

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)
- [Twitter \(@RCJTC_Trans\)](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

- **Thursday, December 6 is the 2018 GVCS Christmas Concert starting at 6:30pm. There will also be a final dress rehearsal at 1pm that afternoon that is open to everyone to attend.** Monday, December 10 is the Christmas Concert back up date in case of inclement weather. K-1 students are asked to meet in their classroom upon arrival in the evening. All students are asked to sit

with their families when not on stage or preparing at the evening session. A canteen will be run by our Grade 2-4 class with proceeds going towards their spring class trip. A donation jar will be out for the Angel Tree at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. This year they are fundraising for IV pumps. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our School Council basket draw and winners will be drawn after intermission. Please invite family and friends to attend.

The program for the evening starting at 6:30pm is:

- Kindergarten/Grade 1 performance
- French performance (whole school)
- Music performances
- Intermission
- Grades 5-8 performance
- Basket raffle draw
- Grades 2-4 performance

-GVCS has won a pizza lunch for all of our staff and students as part of Family and Children’s Services wear Purple day held earlier this fall. We had an incredible percentage of our staff and students wear purple and our participation won this free lunch.

-Many thanks to Shirley McLean for over 31 years of service to GVCS. Mrs. McLean retired in November. Welcome to Nicole Villeneuve who will be our new permanent secretary.

Parish Information

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| 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

-Aubrey Phanenhour, Grade 2, for representing our school at the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation’s Tree Lighting on Friday, December 7.

-Father John Lacey and parishioners of Holy Canadian Martyrs for allowing us use of your parking lots during hydro work at the school.

-To all of the people who worked hard in planning for the Christmas Bazaar. Perhaps we'll regroup for a spring event.

-To Sandy and Yann from the C.O. Country Market for another kind donation toward our school. They have donated \$275 from their used book sales. This money will go toward new library books.

-To the Combermere Recreation committee and especially Melissa McCaig who organized a summer softball tournament raising \$300 to go toward student activities, including class trips.

-To the two community members who have donated brand new mitts and hats to our borrow baskets by the office.

-All of our families who contributed items for our annual basket raffle. All proceeds go to students activities at GVCS, including end of year class trips and new broomball nets.

-To Ally Hudder for assembling the baskets for the raffle.

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.

-On Friday, December 12 the Impact Youth Mentor Project is having a Let's Bake and Create session for youth ages 12+. Please contact anna@crc-renfrewcounty.com or 613 757 3108 for more information. Participants must be registered with Game On (can register for just this session).

-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.

Did You Know?

-George Vanier Catholic School celebrates 50 years of educating students from Combermere and area in 2019. Please share with Ms. Landon any ideas you have for how we can recognize and celebrate this milestone.

Looking Ahead...

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| Monday, January 7 | Back to school |
| Thursday, January 24 | First Reconciliation Sacrament at 7pm at Church |
| Thursday, January 31 | OPP Broomball Tournament (Grades 5-8) |
| Friday, February 1 | PA day "Reporting" |

Perhaps...

- You can help sell some last minute tickets for our annual basket raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Prizes are: a Christmas dinner basket (includes a turkey, approximate basket value of \$150), a Baking basket (approximate value \$125), and an Italian basket (approximate value \$125). If you wish some books of tickets (12 tickets in a book) for your family to sell please return the form below. All sold tickets and money and unsold tickets must be returned to the school by December 5. The draw will be held at our Christmas concert on the evening of December 6.

Action Items for Our Families

-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 www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca (scroll to bottom of this page and find "Safe Schools" link, click then scroll to school climate parent survey link).

-Please return the attached free pizza lunch form to the office by Wednesday, December 5.

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

Attachments

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| December 2018 GVCS calendar | Free pizza order form | |
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Family Activity of the Month Take time to discuss your family's Christmas traditions.

Free Pizza lunch on Tuesday, December 18 – courtesy of Family and Children’s Services, Renfrew County to celebrate our incredible school participation in Ontario Wear Purple day.

This order form must be returned to the school office by Wednesday, December 5.

| | | Choices | of | Pizza | |
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| Name of student | Number of slices (max. 2 per student) | Whole wheat crust pepperoni pizza | Whole wheat crust cheese pizza | Gluten free crust pepperoni pizza | Gluten free crust cheese pizza |
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**All pizza served will meet the standards set out in Student Nutrition Program guidelines.*