

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.

Happy New Year to all! We hope you enjoyed a beautiful Christmas with loved ones. It is always so nice to come back in January with excitement for the year ahead! May this be one of your best years yet and may God's blessings be upon you in 2016!

Special thanks for your support during the month of December to:

- ✿ Our students and staff who worked so hard to create and perform such a beautiful Christmas concert
- ✿ Mrs. Margaret Wojda and Mrs. Elaine Brown for lending their musical talents to the Grade 4 concert play
- ✿ All of our families and community members who attended the concert
- ✿ Ms. Landon for organizing a beautiful Christmas Dinner for our staff and volunteers
- ✿ Our Library volunteers, Mrs. Rumleskie, Mrs. Parisien and Mrs. Yaraskavitch, for giving their time so freely
- ✿ Mr. Olszeskie, Mrs. Yaraskavitch and Mr. Artymko and class for shoveling the rink.

School Mass

Our school mass will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 1:00pm. We look forward to celebrating with our school community. Please join us if your schedule allows.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held from Monday, January 25, 2016 to Friday, February 5, 2016. As always, we will take registrations at any time. Documents required to register your child include:

Proof of residence, immunization record, child's individual health card, baptismal certificate and birth certificate. Your 911 address will also be

required.

Senior Kindergarten registrants must be five years old by December 31, 2016. Junior Kindergarten registrants must be four years old by December 31, 2016.

If you know any families with Kindergarten aged students, please pass this information on to them.

Christmas Basket Raffle Winners

We had a very successful Basket Raffle again this year. Thank you to all of our families who donated to the baskets and to all of those who sold and purchased tickets. Special thanks go to Gloria Kosnaskie for organizing the donations and the baskets. Congratulations our lucky winners:

Sharon Markwick – Baking Basket

Connie Tiedemann – Christmas Dinner Basket

Lil Gruntz – Italian Basket

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14 at 6:00pm in the school Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Christmas Concert

Congratulations to our students and staff on a very successful Christmas Concert. We received excellent feedback from our audience. Thank you to everyone who attended. We are so happy to be able to provide such a highly anticipated and meaningful event each year!

Outdoor Rink

We have submitted a request to the Township to ask them for a Donation of Services to flood our rink. We are really hoping the students will have the opportunity to skate on it this year. Thank you to all who have helped to get the rink ready to flood.

Spaghetti Lunch

We will be offering a spaghetti lunch for all students on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The cost is \$2.00 per bowl of spaghetti with sauce. Orders will be collected on the morning of the 19th. Orders can also be placed through School Cash on-line for those who have registered.

Parent Involvement Committee

The RCCDSB Parent Involvement Committee will be holding their annual Madawaska Family of Schools meeting on January 27th at St. Andrew's School in Killaloe. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and all parents are invited to attend – you do not need to be a School Council member. Call Mrs. Enright if you would like more information.

Winter Dress

All students are required to come to school dressed warmly (hats, mitts, boots, snow pants) during the winter season. Students are required to be outside for all recesses so they can be supervised. The only exception is when everyone stays inside if the temperature is below -21 degrees, but even then, we may go out for brief periods in order to get some fresh air, so warm winter wear is required.

Broomball

As long as the weather cooperates, the Annual OPP Broomball Tournament will be held in Killaloe on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Colds and Flu

With winter comes flu season. As a means to help stop the spread of germs, we encourage good handwashing throughout the day. It is also standard practice that if a child is well enough to come to school, he/she will be expected to participate in all school activities, including recess.

Collecting

Our amazing Library volunteers are still collecting Campbells Soup can labels for us. Please feel free to send in any that you may have.

School Improvement Planning

Our main goal in our School Improvement Plan is to increase student perseverance when they are faced with difficult tasks and to demonstrate for students the learning opportunities that arise from taking risks with learning. As part of this, we have been talking about perseverance with the students. One morning, the students and staff came up with these phrases to help others to understand what perseverance means:

- You can do it!
- Keep on going, even when it gets hard
- Look for new ways
- When the going gets tough, the tough get going
- Don't give up
- Mistakes are opportunities to learn
- Growth
- Showing what you're made of

Another part of our School Improvement Plan is to continue to work on Math Problem Solving. To that end, we are introducing a new feature to our newsletter. Each month, a math question will be included. We hope that families will work together to solve the problem. Once it has been solved TWO ways at home, one of the students can bring the work that shows the two ways their family used to find the solution to school to be entered in a draw for a gift certificate. Please make sure to include the names of the family members who worked on the solutions. The draw will be made at the end of each month.

Here is our first problem:

A number has three fives in it and other digits too. One five is worth 100 times as much as another. One five is worth 1000 times as much as another. What could the number be? Show two possible answers and how you got them.

Have fun with this and good luck to all of our families!

Transportation

Please sign up at the Transportation website, www.onthebus.ca to get up to date email notifications about your child's transportation. You can also check the website and listen to the local radio stations to learn about any cancellations or delays.