

George Vanier Catholic School

October 2016



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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.

At this beautiful time of year when we are enjoying the fruits and vegetables of the harvest and walking among trees dressed in vibrant colours let us truly be grateful and give thanks for each person who has blessed our lives in the past year. Happy Thanksgiving to the George Vanier Catholic School Community!

Ms. Landon

School Information

- On Thursday, October 6 at the Frisbee Tournament a canteen will be open for students to purchase snacks if they wish. Hotdogs and hamburgers were to be preordered.
- Ms. Cindy Giroux, our School Counsellor, is available to provide support for any student who needs it (e.g. social, peer, personal issues). Please contact Ms. Landon to obtain the necessary form so your child may access this service.
- We ask that parents attending or chaperoning school trips and tournaments only post photos of their own children to social media sites, not photos that have other children in them.
- Learning skill conferences will be held Wednesday, October 26. We held our first learning skills conferences with families last year and they are back by popular demand. We are going to schedule these conferences so that you will have an opportunity to meet with all of your child's teachers at the same time. The Learning Skills are vital in all curriculum areas and we want to report your child's strengths and next steps to you from a team approach because we have so much team teaching happening at George Vanier this year.

School Council

- This year's School Council is: Tracy Glofcheskie (Chair), Gloria Kosnaskie (Treasurer), Karen Pecarskie (Teaching Rep.), Sandra Novacosky (Madonna House Rep.), Jackie Bouchard (School/Parish Rep.), Anne Marie Landon (Principal/Resource). New members are always welcome.
- We are looking for parents to "shadow" some of our organizers for the Christmas bazaar. More info. will be sent home shortly about this and other amazing opportunities to help support our school.
- There will be a Parent-Involvement Committee (PIC) Inaugural Mass and Meeting October 5 at 5:30pm at St. James Parish, Eganville.

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Fr. John Lacey	
Weekend Mass Times:	
Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere Saturdays 5pm Sundays 9am	St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge Sundays 11am

- There are a number of unfilled hours at the Adoration Chapel. Please call Mary Doyle at 613 756 6643 for more information.
- A letter will be going home next week outlining the Sacramental preparations and timelines for students who are interested in receiving First Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Confirmation.

Thank You

- To all families who came out to our Open House on September 21. It was a pleasure to meet everyone. Congratulations to Myra and Ember who won the cow cooler bags!
- To Melody Priestley for spending an afternoon making applesauce with our K-2 class.
- To Gloria Kosnaskie, Tracy Glofcheskie, Sandra Novacosky, and Julia Beggs for baking muffins for our after Mass community celebration on the Feast of the Holy Canadian Martyrs.
- To the Palmer Rapids and Area Lions Club for providing our school with a free pizza lunch (including fruits cups and water) on October 4.
- To Trista Betournay for providing healthy snacks the 4th Thursday of September.
- To Mr. Artymko and Miss Marquette for coaching our Partridge runners and organizing the Ultimate Frisbee tournament.
- To Miss Marquette and her Gr. 3/4/5 class for making Thanksgiving crafts for the Palliative Care unit at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in conjunction with our CWL.

Community Information

- Tim Baklinski is offering music instruction at GV on Mondays. Please contact him at 613 281 2854 or baklinskimusic@gmail.com for further information.
- The Girl Guides of Canada is offering sessions for girls aged 5-17 years. Weekly meetings are held at St. John Bosco Catholic School in Barry's Bay. Register on-line at girlguides.ca or call 1 800 565 8111. Pamphlets are available outside of the GV school office.

Did You Know?

- 22 students from GV participated in the Partridge Run September 23. Congratulations to all of our runners especially Alec, Sadie B., and Katarina who earned ribbons.
- Every student in our school has an opportunity each Tuesday afternoon to sign out books from our amazing school library to take home and read.
- GV will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank throughout the month of October.
- October is Fire Safety and Prevention month. Take time to discuss a fire safety plan with your family. We will be hosting a special presentation by the MV Fire Department on Thursday, October 13.
- Chocolate and white milk are sold daily at 11:55am for \$0.60.

Looking Ahead...

- Check out the calendar sent home yesterday for October's dates including three School Spirit days!
- Tuesday, November 1 in the afternoon Bus Safety presentations
- Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls' Day) Mass at 1pm
- Friday, November 11 Remembrance Day Prayer Service 10:50am
- Wednesday, November 16, 2016 School Photos including graduation photos (in the morning). No retakes.
- Friday, November 18 PA Day
- Saturday, November 19 School Council annual Christmas Bazaar at GVCS
- Thursday, December 15 Christmas Concert in the evening

Perhaps...

- Parents, Community Members: Perhaps you would be interested in joining our School Council. The next meeting is on Thursday, November 3 at 5:30. This meeting will focus on our upcoming Christmas Bazaar. A package will be sent home soon containing information about all of the various ways families can assist with the Bazaar.
- Families: Perhaps you would be able to help out with Healthy Snacks on Thursdays. Talk with Ms. Landon for more info. We already have families willing to look after the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Costs will be reimbursed.

- Parents: Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in becoming a yard/lunch supervisor at our school. Work times 11:25-12:20 daily. This is a paid position. Contact Ms. Landon if interested.
- Parents and Volunteers: Perhaps you would like to help with the MESAA Ultimate Frisbee to be held at our school on Thursday, October 6. Contact Mr. Artymko or Miss Marquette for more information.

Action Items for Our Families

- Please complete and return the Learning Skills Conference page with your preference for time on Wednesday, October 26.
- Please look for our Christmas Bazaar information package which will be sent home soon regarding all of the different tasks and ways you and your family can help.

Attachments

October 2016 Calendar	School Council Minutes	Learning Skills Conference Page
Grade 6/7/8 Coffee Fundraiser Page		

Family Activity of the Month

THANKFUL
TOGETHER

What is your family thankful for? Have each family member write about or draw something they are thankful for. Ask visitors to add to your list and give thanks with a grateful heart.

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Please complete and return the form below indicating your preference for meeting times. Formal interviews will be held in November following the Progress Report Cards going home for families who wish to meet with their child's teachers concerning achievement in the subject areas.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you!

Anne Marie Landon

Name of Child(ren) _____

Please check **one** of the following. Each conference should take about 5-10 minutes.

Wednesday, October 26 between 3:30 and 5pm _____

Wednesday, October 26 between 5 and 6:30pm _____

Wednesday, October 26 between 6:30 and 8pm _____

Wednesday, October 26 after 8pm _____

Wednesday, October 26 does not suit our family. Please contact us to arrange a different date or time. _____