

St. Gerald Catholic School News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

February is "Kindergarten Registration" time at all of our Catholic schools. Within this newsletter, you will find a list of the items required to register students for next September's Junior Kindergarten class. Please share this information with families in the community whose children will be four years old by the end of December 2009. At St. Gerald Catholic School we are dedicated to nurturing our students to grow spiritually, socially and academically through our faith-based curriculum and caring Catholic environment. We look forward to welcoming our new registrants. Please contact the school with any questions about registration.

This year, our Carnival activities are being prepared for February 17 – 20. On February 25, we will be starting the Lenten season with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we are all encouraged to reflect on how much the Gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love. Together we choose actions that can help us to become more prayerful, to simplify our lives, and to share what we have with those who are in need.

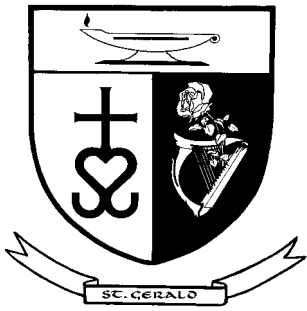
We look forward to seeing you at our next school Mass on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

R. Leone

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Enrollment:
240

Hours of Operation:
Office Hours 8:30 – 4:30
School Hours 9:00 – 3:30

Lunch Hour:
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



Bible Reflection for February – *Our virtue for February is Love*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7-12

School Mass

Please join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym for our next Mass.

Ash Wednesday – February 25, 2009

Please note that Lent begins on this day and we will be having the distribution of ashes at the school.



Catholic School Advisory Council News (CSAC)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7 p.m. in our school's library. As always, please plan to join us on this evening to discuss issues regarding our school.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be four years of age as of December 31, 2009 are eligible to be registered for Junior Kindergarten for the 2009/2010 school year.

Registrations will be accepted from February 2, 2009. For your convenience, an evening date for registration has been planned for Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 7 - 9 p.m.

If these dates are not convenient, please call our secretary, Mrs. Astill, to arrange an alternate time.

Parents are asked to bring the following documentation:

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- ✓ Ontario Hospital Card
- ✓ Proof of Address (i.e., telephone bill, heating bill or taxes)
- ✓ Valid proof of immunization
- ✓ Parents' work numbers
- ✓ Doctor's name and phone number
- ✓ Emergency contacts and phone numbers

African-Canadian Heritage Month

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is fortunate to have had one of its distinguished school leaders and recently retired federal politicians, The Honourable Jean Augustine, enact the motion that decreed February as Black History Month in Canada over a decade ago.

At St. Gerald School, students will have a number of different opportunities to explore the many historical contributions from the African Diaspora.

Important Dates for Term 2

- **March 10, 2009** – report cards will be sent home for all students
- **March 12, 2009** – parent/teacher conferences from 6 – 9 p.m.
- **March 13, 2009** – parent/teacher conferences from 9 – 12 noon (No school for students)
- **March 16 – 20, 2009** – March Break (No school for students)

Safety Reminders

Please note that students need to be picked up promptly at 3:30 p.m., if they do not take one of our school buses or attend the Kids Can Doodle after school program.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances occasionally prevent parents/caregivers from arriving on time, but we do appreciate everyone's efforts with this important request.

St. Michael's Choir School auditions:

St. Michael's Choir School is a special partnership school of the TCDSB which has maintained an internationally-renowned boys' choir for the past 70 years. The Choir School annually sends scouts into all the TCDSB elementary schools to assess the musical potential of all boys in grades 2 and 3, and issues invitations to a formal audition at St. Michael's Choir School to a select few. The scouts will be making their way through the schools in January, February and March. If you wish to know more about the school, please visit www.smcs.on.ca.

February 13, 2009 P. A. Day

On Friday, February 13, our staff is involved in a professional activity day. **No school for students.**

February 13, 2009 has been designated as one of the two new professional activity days added to the school year calendar.

The day will be devoted to provincial education priorities. At St. Gerald School, we will be focusing our attention on differentiating instruction for student success in Language and Mathematics.

February 16, 2009

February 16 is a provincial Family Day Holiday.

There will be no school on this day and we wish all of the community an enjoyable day with their families.

