

# 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.

We know that September will bring changes to our George Vanier staff. We welcome Ms. Landon as the Principal for the 2016-2017 school year! This means that her current teaching position will need to be filled by a new staff member. A lot of the hiring is done through the summer, so we may not know who our new teacher is until into August. We are looking at some scenarios for our class breakdowns and our staff will be meeting next week to make recommendations and give feedback on this past year. I will be sending a June update to all families closer to the end of the year when we will (hopefully) have more information to share. We thank you for your patience with this process. If you do have any questions or feedback to share, please contact Mrs. Enright.

## Special thanks for your support during the month of April to:

- Brian, Skyler and Brady Glofcheskie for taking down and storing our rink boards
- Mary Ann McCann and Jason O'Brien for volunteering on the day of our track and field meet and for making new targets for the hockey shoot event
- Mrs. Susan Yaraskavitch for helping to clean up our flower beds and for donating and planting the beautiful flowers in the planter in the bench at the front of the school
- The volunteers who helped to make the grade 7 & 8 car wash fundraiser a success
- Our wonderful Library volunteers, Mrs. Helen Parisien, Mrs. Carmel Rumleskie and Mrs. Susan Yaraskavitch for all of the time they put into organizing and caring for our books and helping our children discover all that the library has to offer
- Mrs. Veronika Jakelic for organizing our hymn pages and putting them into duotangs for her help in the office

*Thank  
You*

## **School Mass**

Our school mass will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:30 am. We would love to celebrate with you, so please join us or this final mass of the school year, if your schedule allows.

## **First Communion**

Sincere congratulations to Sadie Brotton and Alec Beggs on making the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, May 29th. May God continue to bless them both throughout their lives.

## **Student Teacher**

We welcome former student, Helena Coulas, to George Vanier as a Student Teacher. Ms. Coulas is working in our grade 5,6,7,8 classroom and we are thrilled to have her at George Vanier!

## **School Council**

School Council will be treating our students and staff to a pizza lunch on Thursday, June 16th. Special thanks to Tammy Beanish who has offered to deliver the pizzas to the school that day! Our students will also be treated to ice cream at lunch time on June 21st. Special thanks to Trista Betournay who has offered to scoop ice cream that day! Our School Council members work hard to fundraise and support our students throughout the year and we sincerely thank them for offering these special days for us!

## **End of Year BBQ and Ball Game**

Our end of year BBQ and Ball Game will be held on Tuesday, June 14th. We will start with supper at 6:00 pm followed by a Primary ball game and then, the much anticipated Adult versus Teens ball game will take place. **All** parents and volunteers are invited to play!

School Council will provide hotdogs and drinks for all and we ask that each family bring one of the following items:

- a salad
- fruit or veggie tray
- cracker/cheese/pickle tray
- squares/cookies
- snack item of your choice

If you would prefer to donate ketchup/mustard/relish for the evening, please let Mrs. Enright know ahead of time. We thank you in advance for your food donation and look forward to a fun evening for all!

## **Grade 7 and 8 Fundraiser**

The Grade 7/8 class is offering Cedar Deck Chairs and Madawaska Coffee Co coffee for their class fundraiser.

The student constructed chairs are \$40 each. Quantities are limited and are selling quickly. Buy yours now!

The coffee, 100% organic, ethically traded, and roasted in Barry's Bay, is available for \$10 per half pound bag (the same price as, or less than, you'd pay for the same coffee in our local shops).

If you would like to order chairs or coffee, please contact Mr. Artymko at the school.



### **Track and Field**

Thank you to Mr. Artymko, Ms. Landon and Ms. Coulas who have been practicing for Track and Field with our students. The Meet will be held at Killaloe Public School on Thursday, June 9th. Fans are very welcome to cheer on all of our students!

### **EQAO**

Our Grade 3 and 6 students will continue with the annual EQAO Assessments on June 1, 2 and 7. If a student is absent one of those days, we have allowed for some flexibility in the schedule to get him/her caught up. We wish these students the best and hope that they look at this as an opportunity to show all that they know!

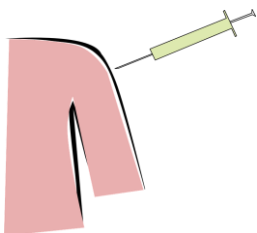
### **Library**

Students are reminded to please return all overdue Library books before the summer holidays.



### **Summer School**

Once again, Summer School will be held at St. John Bosco during the month of July. This is a great opportunity for students to practice and strengthen their math and language skills. Transportation is provided by the RCCDSB. More details will be sent home shortly. The deadline has passed, but if you are interested, please let Mrs. Enright know ASAP.



### **Immunizations**

Nurses from the Renfrew County District Health Unit will be at George Vanier on Tuesday, June 7th to give immunizations to some of our Grade 7 and 8 students

### **Field Trips**

Our teachers have been working hard to plan and fundraise for our school trips. Here is a summary of where each group is going.

Classes	Date	Summary of Trip
4,5,6	June 8th	Ottawa - Agricultural and Food Museum, Royal Canadian Mint, Glow in the dark golf
K,1,2,3	June 9th	Bonnechere Provincial Park Excavation and pioneer activities with 2 classes from St. John Bosco
7,8	June 22	Toronto - Hockey Hall of Fame, Eaton Centre, CN Tower, Blue Jays game

### **Softball Tournament**

Our students will be participating in the annual softball tournament on Friday, June 17th at Palmer Rapids Public School. Fans are welcome to attend that day to cheer on the students.

### **Graduation**

The George Vanier graduation will be held on Thursday, June 23rd. We will begin with mass at Holy Canadian Martyrs' at 7 pm and will then gather in the gymnasium for speeches and refreshments. We will be celebrating the graduation of the following students:

*Julia Beggs*                      *Michelle Lepinskie*  
*Selina DeCarle*                *Joshua Parisien*  
*Thomas Giffin*                *Spencer Ryan*  
*Lukas Jakelic*                *Maria Ziebarth*

### **Current Grade 8 Students**

Grade 9 Orientation morning will be scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at MVDHS. Parents are encouraged to come with their child.

Students entering Grade 9 in September can begin their community hours this summer, from July 1, 2016, onwards.

### **Donations of Used Books**

The new store that has opened in Combermere is looking for donations of gently used books. They are going to resell them at a low cost and plan to use the funds from the sales make a donation to the local schools. In the end, we may profit from your donations! We thank Sandy Gauthier for thinking up this generous idea and wish her luck in her new business endeavour.

### **School and Attendance Counsellor**

George Vanier is serviced by a Renfrew county Catholic District School Board School and Attendance Counsellor. Currently, Mrs. Cindy Giroux is replacing Mrs. Susan Hanniman who is on a leave. Mrs. Giroux is at George Vanier every two weeks. If you have any interest in your

child seeing this counsellor during school hours, please let Mrs. Enright know. This will help for planning the September schedule

## **2016 Fun Pass Information**

This summer, fun costs less. Through the 2016 Fun Pass, Ontario has [18 popular attractions](#) across the province offering free admission for one child when they are accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents also save \$2 on a daily parking permit at selected [Ontario's provincial parks](#). Learning doesn't stop when school ends. Your kids can learn and have fun during the summer months by visiting one of Ontario's attractions – from exploring a 200-year old shipwreck at Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene to experiencing the world of science through interactive exhibits at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto.

Simply bring a coupon – found in the 2016 Fun Pass booklet or at [Ontario.ca/funpass](http://Ontario.ca/funpass)– to any participating attraction. It's that easy. Visit our website for more information about the Fun Pass program and to download the e-pass. (*Option for paper Fun Pass schools:*) And make sure to watch for the 2016 Fun Pass with your kids' report card in June!

## **Transportation Update**

RCJTC is **OPEN** all year long including the summer months, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

### **September to June (regular school year)**

- By email or phone from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday
- In person from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

### **July to August (summer break)**

- By email or phone from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
- In person from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

The Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) is responsible for providing transportation service to over 11,000 Renfrew County students in 53 different schools for both the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board and the Renfrew County District School Board. Four routers are responsible for creating bus routes, setting up bussing, and making changes to bussing for these students. They work closely with the various bus Operators in each area to ensure safe, efficient, effective transportation to and from school.

As safety of students is a priority, it takes time, and occasionally a physical review of a designated stop to process transportation requests, especially from mid-August to mid-October when there is a high volume of requests which results in delays in responding to individual requests.

## **What can you do to help?**

- Please log into the "Parent Portal" by visiting our website ([www.onthebus.ca](http://www.onthebus.ca)) after August 22<sup>nd</sup> to confirm the 2016-2017 school year or at any time throughout the regular school year to confirm your child's bus information.

- If you haven't yet subscribed to receive email notifications for cancellations and delays or timing or bus # changes, we encourage you to do so by visiting our website and signing up at any time.
- Over the course of the summer and throughout the school year if you need to make a change to your child's addressing or transportation details (your home, your sitter, custody change, etc.) please visit our website at [www.onthebus.ca](http://www.onthebus.ca) or contact your child's school or the RCCDSB board office at 613-735-1031.
- If you know of someone who has just moved into the area over the summer months have them contact us as soon as possible by filling in the Student Transportation Request form and then email us ([trans@onthebus.ca](mailto:trans@onthebus.ca)) the form.

### **A Prayer for the End of the School Year**

Lord God,

We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our homes a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen