

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 month of February to:

- Ms. Landon for running chess club at lunch and coaching our floor hockey teams
- Mrs. McLean for traveling to Pembroke with our students to attend the Student Forum
- The students who helped to shovel the rink in February so some could skate
- All of the students who represented George Vanier at sporting events and at the Student Forum
- Mrs. Schweig for her recognition of the kind acts completed by our students
- Mrs. Yaraskavitch for her help in the school

School Mass

Our school mass will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 9:00 am. Please join us if your schedule allows.

School Council

Our School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th at 5:30 pm in the school Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We offer sincere congratulations to our students Alec Beggs and Sadie Brotton who, along with, two others made their First Reconciliation on February 25th.

March Break

March Break is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2016, to Friday, March 18, 2016, inclusive. Classes will resume on Monday, March 21, 2016. Have a relaxing break!

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. Gerard Olsheskie and his family on the loss of his mother, Eva.

Additional April Professional Activity Day

Students and parents are asked to note April 8th on your calendars as an additional Professional Activity day. It has been added to meet Ministry of Education requirements. There will be no classes for pupils on April 8th. Please also note that April 22nd remains a professional activity day and therefore there are no classes for pupils on that day.



George Vanier Trivia Night

Our 4th Annual Trivia Night will be held on Friday, April 15th, 2016. Please register your team of up to 6 as soon as possible! The cost is \$60 per team. We hope to see many of our parents and community members there for a very fun evening! Please pass this word along to anyone who may be interested - the more the merrier!

Assessment and Evaluation

As you know, we have just completed the term one Report Cards. Leading up to the reporting time, we take many things into account in order to write reports that accurately reflect the students. It might be helpful for our families to know how we collect the information that appears on the reports. The Ministry of Education produced a document called, "Growing Success", in 2010. This is the guiding work for teachers as they assess, evaluate and report on student achievement. The book states that when determining a report card grade,

"The teacher will consider all evidence collected through observations, conversations and student products (tests/exams, assignments for evaluation". ..."Determining a report card grade will involve teachers' professional judgment and interpretation of evidence and should reflect the student's most consistent level of achievement, with special consideration given to more recent evidence".

Student Forum

On Friday, February 12th, Justin Bedard, Emma Beggs and Katarina Jakelic represented George Vanier at RCCDSB's first Student Forum in Pembroke. The students were thrilled with their day and were able to share ideas and hear from many others throughout the board. The staff members who were at the Forum were very impressed with what they heard and shared some of the information with the principals of the Board. Based on what the students had to say, they feel most engaged in class when they are doing hands on activities, when they understand what to do, when they are using technology and when they are participating in conversations and asking questions. The feedback from this first Forum was very valuable and the organizers are already talking about the possibility of hosting another!

Legion Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the following students who delivered their speeches to the George Vanier School community: Emma Brotton, Shaelyn Betournay, Ava Beggs, Niomi Yuke, Daniel O'Brien, Raphael Holt, Emma Beggs, Katarina Jakelic, Lukas Jakelic, Spencer Ryan and Francisco Holt. Ava and Emma Beggs represented George Vanier at the Legion competition on Saturday, February 20th. Congratulations to both of these students on a job well done!



Carnival and Crepes

On Tuesday, February 9th, our students had a fun filled morning. We were treated to two French plays in the gym and then we headed outside for some winter carnival fun. The students had a great time participating in team events and we heard lots of positive encouragement between teammates! At lunch time, everyone at the school enjoyed delicious crepes prepared by Madame and her student helpers. Thank you to Mme., Ms. Landon and the students who helped to organize the events

for the day!

Floor Hockey

Our Junior and Primary Floor hockey teams had very successful tournaments! The Junior teams had an excellent day and one of the teams ended up undefeated throughout the day! This team was also complimented on their manners while visiting PRPS. Our Primary team played very well as a team and were undefeated for the day as well. For some of our students, this was their first tournament. All are to be congratulated on how well they represented George Vanier Catholic School!



Here is a photo of our Primary Team

Volleyball

Tournament

Good luck to our students who will be attending the Volleyball Tournament at Madawaska Valley District High School on Friday, April 1 st. thank you to ms. Landon for coaching the teams.

Provincial Assessments

Grades 3 and 6 students will be involved in EQAO Provincial Assessments between May 25 and June 8, 2016. Please check your calendar to ensure that these weeks remain clear of appointments.

Math Problem Solving

Thank you to those of you who entered last month! The winner of our second problem solving challenge is Spencer Ryan. Congratulations on winning a gift certificate from Vito's Pizzeria! If you would like a chance to win a prize, please solve the following problem and bring your solutions (with sketches) to Mrs. Enright. If correct, you will then be entered into the March draw.

An L shaped swimming pool has an area of 30m^2 . Draw and label two possible layouts of the pool.

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



Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to put your clocks ahead one hour on March 13th. This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms!

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

Have a safe and enjoyable March Break!