

# George Vanier Catholic School

## November 2017



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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 "Reporting to parents on student progress" November 17
- Copies of "Ontario's Publicly Funded Catholic Schools: 175 Years of Success" produced by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association are available at the front table by the office.

### School Information

- Welcome to our new students: Anya, Noah, Kai, Laila, and Malakai.
- Picture day is Wednesday, November 15. Family photos will be taken starting around 11:30am. If you need to bring in younger or older siblings from home please be here at 11:30. If you wish for your children who attend GVCS to have a photo taken together please write a note in their agendas. Graduation photos will also be taken on this date for our Grade 8 students.
- Learning Skills Conferences with parents and teachers for students in Grades 1-8 will be held on **Wednesday, November 1**. These conferences complement formal interviews which will be offered, by parent request, on Friday, November 17 (PA Day), following the sending home of the Progress Report Cards.

In Ontario the 6 areas of learning skills are **responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation**. At George Vanier Catholic School we recognize that these areas are vital to all curriculum and subjects and so we have chosen for the third year in a row to meet early in Term 1 to share with families about each child's strengths and next steps for growth. We also meet as a school teaching team to discuss your child with you since we have collaborative teaching happening. Your times will be written in your children's agendas.

Kindergarten students will have their parent-teacher meetings following Term 1 report cards in the winter. All Kindergarten students will receive an Initial Observation report prior to November 17.

Studies indicate that students learn best when home and school work together to support student success. Thank you so much for your support!

## School Council Information

The largest fundraiser for our School Council is the annual Christmas bazaar. It is being held this year on **Saturday, November 18 from 10am-2pm**. This event takes a lot of planning and preparation. Here's some ways each family can help out:

1. Plan to **attend the Bazaar**. It is a great place to meet people, purchase treats and gifts, and support the many talented people of our area.
2. **Spread the word** about our bazaar to both potential attendees and vendors. Tables rent for \$15 each and must be prepaid. Contact the school office at 613 756 3708 to book a table.
3. **Send in the items** listed on the letter attached to this newsletter. These items are arranged into baskets and raffle tickets are sold. Last year almost \$1000 was raised with this fundraiser alone. Winning tickets will be drawn at our school Christmas concert on December 6.
4. **Sell tickets** for the baskets listed above. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be available soon. If you wish to sell more please put a note in your child's agenda and we will send more home with your child.
5. **Consider shadowing one of our organizers**. Several of our long-time organizers have children in our Intermediate class and so will need to be replaced over the upcoming years. The current organizers are amazing and have detailed lists of what needs to be done and when. If you are interested please contact Tracy Glofcheskie, School Council Chair or the school office.
6. Provide some **baked goods** for selling at the bazaar or other food items to sell in the Café area. Our School Council Chair Tracy will not be phoning each family this year, but will be sending out request letters soon.
7. Consider **helping with set-up** for the bazaar on Thursday, November 16 from 4:00pm to 8pm. Pop in for 20 minutes, an hour, or four hours on this evening and help set out tables, chairs, decorate for our Christmas theme, and other prep. work. Supper will be provided for all of the parents, grandparents and community volunteers who come out this evening. Please contact the school office at 613 756 3708 or put a note in your child's agenda if you are able to help out with this set-up evening so the Principal knows how much food to order (her treat for our amazing team). We are going to try to make it a fun evening of socializing, supper, and set-up for the bazaar. No children please because of safety concerns. High school students interested in obtaining volunteer hours in conjunction with the Bazaar (either set-up on Thursday evening or at the Bazaar on Saturday) are asked to contact the school office.
8. **Help out at the bazaar**. You could sell tickets, work in the kitchen, meet and greet folks, etc.,.
9. **Help with clean-up after the Bazaar**. Many hands make light work!

The proceeds from last year's Christmas Bazaar went toward the following:

- End of the School year family BBQ and ball game
- Natural playground and yard improvements (\$2000)
- Graduation costs including a personalized gift for each Graduate
- First Communion and Confirmation gifts for students

- Money towards tournament bussing costs (Did you know it costs the School over \$1100 for a bus to Ottawa and almost \$175 each time our teams travel to local tournaments?)
- Graduation Mass, Confirmation Mass, and First Communion Mass (\$15 each)
- Broomballs (\$135)
- Floor hockey equipment (\$900)
- Class trips (\$25 per student) given to each class
- Plus other items that support student engagement and learning.

Finally, a huge thank you to our organizers and volunteers. **The impact of this fundraiser is huge on our small school.**

### 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. Classes will begin Thursday, November 2 at 1pm in the School library.
- School Mass on Wednesday, November 1 at 1pm (All Saints’ Day)

### Thank You

- Mary Lou Wills for her kind donation of art and office supplies to our school.
- John and Lynne Yantha and their company for all of their work in planning and preparing for the Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima, Tony Harrison for building it, the CWL for supporting the project, and to all of our community members who gave so generously towards the project.
- Our bakers Rose Stampelcoskie, Jenny Baklinski, Carolyn Cannon, Ally Hudder, Janice Cybulskie, and Diane Harrison for providing such tasty treats for our October 13 celebration.
- Father John Lacey for blessing our new Shrine area and to all who attended the blessing.
- John Artymko and Kelsey Marquette for organizing the Ultimate Frisbee tournament and to Father John Lacey, Doug Dickson, Sharon Kowtecky, Rod Minns, Theresa Golka, Joanna Ropego and all of the other volunteers who made the day possible and to all who helped with the food, including Amelia for the delicious candy apples. Also thank you to the Combermere Country Market for ordering supplies for us.
- Lucy Harrison for volunteering in our Grade 2/3/4/5 classroom.
- Paulette Marquardt for delivering poppies from the Royal Canadian Legion to our school again this year.
- Mr. Rick Klatt from the RCCDSB Outdoor Education program for building our Gaga Pit.

## Community 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](mailto: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/](http://www.facebook.com/crcgameon/) or call Cheryl at 613 757 3108.
- The Child Poverty Action Network of Renfrew County has started their 2017 Operation Snowsuit. Information is in the attached letter.
- The Renfrew County Healthy Kids Community Challenge Partners have an on-line survey and would like to hear from people who consume food and drinks in Renfrew County's Recreation spaces. The survey can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/RecreationFoodandDrinkSurvey>.

## Did You Know?

- GVCS is a drop off site for new and gently used snowsuits for the Child Poverty Action Network .
- Our school received a beautiful thank you card for the Thanksgiving crafts our Grade 6/7/8 class made for the hospital food trays and the sick of the Parish.

## Looking Ahead...

- Monday, December 4 NET (National Evangelization Team) retreat in Killaloe for interested students in Grades 7 & 8 – form will follow
- 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
- Monday, January 8, 2018 School resumes

## Perhaps...

- You would like to join us as we take time to Remember on Friday, November 10 at 11am at the School.
- You can help with the Bazaar – see notice under "School Council" section of newsletter. We need your help to run this event. Without it class trips will cost families more.

## Action Items for Our Families

- Please return any orders for GVCS apparel by Friday, November 17. Order forms are attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions please ask Ms. Manwell. Sample sizes are available outside of the school office for trying on – check them out when you come to the Learning Skills Conferences on Wednesday, November 1 or the costume parade on Tuesday, October 31.
- Please provide items for the Basket raffle if you are able. Suggested items for your family are attached to this newsletter.
- Please return Grad. Sweater orders to Mr. Artymko.

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

## Attachments

November 2017 calendar	CPAN Snowsuit Info.	Request for donation towards raffle baskets
GVCS Apparel order forms		

## Family Activity of the Month

Talk as a family about why people wear poppies in November and what Remembrance Day means. Pray together for peace in our world and peace in our hearts.

