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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



St. Gabriel Catholic School

February 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

February Virtue: LOVE

The virtue of love is our focus this month. We will encourage students to examine more closely how to live the way that makes others know we are followers of Christ. How do we love one another as Jesus loves us?

This month is African Canadian Heritage Month. Those of African Canadian heritage have contributed so much socially, culturally and politically. During this month, we will take some time to develop greater awareness of African heritage and culture, as well as explore the contributions and accomplishments of African Canadian.

As February is designated as Heart Healthy month, at St. Gabriel, we will celebrate with activities, games and exercises. The teachers will focus on heart healthy living and good nutrition at all grade levels.

First term report cards go home on February 12th and interviews will be held on the evenings of February 13th and 14th. February 15th is a PA Day; followed by Family Day on Monday. Enjoy the family day weekend.

Along with the TCDSB, we endorse environmental sustainability and provide students with opportunities to act as responsible stewards of creation. Under the direction of Ms. Gauthier and the EcoTeam, students have unique opportunities to learn about their ecological footprint, and the ways they can reduce their impact on the Earth. Here are some initiatives for the month of February:

Flip the Switch Friday - February 1, 2019

Earth Hour 2.0 - The school will try and turn off all the lights in the school where it is safe to do so for the entire day. We will also be conducting a lights out lunch campaign throughout the month to reduce our energy consumption.

National Sweater Day - February 8, 2019

Students are encouraged to come to school with a warm sweater as we will be turning down the heat in our school by two (2) degrees to support efforts to reduce climate change.

Energy Education Day - February 14, 2019

Tweet your videos or, poster, action plans, to celebrate TCDSB Energy Conservation Month using #tcdsbenergy.

Phantom Friday - February 22, 2019

Classes are encouraged to investigate and find out what Phantom Power is all about. Did you know that your home's devices, when plugged in, continue to draw power even when they are off? We will be encouraging classes to unplug things that are not in use to reduce our power consumption.

Yours in Catholic education,

Ms. A. De Roma



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HOURS
2018-2019 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

To report your child as late or absent, please use one of the following options:

Call 1(833)251-3286 (toll-free)

Online go.schoolmessenger.ca

School Messenger Mobile App

Please make sure that all students who arrive late check in at the front office.

Please ensure the school office has your current email address on file.

SIGNING IN AS A VISITOR

Please be reminded that signing in as a visitor and wearing a sticker that identifies you as a "VISITOR" to our school is mandatory!! We encourage and appreciate all our volunteers, be it for the nutrition program, for scientists in school, school excursions, etc. However, the safety of our staff and students is our number one priority and signing in allows us to regulate and monitor who is in our school, when and for what purpose. Full compliance is expected.

School Bus Information

Parents of students who ride the school bus to and from school, are strongly encouraged to sign up to the bus portal website to keep you updated on service related issues (e.g., late bus, cancellations, etc.)

www.torontoschoobus.org

Click on "Parents" (top right hand of screen)

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 **courage**:

Stella Kwak
Alexander D'Angelo
Olivia Chongo
Maya Gorda
Bianca Haiashi
Sofia Cologna
Emma George
Elizabeth Choi
Isabella Mabanta
Kenedy Bael
Daniel Bermudez
Derick Marasigan
Adrien D'Silva
Mattia Salvatore
Katie Mejia

5 Useful Tips to Improve Your Child's Work Habits - By JEI Davisville

There is a fine line between helping your child with their homework and doing the work for them and while the latter may ensure a good grade on the assignment, the former will produce longer lasting results. Students are given homework to use the skills and information they learned in class, independently at home so that the knowledge sticks. In this sense you're helping them by not helping them! We're not saying that you should completely leave your child alone when they are doing their homework. There are times where they will need you to clarify instructions, or provide different examples than the ones given in their book. Helping them in this way is OK, just as long as you keep the answers to yourself...let them experience the feeling of solving problems on their own, it promotes confidence and risk taking - two very essential ingredients to a growing learner.

Here are some helpful tips that you can use at home to support your kids with their homework, and help them improve as readers and writers:

1. Read to them often, and let them read to you!
2. **Model instruction instead of giving away answers.**
3. Give them alternative examples to the ones provided in the book if they still aren't getting the concept (real life examples help students make connections to what they are learning and becomes easier for them to paint a picture in their mind).

4. Ask them to explain how they got the answer (they need to be able to support their choice and is great practice for building creative and critical thinking skills).

5. Before checking their work, let them check and correct their own mistakes first (this will prevent them from relying on an adult for the answers).

These are just some small ways you can help your child with their homework, without taking all the credit! By doing this, you are still involved in his or her studies which is key to their overall development as a learner. If you find yourself needing support with your child's studies at home, don't hesitate to seek advice from your child's classroom teacher, she/he will be happy to help and appreciate that you want to be involved. Keeping some form of communication between the classroom and home is invaluable to the success of your young learner.

Take advantage of this time, your child is the prime age to be a student, their minds are fresh and hungry for knowledge!

St. Gabriel Parent Council News

The CSPC hosted a "Family Fitness Night" in conjunction with the X Movement Dance at the end of January with funding provided by the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant money. The CSPC hopes all St.Gabriel families enjoyed this engaging evening.

The CSPC will be hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday March 1st, 2019 at the school. Please remember that this is a family event and **ALL** students must be accompanied by a supervising adult. More details to follow.

The next CSPC meeting will be held on Wednesday February 6th 2019 at 7pm at the school. The general meeting will be followed by a Fun Fair sub-committee meeting at 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

We thank you for your continued support of all CSPC activities.

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Drop-off and Parking Safety

Please obey parking signs.

1. Staff parking only: please do not park in the parking lot to drop off your child(ren) - use the student drop off to pick up and drop off - use street parking if you wish to walk your child(ren) to the school yard
2. Student drop off only: do not park in the student drop off/pickup zone - please have your child(ren) exit on the right side of the vehicle
3. No idling: always turn off your car if you have to wait more than 1 minute
4. Accessible Parking: never park in the accessible parking spot without a permit

