

George Vanier Catholic School

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School Calendar *September 2021*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 PA DAY	3 BOARD HOLIDAY	4
5	6 	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Hat day! 	18
19	20	21	22 	23	24 PA day (no school for students) "Learning Recovery and Intervention Strategies & Mathematics"	25
26 Feast of the Holy Canadian Martyrs	27	28	29	30 Wear ORANGE today! Prayer Service 9:30am-10am 		

We are gathered here today on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin Nation and we are grateful to be able to live, learn, pray, and share with all creation on these lands.



School Information

School Day 9:30-3:45

GVCS Schedule

9:10	Supervisor out on yard - parents may drop children off after this time
9:30	Start of morning classes (90 minute block)
11:00	Recess - start
11:15	Recess - end
11:15	90 minute block
12:45	Lunch (20 minutes eat, 25 minutes recess)
1:30	Start of afternoon classes
3:30	End of afternoon classes
	Recess
3:45	Bus dismissal
3:50	All students must be picked up by this time

-Staffing for September 2021:

Principal
 Spec. Ed. Resource Teacher
 Secretary (0.5 mornings)
 Custodian
 French
 Kindergarten-Grade 1
 Grades 2-4

Ms. Anne Marie Landon
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 Mrs. Nicole Villeneuve
 Mr. Gerard Olsheskie
 Monsieur Wil Summers
 Mr. Andrew Dupuis
 Mrs. Kelli Manion-Ronholm

Grades 5-8	Ms. Carolyn Cannon
Music and Dance	Mr. Joseph Platt
Educational Assistant (E.A.) 0.5	tbd
School Board Social Worker	Ms. Ashley Prince
School Attendance Counsellor	Ms. Sarah Cybulski
Yard/Lunch Supervisors	Mrs. Nicole Villeneuve
	Ms. Brianna Shalla

Parish Priest	Father Justin Bertrand
RCCDSB Trustee for GVCS	Mr. Bob Michaud
RCCDSB Supervisory Officer for GVCS	Ms. Mary-Lise Rowat

- The office requires a call or note from a parent if your child is a regular bus user and will be picked up by someone other than a parent. If we have not received a call by 3:25 or note your child will be sent on the bus, unless a parent or guardian is here by 3:45. Notes should be shared with office staff in the morning.

-The school provides a Chromebook for all students Grades 2-8 and an iPad for students K-1. We are a tech. free yard at recess.

-No nuts or shellfish please. We are also a scent free school.

-No microwaves are available for student use at lunch.

-Nothing is to be dangling from a backpack. If a child needs to bring a comfort object (small teddy bear, etc.,) from home it will need to stay in their backpack while at school.

-We run a Healthy Snack program daily. All foods for this program are in their natural state, that is “nothing in disguise”. An orange is an orange. A cucumber is a cucumber. No prepackaged items are offered. There is no cost to students to use this program.

Lost and Found

-A cell phone was found in the yard in August by our grass cutters. Please contact the office if it is yours.

School Board Information

-During the 2020-21 school year our Board focused on loving unconditionally. The Board Vision statement focus for 2021-22 will be: **This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.** Micah 6:8

-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. **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.

RCJTC Information (Transportation)

Bell times effective September 2021:

School Name:	Bell Times
George Vanier Catholic School	9:30 am – 3:45 pm

We encourage families to read the transportation safety guide in this link [safety guide](#) and watch this video regarding bus safety <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6116676>. Please check at www.onthebus.ca for the most up to date information regarding your children's bus times. Be ready at the stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick up. There needs to be an adult waiting with young children both in the morning and at the end of the day. Young children without an adult waiting at the end of the day will be returned to the school.

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Bertrand 613 756 3606	
Weekend Mass Times:	
Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere Saturday at 5pm Sunday 9am These Masses are live streamed www.facebook.com/hcmsfds	St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge 11am

Thank You

-To the C.O. Country Market, Bent Pizza, the Old School Hub, Yuill's Valu-Mart, and Little Gem (Killaloe) for providing items for our graduating students at the end of June.

Community Information

-Musclow Buslines is looking for part time and full time drivers for school buses and vans. Requires class B license for buses and class G for vans. Please call Brad at 613 338 2476 if interested.

WHAT DO I DO IF I COME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

August 2021

1

Fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days post vaccination)



- ▶ If you are **symptomatic**, you must self isolate.
 - Arrange for testing through the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) at 1-844-727-6404 or book an appointment online at <https://rcvtac.ca/>.
 - **Upon a negative test result, you can end self-isolation and return to work, school, and/or sport.**
- ▶ If you are **asymptomatic**, it is recommended that you arrange for testing. You are NOT required to self-isolate.

2

NOT vaccinated OR have received 1 dose ONLY OR contact occurred <14 days after your second dose



- Self-isolate for 10 days from the last contact with the person who tested positive whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.
- Arrange for testing through the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) at 1-844-727-6404 or book an appointment online at <https://rcvtac.ca/>.
- **Regardless of test result (i.e., positive or negative), you MUST remain in self-isolation for 10 days due to severity of variants of concern.**



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

www.rcdhu.com

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

August 2021

- ▶ Complete one of Ontario's online self-assessment tools: [COVID-19 self-assessment](#), [Screen for COVID-19 before going to any public place](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care screening](#).
- ▶ Arrange for testing through the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) at 1-844-727-6404 or book an appointment online at [How to book your COVID-19 test online](#).

1

If you have new symptoms that may be due to COVID-19



- ▶ (Regardless of YOUR vaccination status) You **must self-isolate and get tested**.
 - Everyone in your household who is **not** fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days post vaccination) must also self-isolate until you receive a negative test.
 - Household members who **are** fully vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to self-isolate but should self-monitor for symptoms.

2

If you test positive for COVID-19



- ▶ (Regardless of YOUR vaccination status) You **must self-isolate**.
 - Everyone in your household who is **not** fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days post vaccination) must also self-isolate, regardless of whether you receive a negative test, for **10 days after a break in contact. It could be longer if they are unable to self-isolate apart.**
 - Household members who **are** fully vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to self-isolate but should self-monitor for symptoms. **They should also be tested as soon as possible.**
 - You will be contacted by RCDHU. You can return to work or school once cleared by RCDHU.

3

If you do not get tested for COVID-19



- ▶ You **must self-isolate** (regardless of YOUR vaccination status) for **10 days from symptom onset**.
 - Everyone in your household who is **not** fully vaccinated (2 doses + 14 days post vaccination) must also self-isolate **for 10 days from last exposure to that symptomatic individual.**
 - Household members who **are** fully vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to self-isolate but should self-monitor for symptoms.



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For more information: renfrew.county@youthscience.ca

APRIL 8 & 9, 2022
Petawawa Civic Centre

*Based on advice from the Renfrew County District Health Unit, the fair may be held virtually if necessary

**CHANCE TO WIN CASH PRIZES AND AN ALL
EXPENSES PAID TRIP TO THE CANADA WIDE
SCIENCE FAIR (MAY 2021)**

Students must register online before the end of **Saturday, April 2.**

You do not need to win or participate in your school's science fair to come to RCRSF! All are welcome.



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Who is Eligible?

Children are eligible for coverage if they are:

- a) more than 6 months old;
- b) less than 27 years old; and
- c) live in Canada, except the province of Quebec.

If a child is 14 years old or older at any time during the Coverage Period, they must be a full-time student within the 12 months prior to any claim. We define a full-time student as being enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses at the same time, during any 4-month period. If you have children enrolled in different schools or school boards, they may all be insured under one policy.

You could be a winner!

Watch our blog for news about our **CONTESTS!**

No purchase necessary.

Did You Know?

-Here's some of what we heard during the first days of school:

"I missed you. And you. And you. And you....."

"I like playing soccer with my friends. It was no fun playing by myself most of the time."

"Mom makes me take off my outdoor shoes too".

"Mmmm. A sandwich. I missed sandwiches."

"That cloud looks like a smiling donut beside a tree".

"There are lots of kid helpers here".

"Will Father Justin teach us to juggle this year?"

"There's a note in my lunch kit. Can you please read it with me?"

"What is this place?" (4 year old in the gym for the first time)

"My mask keeps me safe and it keeps others safe. That's why I wear it. It's not fun to be sick."

"It's a wall of Lego. It's a Lego wall. I'm going to ask for one for Christmas." (upon seeing one of the two newly installed Lego walls in the school)

"We are all the same and yet we can all be different too."

"My bus driver is nice. I saw a deer while waiting for the bus and maybe my bus driver will see the deer too. Deer are nice like my bus driver."

A Prayer to Share

This prayer is adapted from a Prayer to Begin a School Year found in the book “Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers,” published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Insert the name of a special, personal intention in the blank.

*Blessed are You, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide Your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore Your mercy.
Bless and protect our students, teachers,
staff, their families, and especially _____.
Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.*

*Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of Your ways.
Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,
particularly those isolated and lonely.*

*In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of Your Son Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.*

Amen.

Looking Ahead....

Monday, October 11
Friday, October 29
Sunday, October 31

Thanksgiving
Photo Day
Halloween

Thursday, November 11
Friday, November 19

Remembrance Day
PA Day “Reporting to parents on progress”

Friday, December 17
Saturday, December 25

Last day of school prior to Christmas Holidays
Christmas!

2022

Monday, January 3
Monday, January 24

Back to school
Feast of St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday, February 2	PA Day “Reporting”
Tuesday, February 15	Flag Day in Canada
Monday, February 21	Family Day holiday
Wednesday, March 2	Ash Wednesday
Friday, March 11	Last day of school prior to March Break
Monday, March 21	Back to school
Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday
Monday, April 11	Holy Week starts
Friday, April 15	Good Friday
Sunday, April 17	Easter!
Monday, April 18	Easter Monday
Friday, April 22	Earth Day
Sunday, May 1	Catholic Education week 2022 (CEW) starts
	“Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together”
Friday, May 20	PA Day “Christian Community Day”
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day holiday
Thursday, June 2	Provincial election
Wednesday, June 8	Feast of Our Lady of Combermere (Madonna House)
Friday, June 10	PA Day “Reporting”
Tuesday, June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, June 29	Last day of the 2021-22 school year for students
Thursday, June 30	PA Day “Mental Health and Well-Being & Mathematics”
Friday, July 1	Canada Day

Action Items for our Families

- -As per a Ministry update on Monday, August 30, 2021, all boards are required to perform on-site confirmation of self-screening for all students for the first two weeks of the school year. In addition, confirmation of self-screening will be required after Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as any occasion deemed necessary by the Renfrew County District Health Unit (e.g., after outbreaks or increase in community transmission).

Here is the process for student confirmation of self-screening at the elementary school level:

September 8th, 2021 through to September 17, 2021 (As well as any other time moving forward when required):

Confirmation of self-screening can be completed “electronically” as students will know their teacher as that is required information in the electronic form.

Please complete the [Ontario Before School Screener](#) on your child.

If your child receives the “Green - Go To School” result on the screener, please use the following link on a daily basis to confirm screener completion:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bcp2MQrJTC95R0IEdgNkUNLxcdXxohpGw6eJ8BBXCYE/edit>

This link will ask for the student’s name, the date and the confirmation of screener results (“Go to School” or “Do not go to School” message from Ontario Student Covid Screening Tool) . It will also ask you to choose the student’s teacher from a drop down menu. Please note, a parent will have to complete the online form for each of their children (e.g., 3 children in different classes = 3 confirmation of self-screening submissions using the online form).

For daily ease of use, you might want to consider saving the link in a bookmark or as an app on your mobile phone. Here is a self-help link should you choose to try bookmarking or creating an app: <https://www.turitop.com/blog/how-to-save-website-shortcuts-to-my-smartphone-android-ios-and-windows-mobile/>

Please note, the RCCDSB Help Desk will not be providing support to parents on how to bookmark the link or creating an app from the link.

Should you not be able to use an online reporting form, the confirmation will have to be completed manually (paper note) like on September 7th for the duration of the time period screening is required.

Should there not be a confirmation of screener for your child, the following will occur:

For Primary Students (Year 1 - Gr. 3):

The office will be notified that your child has not completed the screener and you will be contacted to come and pick up your child. Upon arrival, you have the option to complete the self-screener with your child.

If your child passes, he/she can remain at school. If your child does not pass the screener, you must take your child home.

For Junior/intermediate Students (Gr. 4-8):

Using either a [hard copy of the Ontario Before Screening Tool](#) or the following link to the online version ([Ontario Before School Screener](#)) provided by an educator in the classroom, your child will be asked to independently complete the screener, if he/she is of an age and ability that he/she can read and respond to the questions on the screener independently. An educator in

the classroom will privately ask your child the screener questions, if he/she is unable to complete this task independently.

If your child passes, he/she remains in the classroom. If your child does not pass the screener, the classroom teacher will follow the procedure for sending a student home and you will be contacted for pick up.



Family Activity of the Month

Who writes your favourite books? Check out www.literature-map.com to enter an author's name and find out other authors who may write similar books. Works for readers of all ages and stages. Happy reading!



