

George Vanier Catholic School

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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.

Special thanks for your support during the summer months to:

- ✿ Mr. Olszeskie for the amazing job he has done in the school. It looks just beautiful and his attention to detail goes above and beyond all expectations!
- ✿ Mrs. Susan Yaraskavitch for the countless volunteer hours she put in at the school this summer. We have all benefitted from her help and energy!
- ✿ All of the staff who have worked over the summer to prepare for this new school year

Welcome (Back)!

I would like to offer a sincere welcome back to our returning students and staff as well as a warm welcome to our new teacher, Mr. John Artymko and our 11 new students! The George Vanier Catholic School family welcomes the following students:

London Beanish – SK
Sadie Trebinskie – SK
Riley Bedard – Grade 3
Davor Jakelic – Grade 4
Raphael Holt – Grade 4
Cayden Beanish – Grade 5
Logan Beanish – Grade 6
Justin Bedard – Grade 6
Katarina Jakelic – Grade 7
Francisco Holt – Grade 7
Lukas Jakelic – Grade 8

We are thrilled to have you joining us and look forward to a terrific year together!

Open House

Please join us for our Annual Open House on Wednesday, September 9 from 6 – 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and visit with staff members and other families. We look forward to seeing everyone that evening.

Bell Times

Our bell times remain the same as last year. The only difference is that we have switched the lunch recess to the beginning of the lunch period and the students will eat after they come in from outside.

8:40 - Start of Day

10:10 – 10:25 am – Recess

11:25 – 11:55 am – Lunch Recess

11:55 – 12:20 – Lunch

2:50 – 3:05 – Recess

3:05 – End of Day

Pastor Changes

Fr. Ken O'Brien will be leaving Holy Canadian Martyr's Parish to go to St. James' Parish in Eganville in the next week or so. Fr. John Lacey will be coming to Combermere in his place. We will miss Father Ken greatly, but look forward to working closely with Fr. John to continue to develop our School – Parish connection. We pray for both during this time of transition and new beginnings. There will be a farewell social for Father Ken on Sunday, September 6th from 2-4pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall in Combermere. All are welcome to attend.

School Mass

We will celebrate our opening school mass on Tuesday, September 8th at 1:30pm. This will be a special mass for us as we will be saying our farewell to Father Ken on this day. Please join us if your schedule allows.

Student Responsibility

This year, students in our school will have to demonstrate that they are responsible enough to participate on our school teams (sports, chess, Grey Matter), field trips and other activities (including dances) that will take place off of school grounds. Students will earn these privileges based on their Attitude, Academics and Attendance at school. Ability will also be taken into consideration in some cases. If students have not demonstrated a proper attitude in all school settings, **or** have unfinished classwork or homework, **or** have been absent or late frequently, they will be excluded from school teams or events. We are confident that all of our students can rise to this challenge and we look forward to them being great ambassadors of George Vanier Catholic School!

Partridge Run

The Annual Partridge Run will be held on Friday, October 2, 2015 at St. Mary's School in Wilno. Our students are already looking forward to this event. This year, students from grades 4 – 8 will be invited to participate on the George Vanier team. We are very thankful to the volunteers who are working to keep this tradition going even though the school has closed.

Piano Lessons

This school year Timothy Baklinski will be offering music lessons during classroom hours to all grades. If you are interested in starting your child on the Piano, Guitar or Bass, or wish to continue with lessons from the previous year, please contact him at 613.757.0025 or 613.281.0854 or by email at: baklinski.music@gmail.com

Transportation

The Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium has a new website! Please visit them at onthebus.ca. The Consortium would like us to remind all parents that Emergency School Bus Passes are only to be given in emergency or caregiving situations (not for birthday parties, visits or sleepovers) and that students must be getting on and off of the bus at a consistent location. For example, drivers are no longer able to drop a student off at a parent's house one day and a grandparent's another day so alternate transportation arrangements must be made if this is necessary. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Milk

Chocolate and white milk will be available for sale during lunch for a cost \$0.60 per carton.

Parent Teacher Conferencing

This year, we are planning to take a bit of a different approach with our Parent Teacher Interviews which have been traditionally held in November. Instead, we will be holding a Learning Skills Conference Night on October 21st. As a staff, we feel that this earlier date will provide time for students to use the teacher feedback to make any necessary improvements before the Progress Report is sent home in November. The evening will focus on discussing your child(ren)'s Learning Skills – Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self-Regulation. If you should wish to discuss academic concerns or questions with your child's teacher after receiving the Progress Report, you can contact the teacher to set up a time to do so.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or if you just want to share some information with us, please call or stop in any time. I look forward to seeing each of you again soon!

Barry's Bay & Area Minor Hockey Association

2015/16 Minor Hockey registration (ages 4 and up)

September 8, 2015 at the Paul J Yakabuski Arena

6:00pm - 7:30pm

For more information & rates go to www.bbamha.goaline.ca

1st Barry's Bay Spark/Brownie/Guide/Pathfinder/Ranger unit

Girl Guides offers girls and women fun-filled opportunities to discover new interests, use their talents, challenge themselves and learn valuable leadership and life skills. Programs explore issues that are important to girls, giving them the tools they need to be confident, courageous and resourceful, and to make a difference in the world.

Weekly meeting will start Tuesday Sept 29th, 2015 at St. John Bosco School in Barry's Bay. Each Tuesday the Sparks and Brownies will meet from 6:00-7:00pm and the Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers will meet from 6:00-7:45. You can register online at girlguides.ca or [1-800-565-8111](tel:1-800-565-8111), subsidy and Jumpstart funding may be available. See the pamphlet for more information or check out our facebook page "1st Barry's Bay Spark/Brownie/Guide/Pathfinder/Ranger unit" or call Stephanie [613-585-2464](tel:613-585-2464) or Stacie [613-635-3766](tel:613-635-3766). Leaders are also needed.