

June 2009

St. Gerald Catholic School News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we end the month of May, our students in Grades 3 and 6 are completing the EQAO assessments and students in Grades 2, 5, and 7 are completing the CAT/3 assessments. Results for all students will be available in the Fall of 2009.

Track and field activities are taking place this month and a number of class excursions are planned.

Two ceremonies this month will recognize important milestones in some of our students' academic careers. We will be celebrating a "Moving On to Grade One" ceremony for our Senior Kindergarten students and a graduation ceremony for our Grade 8's. Some of our Grade 8 students have been at St. Gerald Catholic School since Junior Kindergarten and although we wish them every success in high school, we are going to miss them in September!

Once again, it has been my pleasure to have served the St. Gerald community as the principal this year. I have welcomed opportunities to assist in meeting the spiritual, academic and social needs of our students with parents and staff.

We look forward to seeing you at our community fair, graduation ceremonies and school Mass.

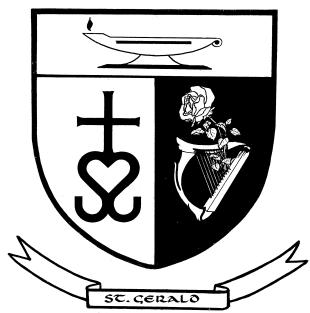
Sincerely,
R. Leone

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2009

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242

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

Lunch Hour:
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



A Summer Blessing

*God of all times and seasons,
As this school year ends,
we turn to you with hearts
filled with grateful amazement
at all you've helped us to learn and
be.*

*Every time one of us extended a
helping hand to another,
every time we forgave each other,
every time we put our trust in you,
your Son, Jesus Christ, was present
among us.*

*We have grown in our love for you
and in our desire to walk in your
ways.*

Amen



School Mass

A school Mass for the month of June will be celebrated on June 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us, if you are available.



School Assembly

On June 1st, we will recognize the students chosen for displaying **compassion**. For June, our focus will be **faithfulness**.

Catholic School Advisory Council News (CSAC)

At this time, I would like to extend my gratitude and congratulations to this year's CSAC members for their dedication to our community and for their generous contribution of time to the St. Gerald community. Thank you to parents who joined our meetings and contributed to our discussions.

Elections for the CSAC executive for the 2009/10 school year will take place on September 15, 2009.

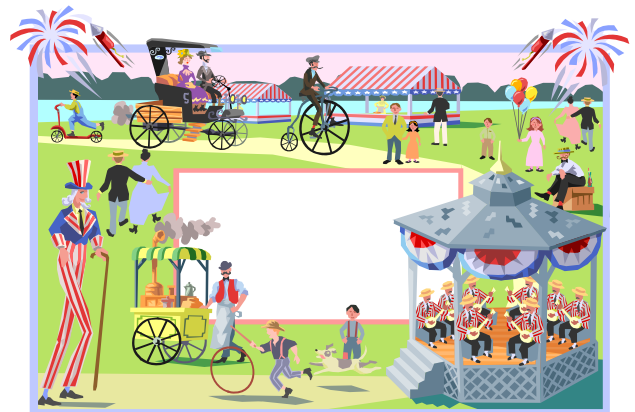
Community Fair

Our Community Fair will take place on Monday, June 8, 2009 from 5 – 8 p.m.

This evening will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other families from our school community. There will be food, entertainment, games and prizes – something for everyone!

June 12 is the rain date for this event.

Please return the food order forms as soon as possible!



Parent Volunteers

Thank you to volunteers who have assisted with programs at the school this year. Your contributions play an important role in the life of our school!



Class Placement for September 2009

During the month of June, our teachers will be giving careful consideration to creating class lists for next September. In grades with more than one class, every effort will be made to balance the classes, according to academic needs, number of boys and girls, etc. Our aim is to arrange classes that will ensure the success of all of our students.

As we begin this process, if there is any information regarding your child's placement for next year that you would like to bring to our attention, please forward your comments in writing to me at the school. I will review the comments and, if possible, take them into consideration for your child's placement.

Grade 8 Graduates

Our Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, June 19, 2009.

As our students complete this milestone in their academic careers, we wish them continued success at the high school of their choice. We are confident that the spiritual, academic and social experiences that they have participated

in at St. Gerald School have prepared them well for this next exciting phase!

Congratulations to you, their parents, on a job well done and congratulations to our teachers and staff members for their dedicated efforts with our students this year and throughout their career at St. Gerald School.



Kindergarten "Moving On to Grade One" Ceremony

On Wednesday, June 17, from 1 – 2:30 p.m., we will be having a celebration for our Senior Kindergarten students in a "Moving On to Grade One" Ceremony. These young students are completing Senior Kindergarten and looking forward to the excitement of Grade 1 in the Fall.

We look forward to welcoming their parents and grandparents for this exciting event!



Library Books and Textbooks

Please encourage your children to return all library books by Friday, June 13, 2008 and to ensure that all textbooks are returned to the school before the end of the year.



Summer School Literacy and Numeracy Programs for Grade 7 & 8 Students

The Ministry of Education is continuing to support students who need to improve their literacy and mathematic skills. To address these needs the Board will be offering non-credit summer school programs.

Students meeting the criteria for the program will attend for three weeks at one of the sites offered throughout the city.

Absences and Moving

Please continue to report all absences, for the entire day or part of it, to the school's office.

If you plan to have your child leave school early this term, before the last

day, please send a written notice to your child's teacher. This is important for all students, including our Grade 8's.

Our best wishes are extended to students and their families who are moving from St. Gerald School and will be attending a new school in September. Good luck! If you have not notified us at the office, please take a moment to do so.

Angel Foundation for Learning

The Angel Foundation for Learning is the charitable organization devoted to assisting needy students of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. For 20 years, the Foundation has assisted needy students by providing equitable access to educational opportunities.

This year, St. Gerald's received \$500 from the Angel Foundation in support of school excursions.

Last Day Dismissal

Thursday, June 25 is the last day of school. **Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m. for all students.**

Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 23. Please ensure that page 3 of the report is returned to your child's teacher.

