

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.

School Information

- Follow us on Twitter @GVCS_RCCDSB
- Congratulations to our Broomball team who earned the Founders Cup "C" trophy at the OPP tournament held on February 2.



- After March break the price for milk will be increasing to \$0.75/carton up from the current \$0.60/carton. This is to cover the cost of the program to our school. We are happy to support our local dairy.

- On Thursday, February 16 our School-level public speaking contest was held. All speakers made an incredible effort with a wide-range of topics. Here are the winning speakers and what they talked about:

Primary 1 st place	Nadia DeCarle	“Her Puppy”
Primary 2 nd place	Grace Thompson	“Her Kittens”
Junior 1 st place	Trinity DeCarle	“Pandas”
Junior 2 nd place	Mason Brotton	“Life-Changing Power of Goats”
Junior 3 rd place	Ava Beggs	“The Puppy Bowl”
Intermediate 1 st place	Katarina Jakelic	“Schools Around the World”
Intermediate 2 nd place	Amelia Brotton	“History of Toothpaste”
Intermediate 3 rd place	Emma Beggs	“School Rules”

Congratulations to Amelia Brotton and Ava Beggs who represented our school at the Legion in Barry’s Bay on Saturday, February 25.

- On Friday, February 10 our Junior Floor Hockey Teams travelled to Palmer Rapids Public School where they participated in a tournament. Team Vanier 1 had a record of three wins and one tie. Team Vanier 2 had a record of four wins and one loss. A great day was had by all!
- On Friday, February 17 our Primary Floor Hockey Team travelled to Palmer Rapids Public School where they participated in a tournament. Great excitement as our team won all their games!



- The ladies from St. Joseph's House will be visiting GV on Tuesday, March 7 at 9am to share a marionette puppet show called "The Three Clowns". We look forward to their visit!
- We welcome Jessica Madigan, an Algonquin College student, who is studying Early Childhood Education and will be completing her final course practicum at GV from March 20 - April 21. Jessica will be working with our K-2 class.

School Council Information

- Next meeting is on Thursday, March 30 at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.
- Trivia Night is Friday, April 21 starting at 7pm. \$60 per team to enter. Maximum 6 people per team. Call the school to register your team. All proceeds go towards tournament transportation costs for our students.

School Board Information

The RCCDSB now has **available to everyone an OVERDRIVE digital library**. Staff and students can "check out" digital copies of novels, picture books, fiction and non-fiction titles from their phone, ipad, computer. You sign in with your Google Apps for Ed account. (All students have an account.)

Here is the Link: <http://rccdsb.lib.overdrive.com>

Student (K-Grade 8) Password: Books

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

- Our next school Mass is on Wednesday, May 3 at 1pm. This Mass will be part of Catholic Education Week.
- Why wait till the 17th to celebrate? Join us at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish in Combermere on Wednesday, March 8 for an Irish themed evening of prayer and entertainment. Holy Mass (with an Irish theme) will be offered in in the Church at 6pm and a talent show will follow at 7pm in the school gym at George Vanier. There will be a variety of entertainment, a raffle, and refreshments will be available. Admission is a free will offering. Net proceeds will be split between Madawaska Valley Hospice and the Parish Summer Project. Everyone welcome!

- Confirmation will be held at 7pm on Monday, May 15 at Holy Canadian Martyrs. Classes have started and are from 1:45-2:45pm on the following dates:
 Lesson #1 February 17
 Lesson #2 March 3rd
 Lesson #2 Review March 24th
 Lesson #3 March 30
 Lesson #4 April 7
 Lesson #5 April 21
 Lesson #6 April 28
 Lesson #7 May 4
 Lesson #8 May 11

- First Communion will be held on Sunday, June 18 at 9am at Holy Canadian Martyrs. Classes will be held starting at 1pm on the following dates:
 February 16, 23
 March 2, 23, 30
 April 6, 20, 27
 May 4

- Father John Lacey will be coming to our school on Tuesday, April 4 at 1pm to hear Confessions for any students interested.

Community Information

- Game On is a free youth activity program for community children in Grades 3-8 and is offered at GV every Tuesday after school from 3-6pm. For more info. please contact Cheryl at 613 757 3108 or email youth@crc-renfrewcounty.com.
- Game On is also offering a one day March break camp here at GV. See the attached flyer for more information.
- The Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN) of Renfrew County is sponsoring a poster contest around the theme of "If you were the Prime Minister of Canada how would you improve the rights of Canadian children". Deadline for entries is March 24, 2017. Winners in each age category will receive \$50. For more information visit www.renfrewcountycpan.ca/poster-contest/ or check out the flyer on our hallway bulletin board.
- In celebration of Canada's 150th birthday, the Madawaska Valley Public Library is hosting a Bookmark Contest for elementary school aged children. The winning design will be printed for distribution at the library. Students who are interested are asked to visit the school office where they will receive a sample of dos and don'ts and a template to use for their entries. All entries must be submitted to the library in Barry's Bay by March 31 or submitted to the GV office by this date for delivery to the library.

Thank You To...

- The K-2 class for looking after the music for the March 1 Mass and the Grade 3-5 class for looking after the readings.
- Jason O'Brien and Emile Bouchard for coaching our school broomball team and organizing equipment and to Mr. Artymko for supervising the team and washing the team jerseys!
- Michel Lavigne owner of the Valley Gazette newspaper for his kind donation of back issues to our school.
- The County of Renfrew for selecting GV to receive a grant for a water bottle filling station.
- Doug Dickson for providing our Broomball team with hot chocolate and our school with Valentine's Day donuts.
- Madame Ropego for organizing our in-school public speaking contest and spending recess time helping students to prepare for this opportunity.
- Michael Dombroskie, Edith Bergeron-Urbanik, and Sandra Novecosky for judging our in-school public speaking contest.
- Ember Priestley and her family for the beautiful 100 days of school cake.
- Shaelyn Betournay and her family for making yogurt and granola cups for our Healthy Snack on February 16.
- Mr. Artymko and Miss Marquette for coaching our floor hockey teams.
- All the parents, grandparents, and younger siblings who came out to cheer on our school teams at the broomball and floor hockey tournaments. *"Go Vanier Go"* could be heard loud and clear!
- Joanna Szymanski for her kind donation of origami books.

Did You Know?

- We have received a grant to install a water bottle filling station in our building. Work has begun on this project. When complete students will be encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle from home and use the station to stay hydrated, make healthy beverage choices, and reduce waste.

Looking Ahead...

- Friday, April 14 Good Friday
- Sunday, April 16 Easter
- Monday, April 17 Easter Monday
- Friday, April 21 Trivia Night at GV 7pm
- Thursday, April 27 Health Unit Dental Screening Kindergarten, Grades 2, 4, 6, and 8
- Tuesday, May 2 Chess Tournament
- Friday, May 5 Gray Matter Trivia Contest for students
- Monday, May 15 Confirmation 7pm at Holy Canadian Martyrs
- Friday, May 19 PA Day "Christian Community Day"
- Tuesday, May 23 to Monday, June 5 EQAO dates (Grade 3 and 6 students)
- Thursday, June 8 Track and Field Meet in Killaloe (raindate: Monday, June 12)

- Thursday, June 8 Grad. Dance for area Gr. 8 students (held at GV again this year!)
- Friday, June 9 PA Day "Reporting"
- Sunday, June 18 First Communion 9am at Holy Canadian Martyrs
- Friday, June 23 Three-pitch tournament
- Tuesday, June 27 Grade 8 Graduation (Mass at 7pm followed by reception in gym)
- Thursday, June 29 Last day of school for students
- Friday, June 30 PA Day "Numeracy and Special Education"

Perhaps...

- You would like to become a library volunteer at GV. Carmel Rumleskie and Helen Parisien, our two current volunteers, would like the help of another adult on Tuesday afternoons. Contact the School office if interested.
- You are able to provide (or your workplace can provide) a prize for our annual trivia night which will be held this year on Friday, April 21. All money raised from this evening will go towards bus costs for our student teams to attend tournaments in the area.
- You would like to enter a team for our annual trivia night. Call the school office to register. \$60 a team, maximum of 6 people, ages 12 and up. No electronic devices, cell phones, etc., are to be used.
- Your child, aged 11-15, is interested in taking the Red Cross Babysitting Course which teaches first aid and caregiving skills. If so, please contact the School Office. If enough youth in our community are interested we will pursue hosting an evening or weekend course here. So far only 3 youth have expressed an interest.
- You are considering accompanying your child on their class trip this spring. To do so you will need an up-to-date Vulnerable Sector Screening. Many parents and grandparents already have one done from the fall. If you are unsure if you have an up-to-date one on file or if you would like the paperwork to start the process with the OPP, please contact Ms. Landon at the School Office. It is important to note that it can take several weeks for a check to be completed.
- You would like to join us in congratulating Mrs. Taylor, one of our noon supervisors, on the birth of her first grandchild, Lilly.
- You would like to join us in congratulating Miss Marquette on her recent engagement to Adam Burchat.

Action Items for Our Families

- Consider sending in a change of clothes for primary students. These extra clothes can be kept in your child's bin and used if they get muddy or wet.
- Check out the Lost and Found bin when you visit the school. We have a large collection of winter mittens, gloves, and sweaters that need to be returned to their owners. The bin is located between the two main entrance doors.
- Sign and send back the parent part of the report cards to indicate you have received your child's report card.

Attachments

March 2017 Calendar	Lent Activity Calendar	School Registration – Tax Support Memo
Game On March Break Info.		

Family Activity of the Month

The activities below are taken from *Love Life. Live Lent. Be the Change.* published by Novalis, 2013.

Watch the news. Pray for someone or something you have seen on it.

Plant some seeds and care for them as they grow.

Turn off the lights in rooms that no one is using.

Tell someone you love them.

Think of a question you've always wanted to know the answer to and see if you can find it out.

Walk somewhere today and notice the things around you – birds singing, sun shining, rain splashing.

Play with someone you don't normally play with.

Phone someone you love but haven't seen for a while.

Have a tv/computer game free day and do something different instead.

Tidy a room or a cupboard in your house.

Listen to a piece of music that makes you feel relaxed.

Do a job that someone else normally does, like the dishes or taking the rubbish out.

Ask someone how they are and take time to listen to the answer.

Sit still for 5 minutes and listen to your breathing.

Find something you don't use and give it away.

Make a list of all the good things in your life and thank God for them.