

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 Information

- School Bus Cancellations and or Delays: Student safety is our utmost concern. As such, there may be times during the school year when it is necessary to cancel student transportation services due to bad weather (i.e. snow, freezing rain, floods, emergency road closures, etc.).

Transportation to and from school is provided by the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC).

RCJTC will provide information on bus cancellations and/or delays via:

- [Website \(www.onthebus.ca\)](http://www.onthebus.ca)
- [@RCJTC_Trans](https://twitter.com/RCJTC_Trans)
- [Facebook \(RCJTC\)](#)
- [iTunes](#) with iPhone App (verify with “RCJTC”)
- [Google Play](#) with Android App (verify with “RCJTC”)
- [Email](#) to parents who subscribe for notifications (confirmation email sent within 3min)

In a situation where school buses are cancelled schools remain open to students.

School Information

-On Thursday, November 1 we experienced a partial hydro outage at the school. A line between the hydro pole and the transformer box has been damaged and as a result one of the three phases of electricity leading into our building has been reduced. The Board’s plant department, electricians and hydro all responded. We have drinking water, hot and cold running water, toilets, lights to main

classrooms and areas and heat to the main areas of the building. Our gym remains closed at this time. Work continues on restoring full hydro to our building. We should know more soon about how long it will take to restore and whether this will have any impact on our Christmas Bazaar.

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 joining the parish community at Mass on Friday, December 21 at 9am.

Thank You

- Miss Dick and the Grade 2-4 class for making such beautiful Thanksgiving crafts for the Palliative Care unit at our local hospital and to the Holy Canadian Martyrs CWL for financially supporting this activity.
- Ms. Burchat-Marquette and Miss Dick for supervising and coaching our runners at the annual Partridge Run cross county event on October 4.
- Ms. Marquette and Miss Dick for organizing the Ultimate Frisbee tournament held at GV and to all of the following (and anyone we've missed on this list) for helping make the day a success: Christine Serran, Tracy Glofcheskie, Kate Phanenhour, Connie Dick, Monique Schweig, Nicole Villeneuve, Gerard Olsheskie, Joanna Ropego and Jenny Baklinski. Thanks also to the students who helped with the canteen, set-up and clean up.
- Father John Lacey and Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish for allowing us use of the Church washrooms on the morning of Thursday, November 1 when we were without power.
- The Palmer Rapids and Area Lions Club for donating \$1000 to our school. The money will go towards tournament costs and other student activities.
- Joanna Schimansky for donating items for our kitchens.
- Anita Boles and Mary Lowell for donating towards our Christmas Bazaar.
- Linda Pilgrim for donating apples from a Quebec orchard to our healthy snacks program.

Community Information

-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.

-St. Andrew's Church, Killaloe – Turkey & Cash Bingo, Tuesday, December 4th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 7:00. \$300 jackpot to go.

-St. Andrew's School Council Christmas Craft Sale, Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Killaloe. Refreshments available. Anyone interested in renting a 6-foot table (\$15), please call Joanne at 757-3113.

-Prenatal: CRC strives to be a fun and relaxed place for expecting parents to meet new friends, share experiences, discuss healthy eating and enjoy good food. In Barry's Bay we meet Tuesday mornings at St. John Bosco School. The Killaloe group meets Wednesdays at the Community Resource Centre. Our groups offer grocery gift certificates, prenatal vitamins, connections to new friends and service providers. Partners/support persons are welcome as well as older children. Please contact San at the Community Resource Centre 613-757-3108 for more information and to register.

-There is public skating at the Paul J. Yakabuski Community Center on Friday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm and on Sundays from 2-3:30pm. Cost is \$2 per person.

-There is a Hunter's Turkey supper sponsored by the Combermere and Area Recreation Committee on Saturday, November 10 from 4-7pm at the Combermere Community Center. All are welcome and the building is accessible. Lots of yummy food! Adults \$15, Children ages 5-12 \$7, Children under 4 free.

-Many of our school bus operators in Renfrew County are looking for drivers. Locally contact Brad Musclow (613 338 2476) or Jim Manion (613 756 3676) for more information.

Did You Know?

Looking Ahead...

Thursday, December 6	Christmas Concert 6pm
Monday, December 10	Back up date for Christmas Concert in case of severe weather
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 have an interest in gardening and would like to help us get our indoor tower garden growing for the year. Please see Ms. Landon for more information.

Action Items for Our Families

-If you would like to order GVCS clothing please do so soon. Sample sizes are available to try on in the main hallway prior to ordering. All orders are due back by Friday, November 9.

-Please return photo orders to the office by November 19.

-Please consider completing a school climate parent survey for our school. This gives us valuable information when planning for student success. The survey can be found at <https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/safe-schools>

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

Attachments

November 2018 GVCS calendar (sent home Friday, November 2)	Operation Snowsuit info. (CPAN)	Ski pass information for students in Grades 4 and 5
Photo proofs	Interview request form	

Family Activity of the Month

The following is taken from the RCCDSB Mental Health and Wellness newsletter:

FOMO – *Thanks to Mr. Holly and Mrs. Paulsen for sharing*

A new term that has emerged in relationship to online connection is FOMO, or the fear of missing out. Students may be able to recognize it in themselves if they are constantly on their devices, checking the number of texts they get from others and noticing that their mood is being negatively affected by posts others are making about exciting things they are doing. If a student has difficulty putting their phone down or not checking it when they get a text, they may very well suffer from this newly researched trend. You can support students by reminding them that:

#1 people are only posting the highlight reel of their lives, not their day to day.

#2 people are happier when they accept that life has its ups and downs

#3 advertisement industries are looking to use FOMO to increase sales and convince you that you need the latest 'in' thing.

#4 people survived the pre-wifi era by connecting face to face.