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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



## **St. Gabriel Catholic School**

### **January 2019**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

January Virtue: Courage

Happy New Year and welcome to 2019!

I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and that 2019 brings health, happiness and prosperity to all in our community. God's loving presence in our lives is something palpable when we consider it is found among our parents longing for the best for their children. The spirit of Christmas and Epiphany (Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>) will remain with us always as a way of life in faith. Let us be like the symbol of the angels, open and aware of the movement of God's loving, inclusive Spirit!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity during the Christmas season. As a school we displayed the act of charity throughout the month with the various activities such as our Advent reflections, CSPC Christmas Fair, collection for St. Vincent de Paul and Share Life initiatives. Thank you to all families who attended our Advent Family Mass, the CSPC for refreshments and all teachers who organized the mass and attended.

If you, or a neighbour, have a child at home who was born in 2015, please see the Board website and newsletter for additional information about Kindergarten registration which begins on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The staff of St. Gabriel look forward to continuing to work with you, to best meet the needs of all our students. Our Winter/Spring sees us in preparation for learning more about understanding mathematic vocabulary and applying those principles when answering both open ended and multiple choice questions. Our school improvement insists we remain focused on equity of outcomes for all, a focus upon student voice, displays of student artefacts which articulate to specific learning goals and success criteria, posted in student-friendly language, with parents engaged in school talk, listening to the student voice so as to guide lesson planning. We are one month away from first term report cards; interviews are on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for our school mass on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm to celebrate the New Year.

Yours in Catholic leadership,

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**

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 Rosa San Luis 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 snack to help them with their growth development and academics. Thank you for your generous support in term one! We will be asking for term two donations shortly. 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.

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**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**:

- Brennan Kua
- Ava Quadros
- Jordan O'Brien
- Madeleine Meli
- Agustin Gross
- Lumi Kim
- Pedro Gallo
- Rylee Keir
- Jeannie Chan
- Brayden Marchak
- Melissa Han
- Ian Saldivar-Brittain
- Matia Lee
- Vince Cabaltera
- Nicolas Saldivar-Brittain
- Leianne Tupaz
- Jhaynard Mamuad



## **The Facts on Education:**

***What is the best way for students to learn mathematics?***

[www.cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education](http://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.

### **2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration will begin on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 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

**TORONTO CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
TRUSTEES 2018-2019**

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**St. Gabriel Parent Council News**

Happy New Year from your CSPC! Now that the Christmas season is over, it's time to look forward to summer! With that said, please mark your calendars and save the date accordingly-St. Gabriel's Annual Fun Fair will take place on **Saturday June 1st, 2019**. We will be having our first sub-committee meeting for the Fun Fair on **Thursday January 10th 2019** at 7pm at the school. If any parents from the school community are interested in helping with the planning of the Fun Fair please join us at this meeting.

The CSPC would like to thank all St. Gabriel families for their continued support with CSPC activities. December was a very busy month for the CSPC. The Big Box of Cards was a success; congratulations to Ms. Silva and Mrs. Pacheco's JK/SK class that won the pizza party for selling the most boxes in the school. Congratulations also to raffle prize winners chosen from those students that sold more than three boxes: Oliver from Ms. Gauthier's class (\$25 Cineplex); Sebastian from Ms. Noonan's class (\$25 Indigo); Olivia from Ms. Vaz's class (\$25 Toys'r'us) and Phoenix from Ms. Porter's class (\$25 Mastermind Toys). The CSPC still has boxes available to purchase so if you are interested please contact Kristina (CSPC Chair) at [cspc.stgabriel@tcdsb.org](mailto:cspc.stgabriel@tcdsb.org).

St. Gabriel families also enjoyed Movie Night that was held early in December. The movie "Hotel Transylvania 3" was a big hit with all of the students along with the popcorn provided by Cineplex and juice boxes. Our next Movie Night will take place on **Friday March 1st, 2019**.

Thank you also to all families that donated gifts for St. Gabriel's Annual Christmas Fair. The students had a great time shopping for their loved ones. Thank you to the Grade 8's that helped the younger students with the wrapping of their gifts. The day was a great success and a much-loved tradition here at St. Gabriel's.

We look forward to many more exciting events in 2019! Please join us for our next CSPC general meeting on **Monday January 14th 2019** at 7pm at the school. All are welcome to attend.

## During Lunch Time



**Term description:** *Musical Instruments*

- \* Location: School Computer Lab- Once a week - Every Tuesday
- \* **6 sessions \$112**
- \* Starting on January 22
- \* Time: 45 minutes During Lunch Time recess
- \* **Grades: 2- 7**
- \* First come first served
- \* Only accepting 12 students. All other interested students can be placed on a waiting list for a next term.

**Registration:** Online registration is available at [www.orfeart.com](http://www.orfeart.com) or by Interac Transfer to [orfe@orfeart.com](mailto:orfe@orfeart.com).

Note: Cheque can be delivered to the school office. Please submit the following information:

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Term** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**      **Cash ( )**              **Cheque ( )**              **E-transfer ( )**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for Orfe to use photos/video of my child on the website: [www.orfeart.com](http://www.orfeart.com) and Orfe social media. Said photos and videos will be used appropriately and solely for the marketing of Orfe Eco Art Program, online or in printed materials. I reserve the right as a parent to withdraw my permission at any time in writing.

Registration is open for **Orfe March Break Camp!** Limited spots.