

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

- Staffing and grade combinations will be finalized over the summer and communicated to families.
- Please return all library books to the school by Tuesday, June 27.
- On Wednesday, June 14 classes will be going to visit the local Mission House Museum here in Combermere. A permission form is attached.
- On Monday, June 19 students from Grades 3 to 8 will have the opportunity to visit Shaw Woods. Shaw Woods is an outdoor education center located near Eganville. A permission form is attached.
- Congratulations to Heather Kruger who was the winner of the Grade 3/4/5 Mother's Day basket raffle.
- Congratulations to all of the students who represented GVCS at the local Spelling Bee. Here are our school level standings: Primary 1st Alec Beggs, 2nd Shaelyn Betournay, 3rd Nadia DeCarle. Junior 1st Ava Beggs, 2nd Johnny Kaminski, 3rd Niomi Yuke. Intermediate 1st Katarina Jakelic, 2nd Emma Beggs, 3rd Logan Beanish.
- There is not enough interest currently in running a Red Cross babysitting course in Combermere. We will try again in the fall to host it.

School Council Information

- Minutes from the May 25 meeting are attached.
- Year End Council Summary attached
- Our traditional end of the school year BBQ, potluck, and softball (t-ball) game is on Monday, June 12 starting at 6pm. All families are invited and asked to bring one of the following: salad, dessert, cheese/pickles, veggies and dip, fruit, chips, etc.,. Items should be ready to serve for quick set up and clean up.

School Board Information

- Parent Involvement Council (PIC) meeting at St. Andrew's in Killaloe on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 pm.
- Student (current K-8) bus information sheets for the 2017/18 school year were sent home last week. In other transportation news:

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) after August 21st to confirm the 2017-2018 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 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) the form.

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, June 21 at 1pm.
- Congratulations to Samuel, Gianna, Logan, Amelia, Mason, Brady, Katrina, Lukas, Abbey, Joseph, Cayden, Emma, Taylor, Megan, Francisco, Katarina, Aldin, Lydia, and Jacob who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, May 15.
- First Communion will be held on Sunday, June 18 at 9am at Holy Canadian Martyrs. Congratulations to Shaelyn, Emma, Daisy, Nadia, Niomi, Michael, Teressa, and Leighton who will be receiving this Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.
- Free “Explorer” summer camps are being run by the Game On group. Locally a camp will be offered in Palmer Rapids from July 31-August 4 for students in Grades 3-8. Camps run from 9am-4pm. For more information please call the Community Resource Center 613 757 3108 or email youth@crc-renfrewcounty.com. Registration packages are also available at the GVCS school office.
- Join the Family Fun Day at St Francis Memorial Hospital on Saturday June 10th 10am-2 pm hosted by the SFVH Foundation. Children can bring their favorite teddy bear/ stuffed animal or doll for a free check up with amazing doctors and nurses. Free refreshments and cake, balloons. Bring your entry for the Piggy Colouring Contest (attached to your newsletter). Information will be on hand about the Foundation’s Monthly Giving Club to help purchase a Pigg-o-Stat infant X-ray Support Device this year.
- Celebrate the life of a loved one at the *Annual Butterfly Release* on Sun., July 23 from 1-3 pm at Water Tower Park (Barry’s Bay) in support of Hospice/Palliative Services. Reserve your butterfly by July 4 by contacting the SFVH Foundation at 613-756-3045 ext. 217. Butterflies are \$35 each or 3 for \$100.

Thank You To...

- Mr. Platt for sharing his music Ministry with us at our May school Mass.

- Rebecca McPhee for assisting with the K-2 bake table at Trivia Night (sorry we missed your name last month).
- Brian, Tracy, and Brady Glofcheskie and Patrick Lorbetskie for taking down the boards from our ice rink.
- Madame Ropego and Miss Marquette for coaching students at the local Spelling Bee.
- School Council members Tracy Glofcheskie, Gloria Kosnaskie, Sandra Novecosky, Jackie Bouchard, and Karen Pecarskie for all your time and dedication to our Council.
- Mr. Artymko and Miss Marquette for coaching our track and field team.
- Doug Dickson for digging our jumping pit and providing a board for it in preparation for track and field and for volunteering with our team.
- Gloria Kosnaskie, Melissa Brotton, Veronika Jakelic and the Grade 8 students for planning the decorations for the country themed Grad. Dance.
- Theresa Golka for volunteering with our K-2 class in the afternoons.
- All of our amazing families for supporting our students and their learning. What a great year it has been!

Did You Know?

-Our Grade 3/4/5 class is selling tickets on a Father's Day basket. Ask a student in this class or visit GVCS to purchase tickets. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds go to help cover class trip costs.

Looking Ahead...

- September 5 is the first day of the 2017/18 School year for students.

Perhaps...

-Your family would like to join us on Wednesday, June 28 at 1pm as we will be hosting a celebration of the 2016/17 school year in our gym to recognize all students moving up grades (including our Kindergarten students moving ahead to Grade 1), celebrate with our First Communion and Confirmation students, and recognize the achievement and growth of all in our school during the 2016/17 school year.

Action Items for Our Families

-Return Shaw Woods (Grades 3-8) and Mission House Museum (all students) trip forms to the office.

Attachments

June 2017 Calendar	Form-Shaw Woods trip	Mental Health and Wellness Newsletter
Form – Mission House Museum trip	Family Fun Day info. SFVH Foundation	School Council Minutes and end of year summary

Family Activity of the Month Together make some of the delicious, thirst quenching recipes on the attached page. Your body loves and needs water!