

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.

November is a month of remembering. On November 1, the Feast of All Saints, we remember and honour all of the Saints of the Church, known and unknown. We take time to reflect on their exemplary faithfulness and inspiration to us. On November 2, All Souls' Day, we take time to pray for and remember our loved ones who have died and left us with cherished memories. And on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour we join with Canadians coast to coast to coast and citizens worldwide to remember those who fought for our freedom.

School Information

- Progress Reports go home the week of November 14. Unlike report cards, which go out at the end of both terms, the Progress Report does not have any marks. It is designed to show a student's development of the Learning Skills and work habits during the fall, as well as a student's achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subject areas. Please take time to read over this report carefully. New this year is a Progress report for our Kindergarten students.
- Welcome to new GV students Addison, Grace, Tristan, and Nathaniel!
- Mrs. Colina Taylor will be starting this month as a part-time lunch supervisor. Mrs. Taylor is new to the Combermere area and has a wealth of experience with Brownies and Girl Guides, along with many other groups and activities. She has two grown children and loves hiking and the outdoors. Please welcome Mrs. Taylor to GV!

- School bus safety sessions will be offered on Tuesday, November 1 for all students. This includes a bus evacuation drill. An in-gym Safe Rider program will be offered on Tuesday, November 8.
- It is important that we know what to do in the event of an emergency. Practice allows students and staff to become familiar with procedures. We have held two fire drills, one bus evacuation drill and one lockdown drill so far this school year. We will continue to hold drills for fire, lockdown, earthquake, and tornado throughout the year.
- Many of our classes are working on entries for the annual Legion contests. These entries will be submitted to the Barry's Bay Legion Branch 406 on Monday, November 14.
- Over \$9000 in new technology will be arriving at GV over the next few months through a generous Board tech. upgrade initiative and CODE teacher project.
- When playing outside students are asked to ensure they are respectful, responsible, safe, and able to see the supervisor at all times.
- Individual, class, and graduation photos will be taken, starting at 8:40am on Wednesday, November 16. No retakes.

School Council

- Next meeting is on Thursday, November 3 at 5:30. New members are always welcome! Come out to learn about the many ways our School Council makes a difference for GV students, including the upcoming Bazaar.
- \$600 worth of new floor hockey equipment has been ordered by School Council.

School Board

- The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board is working on a multi-year strategic plan and wants input from parents, staff, community members, parishioners, and students. The on-line survey can be found on the Board homepage at www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca (scroll down – the survey link is on the right hand side). Please contact the school office if you would prefer a paper copy.

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

- Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation have started and are on Thursday afternoons at 1pm at our school.

- The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated at Holy Canadian Martyrs on Thursday, December 8 at 7pm. If you have any questions please contact Fr. John Lacey or Ms. Landon.
- Our next school Mass is on Wednesday, November 2 at 2pm. This Mass is for the Soul of Wayne Campbell by the staff and students of George Vanier Catholic School. Mr. Campbell was a respected, long-time science teacher with our Board who with his wife Carol, ran Camp Hila and visited GV each year to offer “hands-on” science programs. Grade 6/7/8 students will be looking after the readings and Mr. Platt and Mr. Artymko will be looking after music ministry for this Mass. Please join us.

Thank You

- To all families who came out to Learning Skills Conferences last week. Over 80% of our families were able to attend!
- To Trista Betournay for providing healthy snacks the 4th Thursday of October.
- To Coronation Orchards and St. Albert Cheese for food donations to our school.
- To the Madawaska Valley Fire Department and firefighter Matt Baklinski for visiting our school during Fire Safety week in October. Please remember the key messages of this presentation: *Make a family escape plan including meeting spot (beside your green 9-1-1 sign was suggested) and test your smoke detectors each month.*
- To Susan Yaraskavitch and Gerard Olsheskie for finishing cleaning out the Resource room.
- To Theresa Golka, Carmel Rumleskie, Helen Parisien, and Susan Yaraskavitch for volunteering regularly at GV.
- To Susan Yaraskavitch for baking apple treats.
- To Eve Mahon, Elaine Brown, Margaret Wajda, and the Combermere Seniors Club who have donated some fantastic materials for our art and craft projects.
- To Monique Schweig for greeting students each morning as our morning bus supervisor and at lunch as one of our noon supervisors.

Community Information

- The organizers of the annual Victorian Christmas teas to be held at the Combermere Anglican Hall are looking for singers and musicians of all ages to share their talents. Dates are Tuesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 17. If you are interested please contact Dianne at 613 756 3990. This is a great opportunity to showcase your talents in a short performance.
- The organizers of the Palmer Rapids and Area Lions Club are looking for individuals and families to provide entertainment for their annual Tree of Love fundraiser and celebration to be held on Sunday, December 4. For more information please contact Sharon at 613 756 3035.

Did You Know?

- Fresh fruit is provided at the hallway snack stations most days for students

Looking Ahead...

- Thursday, December 15 Christmas Concert in the evening
- Friday, December 16 N.E.T. (National Evangelical Team) Retreat at St. John Bosco Catholic School for students in Grades 6/7/8. An information letter and permission form will be sent home.
- Friday, December 16 Christmas Semi-formal dance at St. Andrew's Catholic School in Killaloe
- Wednesday, December 21 Advent School Mass at 1pm. K-2 class (with the help of some Grade 3/4/5 students) to look after readings and music ministry.
- Friday, December 23 is the last school day before the Christmas holidays

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.
- Families and Community Members: Perhaps you would like to join us at our Remembrance Day Prayer Service on Friday, November 11 at 10:50am in the French room.
- Parents: Perhaps you would like to complete the on-line Parent Climate Survey. You can locate it at www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca/parent-involvement-committee. If you would prefer a paper copy write a note in your child's agenda. Parent climate surveys are used to gather information to help in RCCDSB School Improvement Planning. The Board and the schools welcome your opinion.

Action Items for Our Families

- Please contact your child's teacher(s) to set up a time for a Learning Skills conference if you were unable to attend last week.
- Please read over the Christmas Bazaar information letter which was sent home last week regarding all of the different tasks and ways you and your family can help. Contact the school to RSVP for the set-up evening (includes dinner).
- Please encourage your child to dress for the weather so they can enjoy outside play.
- Submit your food items for the Christmas raffle baskets soon. A memo was sent to each family last week.
- Continue to sell raffle tickets for these baskets. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and more are available at the school office.
- Consider baking for our bake table at the Christmas bazaar. Baking can be dropped off Friday, November 18 or after 8am on Saturday, November 19.
- Try to attend the Bazaar on Saturday, November 19 from 9am-2pm. Don't forget to stop by the Sugar Plum café for a yummy lunch!

Attachments

November 2016 Calendar	Parent to Parent Newsletter	BLR Basketball Program Info.
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Family Activity of the Month

Read this recipe together. It is written using procedural writing form. Then measure ingredients and cook together to make this tasty, warm breakfast that is perfect for chilly autumn mornings.

Slow Cooker Porridge

1 cup of steel-cut oats

4 cups of water

1 medium apple, peeled, cored, and cut into chunks

2 tablespoons of maple syrup

1 teaspoon of cinnamon

½ teaspoon salt

½ cup of milk or half and half

First grease the bowl of your slow cooker with butter.

Then add all the ingredients.

Next stir well.

Then cover and set the slow cooker to low in a safe place. Cook overnight (8-9 hours).

Finally in the morning stir well. Top with brown sugar, dried fruit, or milk, if desired, before eating. Enjoy!