

# George Vanier Catholic School

## January 2019



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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

#### JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

#### AT GVCS

**FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 1, 2019 inclusive**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**If you are unable to register at this time, please contact the school principal and make arrangements for a mutually convenient time to register. If you do not know your child's designated school, please call your local Catholic school.**

#### Documents required to register your child

- Proof of Residence (One of the following current documents: Utility bill, property tax bill; phone bill; purchase of property sale; other documentation to confirm a student's residency status – note an Ontario driver's license is not an acceptable form of documentation).
- Proof of Age, Certificate of Immunization (Health Unit) Child's Individual Health Card, Baptismal Certificate and Birth Certificate.
- Your 911 address will also be required (PO Box is not acceptable).
- Senior Kindergarten registrants must be five years old by December 31, 2019.
- Junior Kindergarten registrants must be four years old by December 31, 2019.
- Pupils who are presently attending Junior Kindergarten do not have to register for Senior Kindergarten.

## School Information

-After **graduating from Grade 8** your child has the option of attending Bishop Smith Catholic High School in Pembroke if they wish. If you are interested in pursuing this option, please let Ms. Landon know so that she can assist you with the process. This option doesn't require that you register your child, since they already attend the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board. However, you may have questions about transportation with which she may be able to assist you. If you choose this route, your child will be making their Course Selections for next September, and we will begin to make transition plans for orientation and Special Education Services if necessary.

For students planning on attending MVDHS, we will facilitate the registration process here at George Vanier Catholic School. Your child will need to register for the new District School Board, and begin their Course Selections as well. This information package was sent home before Christmas. Please complete it and return it to GVCS asap. Student OEN numbers can be found on report cards.

We recognize that this is a big decision for your family so please let us know if you have any questions at all about the options.

**-Students have the opportunity to skate at lunch** recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting January 15, 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 11:15am to help tie laces and/or skate with our students.

-On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, starting January 14, **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.

## School Council Information

-The next School Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30pm** in the school library. All are welcome to attend. At this meeting we will be looking at upcoming fundraising plans and also planning for the annual Trivia evening in April.

-2018 Basket raffle summary: Total expenses: \$305.08 (Ticket printing costs \$109.61. Top up items purchased for baskets \$185.47, lottery license \$10)

Ticket sales \$1200.90.

Profit of \$895.82.

## 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, January 11 at 9am.
- Sacrament preparation classes for First Reconciliation will be on Thursday January 10 and Thursday, January 24 at 1pm in the school library.
- The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on Thursday, January 24 for students who have completed the preparations.
- Information about the Sacrament of Confirmation (for students born in or before 2006) will be sent home soon.

## Thank You

- Everyone who came out on December 6 to share in our Christmas concerts and to our students who performed so wonderfully at these concerts.

-Melissa McCaig and the Combermere Recreation Committee, the Palmer Rapids and Area Lions Club, Pauline Gallagher, and Debbie and Michael Palubeski for their kind donations to our school and students, including donations of hats and mittens, towels and supplies for our kitchen, and money towards our healthy snack program.

-Jenna Stamplicoski for the beautiful wreath she made for our office door.

-All of the staff and volunteers who worked so hard in preparing for our Christmas concert.

-Everyone who purchased tickets for the Christmas Basket raffle and donated items for this fundraiser.

-All of the high school students who volunteered at our Christmas concert (great to see GVCS graduates back at GVCS!).

-Yantha Backhoe and Trucking for plowing our ice rink and to the Madawaska Valley Fire Department for flooding the rink.

-All of the families from the Grade 2-4 class who donated items for the canteen at the Christmas concert. \$288.31 was raised toward this class trip at the canteen.

## Congratulations

-Legion contest winners from GVCS: Anya Baklinski (1<sup>st</sup> place, colour poster), Kai Baklinski (3<sup>rd</sup> place, poetry and 1<sup>st</sup> place colour poster), Ava Beggs (3<sup>rd</sup> place, poetry), Eden Raposo (2<sup>nd</sup> place, black and white poster) and Wyatt Hicks (1<sup>st</sup> place, black and white poster). Dave and Shawn Eagles from the Barry's Bay Legion presented these students with prizes in December and also made mention of the fact that 16 other students from GV also submitted thoughtful entries.

-M.J. Voldock who won the Christmas dinner basket, Nadia Kindermann who won the baking basket and Christine Serran who won the Italian basket during our school fundraiser.

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/crcgameon/) or call Cheryl at 613 757 3108.

-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.

-2019 Grade 8 to 9 Transition Evening at MVDHS, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## 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...

February	Public Speaking at Legion for interested students
Friday, February 1	PA day "Reporting"
Wednesday, February 6	Grade 8 Night at MVDHS, 6-7pm
Friday, February 8	Primary Floor Hockey tournament, Grades 1-3
Friday, February 15	Junior Floor Hockey tournament, Grades 4-6
Monday, February 18	Family Day Holiday
Friday, March 1	Basketball tournament – Grades 5-8
Thursday, March 7	Chess tournament for interested students

March 9-17	March Break
Friday, April 19	Good Friday
Sunday, April 21	Easter
Monday, April 22	Easter Monday
Wednesday, April 24	Volleyball tournament – Grades 5-8
Friday, May 3	Gray Matter – some Grade 7 and 8 students
May 6-10	Catholic Education Week - “Living as Joyful Disciples” is this year’s theme
Friday, May 17	PA Day “Christian Community Day”
May 21-June 3	EQAO (students in Grades 3 and 6)
Thursday, June 6	Track and Field meet – Grades 2-8
Friday, June 7	PA Day “Reporting”
Friday, June 14	Grad dance
Friday, June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Friday, June 21	3 pitch tournament – Grades 5-8
Monday, June 24	T-Ball tournament – Grades 1-3
Thursday, June 27	Last day for students
Friday, June 28	PA Day “Closing the Gaps in Student Achievement and Literacy”

## Perhaps...

-You can share with others in our community about our upcoming Kindergarten registration, January 21-February 1. This registration is important for planning for staffing and for grade combinations for September 2019.

## Action Items for Our Families

-Please consider registering for School Cash On Line. For safety and efficiency reasons the RCCDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into schools and the amount of class time being spent collecting money. It takes less than 5 minutes to register at <https://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashionline.com> Please contact Ms. Landon or Mrs. Villeneuve for more information. At this point GVCS will continue accepting cash payments, in labelled envelopes, for hot lunches, class trips, etc., but are working towards going cash free in the near future. We encourage all of our families to try School Cash On Line. If you tried it in the past and stopped using it please give it another try – your feedback helped us work out some issues.

-If you have changed phone numbers recently, or cancelled your landline, please ensure the school office knows how to contact you.

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

## Attachments

January 2019 GVCS calendar	Envelope for chicken and veggie wrap orders	Envelope for popcorn orders
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## **Family Activity of the Month**

Gather everyone in your family and together draw a picture of something you love to do as a family in the winter. Label it and don't forget to get all of the artists to sign their names. Bring your drawing to the office to be displayed on an activity wall and your family will be entered into a fantastic draw.