

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 Board

P.A Day "Closing the Gaps" Friday, October 6.

School Information

Welcome to our new students: Colt, Oak, Rivko, Louetta, and Laynia.

GVCS School Day Schedule

8:15am	Yard supervision and bus arrival starts
8:40am	Bell
8:40-10:10am	Class Time
10:10-10:25am	Recess
10:25-11:25am	Class Time
11:25-11:50pm	Recess
11:50-12:20pm	Lunch
12:20-2:50pm	Class Time
2:50-3:05pm	Recess Manion bus leaves at 2:55pm Musclow bus leaves at 3:12pm *change
3:05-3:12pm	R & L bus leaves at 3:12pm *change

- Drills for emergency measures will take place throughout the school year. Please remind your child of the importance of practicing these drills and consider practising some of these drills at home. This week we have completed both a lockdown drill and an earthquake drill. In September we completed two fire drills and a tornado drill.
- Welcome to Ms. Mary Anne McCann who is our new Manion buslines driver.

- The following is a message from our Library volunteers, Carmel Rumleskie and Helen Parisien. Library is every Tuesday. Please encourage your children to return their books each week. A reminder on the fridge may be helpful. Please save your pop cans and drop them off at the school. Mrs. Rumleskie takes them to the recycling depot in Pembroke. All monies raised are given to the school to purchase books for our library and/or sports equipment. In the library this fall we will read some stories about Saints and share information about Canada 150.

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

- Parents of students in Grade 2 who wish for their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist should write a note in their child's agenda to indicate this. Preparation will begin in the winter months.

Thank You

- Thank you to St. Joe's for their kind donation of ball gloves.
- Thank you to Elaine Brown for her kind donation towards student activities.
- Thank you to the Palmer Rapids and Area Lions Club for their \$1000 donation to our school. This money will go towards bussing costs for tournaments and our fresh food program. Check out our twitter account for a great photo!
- Thank you to the Tim Watts from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and their National Archery in the Schools program for visiting GVCS in September. We can't wait for you to visit again!
- Thank you to the Grade 6/7/8 class for making Thanksgiving crafts for the food trays at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and for Parishioners who are shut in.

Community Information

- Musclow Buslines is looking for drivers. Please contact Brad Musclow 613 334 7624 for more information.
- Tim Baklinski is offering private music instruction at GVCS again this year. Please contact him at 613 281 2854 or baklinski.music@gmail.com for further information.
- The Game On activity program is offered at GVCS every Tuesday after school from 3-6pm for students in Grades 3 to 8. Registration is on-going. For more information check out www.facebook.com/crcgameon/ or call Cheryl at 613 757 3108. Includes a snack and great activities including flashlight tag. (Please note: there is no Game On Program on October 31).

- Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come out to the Combermere Community Hall on Friday, October 13 at 7pm to share their ideas for future recreation activities for all ages at an informal meeting.
- It's not too late to register with the Barry's Bay and Area Skating Club for the 2017-18 season. Programs are offered in PreCan, CanSkate, PreJunior, StarSkate, Adult Learn to Skate and Adult Fitness Skate. If you have any questions check out the Skating Club facebook page, email rmyantha@gmail.com or call 613756 9406.
- Check out www.madawaskavalleydance.com or call 613 714 8317 for information on dance classes for children and teens offered at the Combermere Community Center.
- The CO County Market is having a back to school used book blitz sale. Proceeds from their used book sales are split between Palmer Rapids Public School and George Vanier Catholic School.

Did You Know?

- We are striving to be a scent free school. Please refrain from bringing scented lotions, hand sanitizers, body sprays, scented markers, and other scented items to our school. A number of staff members and students are adversely affected by these products and may experience allergic reactions. We also ask that liquid paper/correction fluid products in all formats be kept at home.
- School sweater and t-shirt order forms will be sent home soon.

Looking Ahead...

- Thursday, October 5 Partridge Run (Cross Country Running) at St. John Bosco School, Barry's Bay
- Thursday, October 5 School Council Meeting at 5:30pm in the library. All welcome!
- Friday, October 6 PA Day "Gap Closing"
- Monday, October 9 Thanksgiving Holiday *"Give thanks with a grateful heart..."*
- Tuesday, October 10 Fire Prevention and Safety month presentations. Includes a visit from a local fire truck!
- Wednesday, October 11 School Bus Safety presentations. Includes a bus evacuation practice and a gym visit from Buster the bus!
- Friday, October 13 Mass (For the soul of Gertie vonDeschwanden by the staff and students of GVCS) at 9am followed by the blessing of the newly restored Our Lady of Fatima area at the front of our school and a community snack in our gym. *Please join us!*
- Thursday, October 19 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at GVCS (raindate Tuesday, October 24)
- Tuesday, October 24 Wear Purple day to recognize child abuse prevention
- Wednesday, October 25 Buy a pumpkin chocolate chip muffin today to support our K-1 class as they fundraise towards an end of year trip. \$0.50 each.
- Friday, October 27 Grade 7 Immunizations – info. package to go home to families soon
- Tuesday, October 31 "Hallowe'en" – Wear a costume day (no scary or inappropriate costumes or costumes with fake weapons or unsafe accessories. No fake blood.). There will be a costume parade in the gym at 9am. Parents feel free to come out to this and bring younger siblings or Grandparents if you wish.

- Wednesday, November 1 Mass at 1pm "All Saints Day". The Grade 6/7/8 class will be organizing this Mass.
- Friday, November 10 Remembrance Day Prayer Service 10:50am.
- Wednesday, November 15 School Photos including graduation photos starting at 11:30am. No retakes.
- Friday, November 17 PA Day "Reporting to Parents"
- Saturday, November 18 School Council annual Christmas Bazaar at GVCS

- Wednesday, December 6 Mass at 1pm "Feast of St. Nicholas"
- Wednesday, December 6 GVCS Christmas Concert at 6:30pm. There will also be a final dress rehearsal at 9am that is open to everyone to attend.
- Thursday, December 7 Christmas Concert back up date in case of inclement weather
- Friday, December 22 Mass at 9am
- Friday, December 22 Last day of school before the Christmas Holidays

Perhaps...

- Parents, Community Members: Perhaps you would be interested in joining our School Council. The first meeting of this school year is on Thursday, October 5 at 5:30pm. School Council is a great way to meet new people and help the school.

- Bakers: Perhaps you would be willing to bake some of the muffins (about 6 more dozen needed) for an after Mass snack on Friday, October 13. We are also looking for someone to bake 2 dozen gluten free muffins. Ask Ms. Landon for more details. Costs will be covered.

- Parents and Volunteers: Perhaps you would like to help with the MESAA Ultimate Frisbee tournament to be held at our school on Thursday, October 19. Contact Mr. Artymko or Miss Marquette for more info.

Action Items for Our Families

- Return any overdue library books so others can enjoy them.
- Watch the on-line First Rider School Bus Safety video together

Thank you for your attention to these items. Together we're better!

Attachments

October 2017 calendar sent home yesterday		
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Family Activity of the Month

October is Fire Safety and Prevention month. Talk as a family about your fire safety plan. Here are some questions to generate discussions:

- Do you have a designated meeting spot outside of your home in case of fire? Where is it? (A lot of families select their 911 driveway sign as the meeting spot)
- Do you know how to dial 911 in an emergency? When would you dial it?
- Do you know your 911 address?
- Do you know to stay low to the ground or floor to avoid the effects of smoke?
- Do your smoke alarms work and have the batteries been replaced? Are there working smoke alarms outside of all bedroom areas in your home?
- Do you know 2 ways out each room in your house?
- Do you know not to hide during a fire?
- Do you know that material goods can be replaced but people can't?

Perhaps students could: draw and colour their bedrooms and highlight their 2 ways out, print 911 and draw a fire truck, an ambulance, and a police car, create a map showing your family's designated meeting spot in case of fire, or make a list of ways to prevent fires in your home.

Students also like to help locate and count smoke alarms in their homes.