1-2 Honeycrisp apples (sliced)
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 large strawberries (diced)
- 15-20 fresh blueberries
- 1/2 kiwi (diced)
- 1/4 cup coconut flakes
- 1 tbsp. cocoa nibs (if desired)

Arrange your apple slices on a plate. Use a spoon to drizzle the yogurt over the apples. Sprinkle remaining ingredients on top of apples. Drizzle with more yogurt dip, if desired. Enjoy!
