

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.

School Information

-You can purchase milk for the month of February using your School Cash online account before February 1. We also still accept cash \$0.75 a carton. We apologize to anyone who received multiple or late emails last month regarding School Cash on-line.

-Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year, a day of fasting and abstinence for many within the Catholic faith. We are asking that students bring in any Valentine's Day treats or cards on Tuesday, February 13 this year.

- On Thursday, February 15 students from Grades 1-8 will have the opportunity to take part in our in-school Public Speaking Contest. This is a great opportunity to help develop the confidence and communication skills of youth. They may speak on any topic and medals will be awarded to winners. All are invited to come and hear the speeches. Several classes will be working on preparing speeches as part of their writing and oral communication programs. Madame Ropego is looking after this event and the Legion rules are attached to this newsletter. We will be using these rules for our in-school event as well.

School Council

- The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.
- Attached you will find the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting.

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 Sacrament of First Communion will be starting soon.
- Our School will be having another teaching Mass on Wednesday, January 28 at 10:30 at the School. We will also be attending Mass at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church on Wednesday, February 14 at 9am (Ash Wednesday).

Thank You

- Carol Ann, Helen and Joo Eun from Madonna House for sharing a traditional Russian Marionette show, "Emilyan and the Talking Pike", with us on January 15.
- The MV Fire Department for flooding our rink.
- Tammy Reimer for helping shovel our rink and taking care of skaters at lunchtime.
- Yantha's Backhoe and Trucking for caring for our rink after the January storm.
- Emile Bouchard, Jason O'Brien, Tammy Reimer and John Artymko for helping organize and coach our school Broomball team.
- Joanna Ropego for looking after Public Speaking at our school.

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 February 20 Game On participants can take part in a "Kids Make Dinner" for their families event at GVCS, but need to preregister with the resource center.
- The Community Resource Center is also offering a "Mentors Matter" Algonquin Park Bus Trip for CRC Youth and Girls Program Mentors (and other interested teens). Contact 613 757 3108 or youth@crc-renfrewcounty.com for more information or check out the poster at the school.

- **Family Fun Day**, February 17, 2018, Combermere Community Centre. 11:00am - Shinny Hockey Tournament: Ages 12-18. Call 613-633-7267 to register your team. Outdoor Family Activities. 5:00-6:30 – Pot-luck at the Community Centre. All Welcome!

- The annual **public speaking contest at the Barry's Bay Legion** is on Saturday, February 17, 2018. This is a great opportunity to help develop the confidence and communication skills of youth. They may speak on any topic. Categories are:

Primary (Grades 1 – 3), Junior (Grades 4 –6), Intermediate (Grades 7 – 9), Senior (Grades 10 – 12)

Registration on February 17 will start at 8:30am with the Primary speeches starting at 9:30am. Registration forms are necessary for registration on the day of the event. Interested students are asked to see Madame Ropego for the necessary forms and further information. Rules are attached.

- St. Joe's is turning 55! You are invited to an Open House on Saturday, February 10 from 2-4pm. All are welcome.

Did You Know?

- Students have the opportunity to skate at lunch recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays weather permitting. A CSA certified hockey helmet and gloves or mitts must be worn. Skates must be in a bag/carrying case to travel safely on the bus. Students should wear properly fitted skates. Parents, Grandparents and volunteers with completed Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks are welcome to come to the school on these days at 11:25am to help tie laces and/or skate with our students.
- On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays students from Grades 5-8 have the opportunity to practice their broomball skills on our rink at lunch recess. Again, a CSA certified hockey helmet with cage and gloves or mittens must be worn. The school has a few extra broomball helmets if students need.

Looking Ahead...

- Friday, March 2 Chess Tournament (Grades 1-8) at St. Andrew's, Killaloe
- Wednesday, March 7 Mass 1pm
- 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 20 Trivia Night Fundraiser at GVCS (6 people per team, \$60 a team – register at office)
- 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...

- You would like to come out and cheer on some of our School teams at February tournaments. Check out the attached calendar for more information.

Action Items for Our Families

- You can share with others in our community about our upcoming Kindergarten registration which continues until February 2.

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

Attachments

February 2018 calendar	2016-17 RCCDSB Director's Annual Report	School Council Minutes from January 25, 2018 meeting
K-1 Fundraiser Info.	Legion Public Speaking Rules	

Family Activity of the Month

Did you know that numbers live inside of other numbers?

For example 6 and 2 live inside of 8 and five twos live inside of the number 10

Can you think of numbers living inside the following numbers?

2 5 12 20 37 50 100