

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 Information

-Reminder: **all school supplies are provided for September** except indoor running shoes, backpacks, lunch kits, and water bottles.

-The 2019/2020 school year starts Tuesday, September 3.

-Staffing and grade combinations are being finalized and will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

-Please return all library books to the school by the end of the month. If your family wishes to borrow some for summer reading please check with the office. Summer is a great time to binge-read series!

Transportation

RCJTC is OPEN all year long, 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 10,000 Renfrew County students to 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 over 200 bus routes to ensure that these students have safe, efficient, effective transportation to and from school daily. 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 19th ([click here to save the date to your calendar](#)) or at any time throughout the regular school year to confirm your child’s bus information for the 2019-2020 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;
 - Click on the “Sign In” Button;
 - 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 (i.e. your home, your sitter, custody change, etc.) please 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-

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-Enjoy free ebooks and audiobooks on your computer, phone, tablet or iPad. Students should visit <http://rccdsb.lib.overdrive.com> and sign in with their Google apps for Education address (e.g. jacob.smith@rccdsb.ca). The Grade K-8 password is *Books*.

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 Wednesday, June 26 at 9am.**
- **Our Grade 8 Graduation Mass will be on Tuesday, June 25 starting at 7pm.**
- **First Communion will be on Sunday, June 23** at 9am Holy Canadian Martyrs and 11am St. Francis de Sales
- Upcoming dates for Sacrament classes are as follows: June 13 at 1pm

Thank You

- to the GVCS teaching staff for their dedication in organizing hot lunch fundraisers throughout the 2018-19 school year.
- to Mr. Olsheskie for keeping our school and grounds clean
- to Mrs. Villeneuve for keeping our office organized and helping with projects around the school
- to our amazing families for all you do to support your children's learning
- to Ms. Burchat-Marquette for all of her work at GVCS. Ms. Burchat-Marquette has accepted a transfer to St. John Bosco Catholic School in Barry's Bay.
- to Ms. Manwell-Golden for all of her work at GVCS. Ms. Manwell-Golden has accepted a transfer to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Renfrew.
- to Madame Ropego for coaching and accompanying our students to the area Spelling Bee
- to Madame Ropego for organizing the fantastic French plays during Catholic Education week and for preparing such a great snack afterwards
- to Linda Pilgram for helping our K-1 class plant flowers and veggies and to Cheryl and Jesse from the Old School Café and Greenhouses for donating flowers for planting
- to Miss Dick for organizing the Shaw Woods trip for students in Grades 1-4.
- to everyone who helped with the reception held at the school following Confirmation: Mrs. Schweig, Ms. Burchat-Marquette, Ms. Manwell-Golden, Madame Ropego
- to Mr. Olsheskie for setting up and cleaning up the Confirmation reception
- to Beth from St. Joe's for reading at the Confirmation Mass and to the CWL and St. Joe's for the gifts they gave to those students who received the Sacrament
- to Father John for such a beautiful Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation – your words around recognizing and using the Gifts of the Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement (counsel), Courage (fortitude), Knowledge, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe in our daily lives are very special.
- to Tim Baklinski for leading the Music Ministry at Confirmation and sharing his musical gifts.

Congratulations

- to GVCS students Samuel, Johnny, Daniel, Matthew, Noah, Ava, Anya, Niomi, and Eden who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14.

-to Leo who will be making his First Holy Communion this month and to Bron who made his First Holy Communion earlier this spring in Orillia.

-to our Grade 8 graduates, Anya, Laila, Mason and Brady.

-to Shaelyn and Rivko for representing our school at the area Spelling Bee

Community Information

-The **Game On** activity after school program at GVCS is finished for this school year. Game On is offering a number of free summer camps for children. Forms are available at the school office or by calling the Community Resource Center 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.

-The **5th Annual Live Memorial Butterfly Release** on **Sunday, July 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm** at Water Tower Park in Barry's Bay. This special event will feature the release of butterflies which is said to be a healing experience that can comfort family and friends suffering from the loss of a loved one. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the life of your loved one and cherish special memories as we watch our own butterfly emerge, spread its wings and fly away. Aside from the live butterfly release, the afternoon will also include live music and an inspirational message from our guest speaker, Dawn Cruchet (Grief & Bereavement Specialist). There are several ways for you to help support this event: **Firstly, consider reserving your own butterfly(s) to release in honour of your special loved one.**

Please see the attached flyer that will provide you with the details of the event itself as well as an order form. Simply print and complete the order form along with payment and mail it to the Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care Program (please make cheques payable to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation) or drop by our office located at the hospital. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to order a butterfly for release, as part of the event, we will be doing a mass release with help from the children in attendance. Alternatively, butterflies can be ordered on-line at the following link: www.sfvhfoundation.com/events/memorial-butterfly-release/

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 when and how we can recognize and celebrate this milestone. Ideas so far include a Mass, digging up a time capsule buried on June 2, 1994 by Mr. Bates and his students, burying a new time capsule from our current students, a 50's themed family dance, a picnic for all, a mural in the school. We are tentatively thinking of celebrating in October.

Looking Ahead...

-Tuesday, September 3 First day of school for the 2019-2020 school year!

Perhaps...

-Your family would like a copy of the Traditional Catholic Prayers booklet compiled by the RCCDSB. Write a note in your child's agenda and a copy will be sent for you to keep and use at home.

- You are missing sweaters, mittens, and other items. Stop in at the school this month to check out our overflowing lost and found area by the entrance doors to the school.

Action Items for Our Families

-Please register 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. **Starting in September GVCS will only be accepting cheques or School Cash on line** for most purchases.

-Continue to share that registration for September 2019 is on-going at our school.

-Please be aware that our use of **bus passes** will become further restricted in September. Transportation is provided to and from the addresses you have provided to the school. Let us know asap if this information changes, for example, a new child care provider.

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

Attachments

June 2019 GVCS calendar	Community information about various summer programs for children and families	
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Family Activity of the Month

TVO mPower, developed by the creators of award-winning TVOkids, offers a series of exciting, cross curricular and FREE online math games that foster positive attitudes towards math, support the development of foundational K-6 math and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills and are learner-centric and advertising-free. To get started go to tvo.org/mpower to create an account for your child.