

George Vanier Catholic School

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Vision Statement

Inspired by our rich heritage and challenged by the struggles of our past, we are an inclusive Catholic education community 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

-**Kindergarten registration** for September 2018 is from January 22 to February 2. Mrs. McLean will be in the office in the mornings to register new students. If this time doesn't work please contact Ms. Landon to arrange a mutually convenient time to register. You will need proof of age, proof of residence, certificate of immunization, child's individual health card, Baptismal certificate, and Birth certificate. Senior Kindergarten registrants must be five years old by December 31, 2018. Junior Kindergarten registrants must be four years old by December 31, 2018. Pupils who are presently attending Junior Kindergarten at GVCS do not have to register for Senior Kindergarten.

-After **graduating from Grade 8** your child has the option of attending Bishop Smith Catholic High School in Pembroke if they wish. If you are interested in pursuing this option, please let Ms. Landon know so that she can assist you with the process. This option doesn't require that you register your child, since they already attend the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board. However, you may have questions about transportation with which she may be able to assist you. If you choose this route, your child will be making their Course Selections for next September, and we will begin to make transition plans for orientation and Special Education Services if necessary.

For students planning on attending MVDHS, we will facilitate the registration process here at George Vanier Catholic School. Your child will need to register for the new District School Board, and begin their Course Selections as well. This information package is being sent home soon. Please complete it and return it to GVCS by January 16. Student OEN numbers can be found on report cards.

We recognize that this is a big decision for your family so please let us know if you have any questions at all about the options.

-**Wellness Week** is being held starting January 22. Check out the attached Mental Health and Wellness newsletter for more information.

School Information

-We welcome Miss Lindsay Dick to our school as our 0.5 Grade 2/3/4/5 teacher. Please introduce yourself to her.

-You can purchase milk for the month of January using your School Cash online account. We also still accept cash \$0.75 a carton.

School Council

-The next School Council meeting is on Thursday, January 25 at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.

-Total amount raised from the Basket raffle was \$1057.25. This money will go towards student activities.

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 Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion will be held in the School library at 1pm on: Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Thursday, January 25 at 7pm at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church. Please keep Levi, London, Clara, Hudson, Emelia, and Kaiden in your prayers as they engage in preparations for this Sacrament.
- Our School will be having a teaching Mass on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:30 at the School. We will also be attending a Mass at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church on Friday, January 26 at 9am. Feel free to join us!

Thank You

- St. Joe's for donating card stock paper and envelopes to our school.
- All of the students who performed in the Christmas concert. It was a very joyous evening.
- All GVCS staff for their efforts in assisting our students in preparing for the concert.
- Jasna Boyd for her kind donation of the Metro gift card she won at our Christmas Bazaar to be used for our healthy snacks program.
- Father John Lacey for celebrating Mass with us twice in December.
- Jackie Bouchard for selling raffle tickets at our Christmas concert.

- Claudette and Lyda for selling goodies and hot chocolate for the K-1 class at our Christmas concert.
- Madame Ropego for looking after the coffee and tea station at the Christmas concert
- Musclow buslines for covering the cost of the bus for our K-5 students to visit Santa's House in Bancroft on December 19 and to Doug for driving.
- The township of the Madawaska Valley for considering our request for a donation in kind to flood our rink.
- Tammy Reimer and Mary Anne McCann for helping with the Grade 6/7/8 class gingerbread projects.
- The Bancroft Lions Club for sharing their Santa House with us.
- Carmel Rumleskie for her generous donation to our school.
- Jason O'Brien for submitting an application on our behalf for new broomball equipment from the Canadian Broomball Association.
- Sandra Phanenhour for donating a Christmas tree and ornaments for our school.

Congratulations

- MJ Voldock who won the Christmas Basket, Teddy Kuiack who won the Baking Basket, and Marie Landon who won the Italian Basket.
- Miriana Hamon, Christine Darbyson, and Liz Genrick who won stained glass art from the 6/7/8 class.
- Cayden, Logan, and London Beanish who are each the winners of a free taco at this month's hot lunch. They used School Cash On-Line to pay for December's hot lunch. Use School Cash On-Line this month to pay for the taco lunch and be entered in the draw for a chance to win a free lunch next month.
- Amelia Brotton, Logan Beanish, Emma Beggs, Aimee Cybulskie, Levi, and Kai Baklinski for winning at the local level for the Legion's Remembrance Day contests. Mr. Dave Eagles of the Barry's Bay Legion presented these students with certificates and prizes in December.

Community 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. On Tuesday, February 20 at 5pm the Game On participants will be making a pasta dinner for their families. Game On families must register through the CRC office (613 757 3108) or with Ms. Landon for this so the organizers know how much food to purchase. Both meat and vegetarian options will be available.
- **Scouts registration night:** Calling all boys and girls between the ages 5 and 10! The 1st Madawaska Valley Scouts group is holding a registration night on January 10, 2018 at George Vanier Catholic School in Combermere. Come on out at 6:30 p.m. to learn about Scouts Canada, how to register with the local group and meet the Scouters. For updates, find us on Facebook at 1st Madawaska Valley Scouts. For more information, contact Trish Green at patricia.green@scouts.ca or 613-552-0367.
- **Madawaska Valley Dance** is gearing up for new sessions of Creative Movement, Primary, Parent and Tot, Ballet, Teen, etc.,. Check out www.madawaskavalleydance.com for further information.

- The popular Saturday Kid's Program at the **Opeongo Nordic Ski Club** starts on January 20th. It runs for 6 weeks, from 10 a.m. until noon, for ages 5 to 16. Facilitated by experienced leaders, kids will play on cross country skis, review basic skills for classic skiing and get an introduction to skate-skiing. The cost for all six sessions is \$105, including a snack at each session. Parents can enjoy the trails on their own for the morning while the kids work on their skills. Another exciting event that now includes kids is the Fourth Annual Classic Loppet on January 28th. This is the second year the loppet has included youth categories. There's a 2.5 km route for kids under 10 years (\$5 entry fee) and a 5 km route for 10 to 18 year-olds (\$10 fee). Adult participants can register for 10 or 20 km (\$30) or for a 5 km social ski (\$15). All fees include refreshments, sponsored by local merchants. The event has grown in popularity every year and is a fun event for participants, volunteers and spectators alike. The volunteer -operated ski club, situated 10 km south of Killaloe where Brudenell Road (Highway 512) meets the Opeongo Road (Highway 66), is a low cost, accessible place for the public to enjoy beautiful groomed and track-set trails all winter. Annual memberships can be purchased online, and day pass booklets are available at Grandma's Pantry (Killaloe) and Mad Outdoors (Barry's Bay). Visitors without passes or memberships pay \$10 for the day at the trail entrance sign-in, on the honour system. Further information about the kids' program and the loppet, as well as maps and all the registration details and forms, can be found on the club website at opeongonordic.com.
Equipment Loan: If you've would like to try cross-country skiing before buying equipment, the township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has a few adults' and children's sets available for a one-week loan period. Visit the Killaloe Public Library's Sport and Recreation Equipment Lending Library site for details: <http://killaloeilibrary.ca/programs-services/services/sports-recreation-equipment-library>

Did You Know?

- At the Christmas bazaar and the Christmas concert we asked for donations to be given for coffee and tea. \$64.45 was collected which will go to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.
- Our school is one of only 25 schools across Canada receiving new broomball equipment from the Canadian Broomball Association.

Looking Ahead...

- Thursday, February 1 OPP Broomball Tournament (Grades 6-8)
- Wednesday, February 7 Grade 8 info. evening at MVDHS 6-7pm
- Friday, February 9 Primary (Grades 1-3) Floor Hockey Tournament at Palmer Rapids Public School
- Friday, February 16 Junior (Grades 4-6) Floor Hockey Tournament at Palmer Rapids Public School
- Friday, March 2 Chess Tournament (Grades 1-8) at St. Andrew's, Killaloe
- Friday, March 9 Board Holiday
- Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16 March Break
- Friday, March 23 Volleyball Tournament at MVDHS
- Friday, March 30 Good Friday
- Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday
- Monday, April 2 Easter Monday
- Friday, April 27 PA Day "Christian Community Day"
- Sunday, May 6 to Saturday, May 12 Catholic Education Week
- Wednesday, May 9 "Climate Change" Shaw Woods trip for students in Grades 4/5/6

- Monday, May 21 Victoria Day Holiday
- Tuesday, May 22 to Monday, June 4 EQAO Assessments Grades 3 and 6
- Thursday, June 7 Provincial Election Day
- Friday, June 8 PA Day “Reporting”
- Friday, June 15 3 Pitch Tournament
- Thursday, June 28 Last day of school for students
- Friday, June 29 PA Day “Numeracy and Special Education”

Perhaps...

- Your family could take a moment to remember in prayer Martin Bloskie who passed away on December 23, 2017. Mr. Bloskie was Principal at George Vanier Catholic School from 1971-1993.

Action Items for Our Families

- You can share with others in our community about our upcoming Kindergarten registration, January 22 to February 2.
- Families of students in Grade 8 should complete and return the High School forms by next week.

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

Attachments

January 2018 calendar	SIP Smart Ontario page	Taco Lunch form
January Mental Health and Wellness newsletter		

Family Activity of the Month

This activity is from www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca Check out this site for more great games and ideas.

Use the grid on the next page to play. Player 1 draws a line between one dot and a dot beside, above or below it. Player 2 also draws a line between any two dots beside each other. You want to be the player who draws the last side of a square. When that’s you, write your first initial in the square. Then you get to go again. When you’ve connected all the dots, count everyone’s initials. Who has the most? They’re the winner! Here’s a small sample of how to play:



