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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



St. Gabriel Catholic School

January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

January Virtue: Courage

Happy new year and welcome to 2018!

We have many new and exciting events planned for our students this month of January. On our first day back, January 8, 2018, Ms. Shortt's grade 4/5 class will be visiting the Ontario Legislative Building, followed by two ski days to Horseshoe Valley on **Wednesday, January 24th** and on **Wednesday, February 7th**, and of course, skating continues - let's hope the weather cooperates!

We are also very excited about Dancing Classrooms - a 10 week program offered to our grade 5s and 6s that will take place two times a week for one hour where students will be learning the basics of ballroom dance. This program is made possible with the support of the Parent Council and an Arts grant of \$750 offered by TCDSB. Please take the time to visit their website/Facebook Page at www.jointhedance.com for more information about the success they have had in the elementary system across Ontario since 2007.

We are also very fortunate to be working with Sheena Matheson, Practicum Facilitator from the Faculty of Education York University. Last term we had 4 teacher candidates in various classrooms, and starting January 9th the following candidates will join our St. Gabriel school family - welcome!

Sasha Hartig	1PJ	Kathleen Silva (JK/SK)
Jessica Ruggiero	1PJ	Julie Gauthier (gr. 5/6)
Katelyn Ferguson	2PJ	Julie Gauthier (gr. 5/6)
Rio Fazio	2JI	Christine Jevезian (gr. 8)
Jennefer Reis	2PJ	Annette Shortt (gr.1)
Josephine Di Cosmo	2IS	Sarah Porter (gr. 6/7)

Please be reminded that **Kindergarten Registration begins January 17th at 10 a.m.** Visit <http://soar.tcdsb.org> for details.

Our virtue for the month of January is Courage - Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you."

Please join us for our school mass on Thursday, January 18th at 1:15pm to celebrate the new year.

Yours in servant leadership,
C. Crispo

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.

NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS

We continue to offer a Nutrition Program under the direction of Soonim Jung (aka Soo), our coordinator and the number of parent volunteers who come to help on a daily basis. Students continue to be nourished and enjoy a daily healthy snacks to help them with their growth development and academics. Thank you for your generous support in term one! We are now asking for our second donation (see attached form). Please remember that if you donate \$20 or more, The Angel Foundation will issue a tax receipt that will be mailed directly to your home. A sincere thank you in advance ☺

TAC @ ST. GABRIEL INDOOR SOCCER

Grades 1-4
Wednesday - January 17th - March 7th (8 Weeks)
3:30-4:30PM
\$12.50 / session
\$100+HST
\$113.00 Total
*12 registrations minimum to start the program
tacsports.ca
416-473-3592

ST. GABRIEL'S MASS TIMES
AND YOUTH CHOIR

St. Gabriel's Parish mass times:
Saturday 4:30
Sunday 8:30, 10:30, 12:30

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 **charity**:

- Tiffany Chan
- Nicholas Manera
- Jacob Pangalilingan
- Ian Kwak
- Miguel Surco
- Miranda Tirado
- Ian Saldivar-Brittain
- Ben Cho
- Quincy Keir
- Koyinsola Biobaku
- Madison Sparkman
- Jordyn MacRae
- Eileen Cooke
- Matthew Tansingco
- Alyssa Lazzer
- Charlene Naz



The Facts on Education:

What is the best way for students to learn mathematics?

www.cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education

Starting from early childhood, we make sense of the objects and space we experience. Effective teaching builds on students' mathematical experiences, which differ among individuals and across contexts. High expectations for performance, initiative and independence support achievement. Even young children can reason mathematically.

People learn mathematics when they wrestle with problems, connect them with their prior mathematical knowledge, and develop coherent and relevant methods and explanations. Teachers can help students learn mathematics by engaging them in this way. Students understand procedures better if they have the opportunity to manipulate concrete materials to represent mathematical operations (e.g., using blocks to represent place value: a cube to represent one, a stick made of 10 ones, a square made of 10 sticks, etc.), and to talk about reasons for their procedures. Calculators and other technologies can be useful tools for exploration of patterns and relationships, but children still need to be able to perform calculations and understand them without reliance on the technologies.

Regular and effective feedback from teachers and peers supports students' mathematical learning when it focuses on noticing patterns, exploring predictions, and explaining reasoning. Students' errors are best viewed as opportunities to clarify incomplete understanding and can help teachers know what concepts need more exploration. Mathematics curriculum should build topics onto each other. The sequence of these topics is more important than matching age-related stages. An overloaded curriculum can be a barrier to learning. Teachers need to be comfortable with mathematics and have conceptual understanding. Their teaching benefits from collaborative planning that focuses on the central ideas of mathematics.

Language skills are necessary for learning mathematics. Teaching should recognize that a students' first language may be one important resource in their mathematics learning. Children from disadvantaged backgrounds can benefit with intervention in the early years to connect mathematics to their experiences and thus increase their comfort with it.

Conceptual understanding (knowing why something works), fluency with calculations (comfort with basic mathematics facts and procedures), and problem solving work together in mathematical learning. However, no high quality research supports any kind of ideal ratio between such focuses; they are all necessary.

2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will begin on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. EST. Parents/guardians with JK/SK children will have an opportunity to **apply on-line only** using the "Student On-line Application for Registration" platform known as S.O.A.R. Parents will also be able to schedule their meeting with the school on the electronic application. The link for S.O.A.R. is: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>. In preparation for the scheduled meeting with the school, parents will be asked to refer to the information enclosed in this package. The following documents will be required at the time of your meeting with the school:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Passport/Immigration documents if child was not born in Canada
- Child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or proof of Catholicity of parent)
- Proof of residency in Toronto (some examples: utility bills, lease agreements, proof of purchase)
- Immunization Record
- Application for Direction of School Support (ADSS) form

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Eco-Art Program

Orfelina Millan Founder |
www.facebook.com/OrfeGreen |
www.orfeart.com | 647 625 5459 |

Term description: Beautiful Sceneries
Day: Tuesdays
Starting on the week of January 22 to March 5
Grades 2 to 6
Cost: \$130 (Materials are included)
Only accepting 10 students.



Be *strong*
and
courageous

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD
your God will be with you wherever you go.

joshua 1:9

CrossCards

Student Nutrition Program

Second Term (Jan – March)

Each term we are asking for a donation to our Nutritious Snack Program which currently runs everyday.

Please choose the method and choice below for your second donation for your child/children.

Complete the form below and return it with your payment to your child's teacher

as soon as possible.

St. Gabriel Student Nutrition Program

Parent Donation Form

I have enclosed a \$20.00 donation for my child

I have enclosed \$15.00 for each of my children (if more than one)

I wish to donate more generously and have enclosed \$_____ to help support and expand this program. Your generosity is most appreciated!

**** Cheques to be made payable to St. Gabriel Student Nutrition Program ****

Child's Name: _____ (Please PRINT)

Teacher's Name: _____ Room Number: _____

*** Please list sibling(s) and teacher below:**

Sibling: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Sibling: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Please complete the following if a tax receipt is required for donations over \$20.00:

Name tax receipt should be issued to: _____

Home address: _____

Postal Code: _____