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St. Gabriel Catholic School

December 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

December Virtue: Charity

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" or so the song goes ... as we begin to prepare for the Christmas season, we remember that Christ is at the heart of the season. This year Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd and lasts the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The word Advent means 'coming' in Latin, as we wait and hope in prayerful expectation of the coming of the Messiah. Each week a candle is lit, with each candle representing the following:

- The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Joy** with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

We cordially invite you all to our school advent mass on Wednesday December 20th @ 7pm.

PRIME is a professional resource that provides teachers with diagnostic assessments and instructional strategies to help target students improve in Mathematics. By using PRIME (grades 1 to 8) it is our hope that we can understand how students learn mathematics in all five strands: numbers and operations, patterns and algebra, data management and probability, geometry and measurement, and help students improve. Every 3 to 4 months, students will be given an assessment to identify their phase. Teachers will work with students to move them to their appropriate phase.

Yours in servant leadership,
Cathy Crispo

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." – Mother Teresa



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Start of School Day: 9:00 a.m.
Morning Recess: 10:42 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.
Lunch Hour: 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Recess: 2:10 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

SAFE SCHOOL ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Please leave a message by calling the school at **416-393-5256** when your child will be absent or late. Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

ST. GABRIEL'S MASS TIMES
AND YOUTH CHOIR

St. Gabriel's Parish mass times:
Saturday 4:30
Sunday 8:30, 10:30, 12:30
Confirmation - Sunday, May 20th @ 3pm
First Communion - Sunday, May 27th @ 3pm
Graduation - Friday, June 22 @ 6:30pm

ORFE ECO-ART WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 2-5 2018

Unique Experimental ecological art program specially designed to stimulate creativity in children!

WHERE:

St. Bonaventure Parish Center 1300 Leslie
St. North York

TIME:

9 am to 4 pm

GRADES: 1 to 7

COST:

\$240 (Includes materials)

Phone 647 625 5459

orfe@orfeart.com



MONTHLY VIRTUES

Monthly Virtues are celebrated by all TCDSB's schools. Throughout the year we will be recognizing students each month by honouring those students who have demonstrated the virtue of the month through their words and actions.

September - Hospitality

October - Gratitude

November - Peace

December - Charity

January - Courage

February - Love

March - Forgiveness

April - Justice

May - Compassion

June - Faithfulness

The following students were recognized for their demonstration of **peace making** ... "

- Yesung Kim
- Chase Valdez
- Claire Lee
- Niccolo Zoppi
- Andrei Ganon
- Katarina Kim
- Alessandro Zoppi
- Maia Morgan
- William Cha
- Daniel Bermudez
- Therese Celis
- Nick Mejia
- Eileen Cooke
- Essence Lee
- Onyi Oguamanam
- Reichman De Morgan

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The last day of classes before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 22, 2017. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

Administrative offices will be closed from Saturday December 23rd through to Monday, January 1, 2018.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL

With the approach of winter and the associated ice and snow, there is always a possibility of school bus cancellations or delays, as well as cancellation of programs and services such as evening classes or permits. Your best source of information is via Twitter @TCDSB. For those who are not on Twitter, please tune in to local television and radio networks for updates. Other good sources of information are:

- TCDSB's website www.tcdsb.org
- Toronto Student Transportation Group website <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org>
- TCDSB 24-hour Telephone Information Line: 416-222-8282 ext. 2873
- Or if you wish to receive updates right to your email, subscribe to enews: <https://web1.tcdsb.org/InterestSubscription/subscription.aspx>



SAVE THE DATE!

**Kindergarten Registration Begins
January 17th at 10 a.m.**

Visit www.tcdsb.org for details.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CLASSES

New students are welcome!

Did you know that the TCDSB International Languages Dept. is offering International Language classes for JK to Grade 8 students at your children's school on Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 12:00pm?

We are accepting new students so please call or visit the school on Saturday mornings at 9:30am for more information.

We are also able to offer new International Language classes if parents of at least 23 children are interested.

Please call us at 416-222-8282 ext. 2495 for more information.

NEW FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS COMING SEPTEMBER 2018

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is moving forward with the implementation of French Immersion Programming for September 2018 at the following schools:

- [St. Mary Catholic School](#)
- [St. Alphonsus Catholic School](#)

Registration will begin in January 2018.

The introduction of enhanced programming at TCDSB schools is one aspect of our Long Term Program Plan (LTPP). Increasing the number of French Immersion programs available in our schools is a part of the LTPP and the Board's ongoing responsibility to offer dynamic educational opportunities to its students across the City of Toronto.

Visit www.tcdsb.org for information about further expansions of the French Immersion program.

Ms. Shortt Class Trip

On January 8th, Ms. Shortt's Grade 4/5 class will be going to Queens Park. Please mark this date in your calendars as it is the first day back from Christmas Break!!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP THEIR CHILD MAKE FRIENDS By Laurie Futterman

Children are not born with social skills. Parents need to help prepare them to interact successfully with peers. Parents are role models who, by their own behavior, can teach children how to meet people and talk to them, to cooperate with others and to ask for favors. Parents can teach how to win or lose well, to apologize and accept apologies and how to be patient, respectful, and considerate. Parents can help their child learn how to be the type of person others like to be around.

Ferrer and Fugate provide some things you can do to promote long lasting friendships for your child:

- **Provide your child with opportunities to spend time with other children.** Invite other children to your house to play or let your child participate in clubs, classes or teams. For older kids, make your home inviting so that your child wants to invite friends over, respect their privacy and provide them with guidelines that will allow them to talk/text with their friends.
- **Help your child learn games and sports.** Being able to play games and sports tends to be important for school-age children. It is easier to join in and have fun if they know the rules and have the basic skills to become a participant. Make sure not to let the sport become a drill or drudgery.
- **Set clear rules for appropriate behavior.** A child learns social skills in part through family rules about how to treat others. When you need to discipline your child, remember that he will imitate your actions. How you treat him when he breaks a rule will influence how he responds to others. Be firm, kind and respectful when you express your expectations of him.

- **Teach your child how to handle different social situations.** You probably began to teach your toddler how to share and how to say please and thank you. Continue coaching your child as she grows older and encounters more social situations.
- **Talk with your child.** Spend some time every day talking with your child. This time is not for giving instructions or lecturing, but just for talking about the day's events or things that interest both of you. When your child is talking, make sure you are listening. Talking with your child will not only help you keep up with him, but it will also let him practice the very important social skill of holding a conversation.
- **Help your child learn to see others' points of view.** Around the age of 6 or 7, children are more able to understand others' feelings and points of view. Help your child develop this ability by talking about different situations. For example, when reading with your child, stop and ask how a character is feeling and why he does certain things. Or when your child tells you about situation at school, ask how she thinks the people felt and why they acted as they did.
- **Help your child learn to manage negative feelings and solve problems.** Being able to manage negative feelings and work out problems are important skills in getting along with others. First, help your child identify the situation. For example, say, "It sounds like you're upset because Jamie didn't include you in the game." Then help him brainstorm solutions to the situation. Talk about the solutions he comes up with and have him pick one.
- **Do not sweat the small stuff.** Fitting in with friends is very important to school-age children (and becomes increasingly important as children near adolescence). Recognize how important it is to your child. She and her friends may do things that seem silly to you. For example, you may not like how children this age like to dress. However, if your child's behavior is not dangerous or offensive, do not sweat the small stuff.

**TORONTO CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
TRUSTEES 2017-2018**

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Student Council News

We thought that St. Gabriel could use some more school spirit ... so we decided that forming a student council (under the direction of Ms. Jevезian) would be a good way to support just that! Campaigns and elections took place in October, and now we have an amazing group of students from grade 4-8 representing the student voice. We will try our best to make St. Gabriel a spirited place with happy and enthusiastic students and staff. We will be hosting fun events throughout the year that will hopefully make students excited to be here! We will make 2017-2018 a great year! Please follow student council events on Instagram @stgabesc
President: Alyssa L., VP: Connor S., Secretary: Chloe C.

Reps: Gabriela P., Isabel D., Mikaela D., Estela V., Adam M., Eileen C., Adrien D., Nicolas S., Ella C., Carter S.

*** THE JOY OF GIVING ***



**ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS ITS
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

Dear St. Gabriel families,

Each year children from **JK to Grade 7** are given the opportunity to buy a Christmas present for **two of the special people** in their lives, (mom, dad and/or caregiver). Each gift will cost **\$1.00** (The Grade 8 students assist by helping to sell and gift-wrap the presents.)

This event could not be the success that it is without the support and generosity of St. Gabriel families. We kindly request each family donate at least **two gifts** (one male & one female). We are requesting new or gently used items (no toys or books please), to please be delivered to the school any time prior to & no later than **Friday, Dec. 15th**.

Also, if you have any Christmas bags or wrapping, gift tags, ribbon or tape that you're able to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting this special event! It's a wonderful time for the children and it allows them the opportunity to learn the importance of thinking of others and that the joy of giving can be as wonderful as receiving.

Please look for the flyer that was sent home & the on-line school newsletter for more details

All money raised will be donated to Share Life





Coding made fun for everyone

Dear Parents and Guardians of St Gabriel,

We are pleased to inform you that our School will be offering **Computer Coding** classes from Hatch Canada as part of our Extra-Curricular programs this term.

Program Benefits

- The students will learn how to write computer code in Javascript in a fun and engaging way.
- Students will also be able to sign-in at home and continue developing their skills, showing-off to their friends and amazing their parents.
- Hatch's self-paced and mastery-based platform allows students to choose their own projects to build from themes like Minecraft, Star Wars, Disney, Art, and more.
- For all experience levels!

In just its second academic year, Hatch has already taught more than 1,000 students and in 2017/2018 is running after school programs in numerous Ontario public and private schools. You can learn more by visiting hatchcanada.com.

Program Name: Coding / Gr. 3+ / Thursday

Start/ End Date: January 18 2018 to Mar 08 2018

Duration: 8 weeks

Time: 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Fee: \$130 per child (HST exempt)

Sign up Deadline: Jan 15 2018 or Full

Payment can now be made in two installments.

To register your child, register at www.hatchcanada.com/schools. Use the drop-down menu to find our school, complete all fields and complete payment of \$130 (HST exempt) using a credit card.

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