

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 Information

Transportation (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. Three 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 20th or at any time throughout the regular school year to confirm your child’s bus information for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 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 for subscriptions at any time:
 - Go to our website at www.onthebus.ca;
 - Under the “Portals” heading on the home page click on “student/parent portal”;
 - Enter Student ID (this is your child’s Ontario Education Number which can be found on your child’s most recent report card), Birth Date, School, Grade. Then select “I’m not a robot” check box;
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 - Enter your E-mail address and click on the “Subscribe” button;
 - Confirm the subscription process, via the validation email that is sent to you shortly afterwards (within 3 minutes).
- 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 specific [RCCDSB 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 the specific [RCCDSB school](#) or the RCCDSB Board Office at 613-735-1031.

School Information

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

-**Staffing** is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Artymko has accepted a transfer to St. Francis of Assisi school in Petawawa. Miss Marquette will be returning to our school and we are grateful to the School Board for an extra 0.5 teacher for this September.

-**Families are asked to check with the Principal prior to bringing in any food treats to share with classes.** We have a number of students with food allergies and sensitivities and also many families with specific food preferences.

-**Grade 8 Graduation** is on Tuesday, June 26 beginning with Mass at 7pm at the Church followed by a ceremony and reception in our Gym. Graduates will be wearing gowns and are asked to gather at the School at 6:45pm. Families are asked to each bring a snack/finger food item (e.g. cheese, crackers, veggies and dip, cookies, etc.,) and drop it off at the school in a “ready to serve” format prior to Mass.

School Council

-Our next School Council meeting date will be announced in September. Please take time to read the attached letter from our School Council Chair who is resigning this month.

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

- We will be attending **Mass** at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church on Friday, June 22 at 9am.

Thank You

-Amelia, Sam, Daniel, and Niomi who represented our school at the RCCDSB Student Forum on May 2.

-Madame Ropego and Miss Dick for preparing our students for the Spelling Bee and Miss Dick for accompanying them.

-Ms. Schimansky for coaching and accompanying our Intermediate soccer team to their tournament in Barry's Bay.

-Miss Dick for coaching and accompanying our Junior soccer team to their tournament in Palmer Rapids.

-Madame Ropego and Miss Dick for accompanying our Grade 2-6 students to Shaw Woods in May and to Ms. Mask at Shaw Woods for leading our students through activities about Climate Change.

-St. Joe's and St. Ed's for providing us with much needed cutlery for our kitchen and softball gloves. We are truly blessed to have Madonna House as our neighbours.

-Glofcheskie family for taking down the rink boards.

-Tracy Glofcheskie for her many years on School Council and for her time as Chairperson of our School Council

-Mr. Artymko for all of his work in teaching and coaching at our School for the past 3 years.

Congratulations

-To Rivko, Kai, Shaelyn, Emma, Malakai, and Daisy from Grades 2-5 and Ava, Louetta, and Noah from Grade 6-8 for representing our school at the area Spelling Bee on May 7. Daisy placed 3rd in the Primary division and Emma placed 2nd in the Primary division.

-Addison, Mady, Aubrey, Daisy and Ava who performed in Madawaska Valley Dance's performance of "The Firebird" on June 4.

-Our Grade 8 graduates – Amelia, Emma, Addison, Tyrell, Aimee, and Logan. We wish you the best!

Community Information

- **Madawaska Valley Public Library Trivia Night** is back! So sharpen those wits for..... Wednesday, August 15th 2018, 7pm. We're at the **Royal Canadian Legion in Barry's Bay** this time (so don't go to the wrong place!) **Pub Style Trivia (The Legion will have the bar open)**. 6 members per team, \$90 a team. Book Early! Only 28 teams allowed! 613 756 2000 for more information.
- Celebrate the life of a loved one at the **Annual Butterfly Release** on Sunday, July 29 from 1-3 pm at Water Tower Park (Barry's Bay) in support of Hospice/Palliative Care Services. Reserve your butterfly by July 6 by contacting the St Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation at 613-756-3044 ext. 217 or online at www.sfvhfoundation.com/events/memorial-butterfly-release/ Butterflies are \$35 each or 3 for \$100.

Did You Know?

-Indoor Tower Garden update: Lettuce and several herbs are now growing! We are hoping to use it to add to our sandwiches next week.



This experience is made possible through the Good EGG (Edible Grassroots Gardens) program and the Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN) of Renfrew County. We are very grateful for their support!

Looking Ahead...

- The **2018-19 school year starts on Tuesday, September 4**. Decisions on grade combinations will be made soon – we are still registering new students for September. Our enrollment is up!
- This is a reminder that at GVCS **school supplies are provided for your children**. In September they will need to bring a pair of indoor running shoes, refillable water bottle, lunch kit, and backpack from home. Primary students should also bring a change of clothes to keep in their hallway bin.

Perhaps...

- You can continue to spread the news that registration for the 2018-19 School Year is on-going at GVCS. Knowing approximate student numbers now helps in planning for staffing and classes for the fall.

Action Items for Our Families

-Most of the **bus routes** at our School have changed for September. This will impact pick up and drop off times and what bus your child will be on. Check out the important information listed at the front of this newsletter from the Transportation Department.

Thank you for your attention to this item. Together we're better!

Attachments

June 2018 calendar	Travel Our Backyard publication	2018 Fun Pass (savings on Ontario attractions)
Letter from School Council Chair "Tracy's Journey"		

Family Activities of the Month

Together get into geocaching. Everyone loves a scavenger hunt! Get in on the latest outdoor craze with geocaching, where families search for hidden "caches" or containers using handheld GPS tools (or a GPS app on your smart phone). Try a variation on geocaching called earthcaching where you seek out and learn about unique geologic features.

Check out our local libraries. They offer fantastic free summer reading programs, opportunities to use technology, and even craft and art programs.

Take time to laugh, read, draw, play and pray together.

Talk together about being safe in the sun, water, and when biking.