

May 2009

St. Gerald Catholic School News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of May is going to be an important one for our students in Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, as they prepare to write CAT/3 and EQAO tests. The students have been preparing throughout the year and we hope that these tests will be a positive experience and an occasion for them to demonstrate what they have learned. If you have any questions or concerns about these assessments, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me at the school and we will be happy to assist.

During the week of May 3 – 8, we are celebrating Catholic Education Week with a number of special activities. We look forward to seeing you during some of these events. Please see this month's calendar for details.

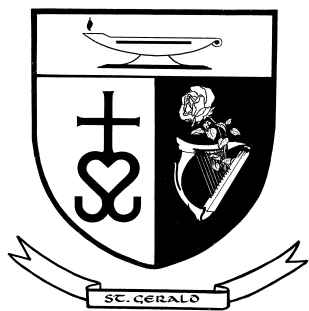
Please join us for our next CSAC meeting on May 6, at 7 p.m. in the library and our school Mass on May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.

Sincerely,
R. Leone

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Enrollment:
240 Students

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

Lunch Hour:
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



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A Prayer for Nurturing Our Catholic Community

On April 15, Mr. Xavier and his daughter Nichola (Gr. 7), Mrs. Ciccarelli and I had the pleasure of attending an event at the Catholic Education Centre where Archbishop Thomas Collins introduced us to the initiative focuses for the next three years:

- ❖ **Word** **2009/2010**
- ❖ **Worship** **2010/2011**
- ❖ **Witness** **2011/2012**

Year One of the Nurturing Our Catholic Community Initiatives focuses on **Ministry of the Word.**

This focus invites the TCDSB community to consider creative and intentional ways for Sacred Scripture, the Word of God, to have a place of prominence in the faith life of the school.

*Loving God,
You speak to us through your
Living WORD.
Your WORD tells us your story.
Your WORD comforts our lives.
Your WORD challenges the way
we live.*

Help us to live your WORD each day.

Amen

School Mass

Our next school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.

Please join us, if you are available.



Catholic School Advisory Council News (CSAC)

The next CSAC meeting is on **May 6, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the library.**

Catholic Education Week May 3 - 8, 2009

The provincial theme of this year's Catholic Education Week is "**Good News for All**". The theme comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, "**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.**" (Romans 10:15)

We recognize that we are called to prepare the students in our care academically, but just as importantly, we are called to guide them in their social and spiritual growth. In fact, our Catholic Gospel values inform our entire day and all of our interactions.

To celebrate Catholic Education Week, we have planned a number of educational and cultural events at the school and we hope to see as many of you as possible during some of the events. We have placed an emphasis on highlighting the arts, recognizing the importance of music and art in the complete education of our students.

Please see the calendar for a detailed list of activities.

Virtue of the Month

The virtue for the month of May is **compassion**. "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."
(Colossians 3:12)

Lunchtime Supervisor

For September 2009, St. Gerald Catholic School will need a lunchtime supervisor from 12 – 1 p.m. daily.

Mrs. Chia, our current supervisor, has been of wonderful service to us for a number of years. We have appreciated her assistance during the lunch hour with our Primary students and extend our best wishes and gratitude to her.

Please contact the school office, if interested in this available position. Please note that this is a paid position.

Community Fair

Please keep the evening of Tuesday, June 9, 2009 open for this year's community fair.

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

More information will be sent home later in the month.



EQAO Testing for Grades 3 and 6

This year the EQAO assessments for our Grade 3 and 6 students will be administered on May 25, 26, and 27, 2009. If necessary, the week of June 1 – 5 will be used.

CAT/3 Testing for Grades 2, 5, and 7

The Canadian Achievement Test (Third Edition, CAT/3) will be administered to students in Grades 2, 5, and 7 according to the following schedule:

Grade 5	May 21 and 22
Grade 2 and 7	June 3 and 4

Parental letters will be sent home regarding these assessments.

Sun Safety

With the warmer weather here, many of us enjoy spending time outside. However, the sun can be damaging. We all need protection but children are at an increased risk. To be sun safe you can:

- Limit the time spent in the sun, especially between 11 am and 4 pm.
- Look for shaded areas or create your own.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim
- Wear clothing to protect as much skin as possible
- Wear sunglasses that are UV protective
- Use a waterproof sunscreen with SPF (sun protection factor) 15 or higher. Don't forget lips, ears and nose.

For more information call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 or visit www.city.toronto.on.ca/health/sun/index.htm

