

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

-On Wednesday, October 10 there is a Parent Involvement Committee School Council evening. It will start with Mass at 5:30 at St. James Church in Eganville, followed by a light supper in the Church hall and some dialogue on the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario's Pastoral Letter, *Renewing the Promise*. Please let Ms. Landon know if you will be attending so numbers for food can be submitted.

-Kids Plus Accident Insurance is available on line at www.kidsplus.ca Paper copies will no longer be sent home. Kids Plus can also be reached by phone at 1 800 556 7411.

School Information

-Welcome to Mrs. Nicole Villeneuve who is filling in for Mrs. McLean at the office.

-We are striving to be a scent free school. Please refrain from bringing scented lotions, hand sanitizers, body sprays 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.

School Council Information

-Parents, Community Members: Perhaps you would be interested in joining our School Council. The first meeting of this school year is on **Wednesday, October 3** at 6:30pm. School Council is a great way to meet new people and help the school. This meeting will be discussing the annual Christmas Bazaar fundraiser.

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 (or of Grade 2 age) who wish for their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist should write a note in their child's agenda before Tuesday, October 9 to indicate this. Preparation will begin later this fall.
- Parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 (or of Grade 7 or 8 age) who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should write a note in their child's agenda before Tuesday, October 9 to indicate this. Preparation will begin in the winter months.
- We will be joining the parish community at Mass on Friday, October 12 at 9am.

Thank You

- To our bus drivers who care so much about our students and their safety.
- To all of the families and community members who came to our Open House on September 18.

Community Information

-On Wednesday, October 24 it is Ontario Dress Purple day, which is organized by Family and Children's Services, to remind us of the positive message of care our community provides to keep children and youth safe. Children should be reminded to ask for help and that help is available for those who need support.

-Information about the Renfrew County Regional Science Fair is available at www.rcrsf.ca for students in Grades 5 and up. This year's fair will be at the Petawawa Civic Center on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

-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.

- October is Fire Safety and Prevention month. Talk as a family about your fire safety plan.

Did You Know?

When is sick too sick for school?

Send your child to school if they have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms. They haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and haven't had a fever during that time. They haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep your child at home if they have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine. They are throwing up or have diarrhea. Their eyes are pink and crusty.

(adapted from Attendance Works by the Baltimore City Public Schools)

Looking Ahead...

Friday, November 2	Mass at 9am
Week of November 12	Progress Report cards go home
Wednesday, November 14	Legion Entries due for Remembrance Contests (some of our classes taking part)
Friday, November 16	PA day "Reporting to Parents"
Friday, December 21	Mass at 9am
Friday, December 21	Last day before holidays start
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas
Monday, January 7	Back to school
Friday, February 1	PA day "Reporting"

Perhaps...

- You would like to volunteer at the canteen or other areas on October 18 when our school hosts the annual MESAA Ultimate Frisbee tournament. You must have an up to date Vulnerable Sector Check.

Action Items for Our Families

-Please put a note in your child's agenda before Tuesday, October 9 if you wish for your Grade 2 age (Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) or Grade 7/8 age child (Sacrament of Confirmation) to take part in Parish Sacramental preparations.

-Return the photo day page attached to this newsletter if you wish for a family portrait of your children done on Friday, October 26. Siblings who do not attend GVCS are welcome to come in for a family photo at 8:40am. **Remember not to wear green on photo day as green screen technology is used.** Check out www.edgeimaging.ca/photoday for more info.

-If you would like to order GVCS clothing for your family an order form is attached to this newsletter. Sample sizes are available to try on in the main hallway prior to ordering. All orders are due back by Friday, November 9.

-Parents of students in Grades 4 and 7 – EQAO Individual Student Reports were sent home earlier this week. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

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

Attachments

October 2018 GVCS calendar	Photo Day info.	
GVCS Clothing Order form		

Family Activity of the Month

The following information comes from the Champlain Community Care Access Center:

A Multisensory Approach to Printing

-Take turns drawing letters on each other's backs with your finger and guessing what they are. If your child has difficulty, give them choices or have the alphabet or a few letters printed in front of them.

-Make letters everywhere: in shaving cream or crayon soap in the bath, on a steamy mirror, out of cookie dough, in the sand with a finger or stick, with a paint brush and water on a sidewalk or driveway.

-Make letters in the air with whole arm movements.

-Trace over letters with markers.

-Play car games: Your child must find letters in signs, license plates, etc.,. Find the letter of the day or see who can get to "z" first.