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9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



St. Gabriel Catholic School

October 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

October Virtue: Gratitude

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." Psalm 118:42
October's virtue is Gratitude, let us reflect on how truly blessed we are for what God has given us. Let us begin by being thankful for the very eventful and exciting month of September, only to be followed by another busy month of October (refer to school calendar attached in this newsletter). From Cross Country (October 13th), to Volleyball and other school outings, to CSPC's annual Halloween bake sale and school Thanksgiving mass (October 12th), there are many events to participate in and get involved.

It was indeed unfortunate that we had to say goodbye to Ms. Gates and the grade 4 class, and reorganize the entire school from grade 2 and higher, but it was a reality many of our Catholic schools had to face. I want to thank the staff of St. Gabriel for the effectiveness and collaboration they displayed during the reorganization, and how student needs were at the forefront when considering the placement of students to new classes - we are very fortunate and blessed to have such a caring group of individuals looking after our students.

It was mainly for this reason, i.e., a possible reorganization (usually happens up until September 30th), that Curriculum Night was scheduled later, Thursday, October 6th. The evening will begin at 7pm in our school gymnasium. Your attendance at Curriculum Night is greatly appreciated, as your support is vital to the success of our students/your children. I look forward to seeing you all there!

On September 26th our CSPC General Annual Meeting and 2016-2017 Election was held. A special thanks to all who volunteered to become members of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC). Our CSPC council members are as follows: Mandy Sparkman (**Chair**), Debbie Smith (**Treasurer**), Lisa Cheng (**Secretary**), John De Pinto, Elizabetta Pisa, Susana Matany de Figarella, Helene Taylor, Gwen Brittain, Gina Aprile Cologna, and Fadzic McConnell.

On behalf of the entire staff at St. Gabriel Catholic School, we would like to wish everyone a happy and restful Thanksgiving.

Yours in servant leadership,
Cathy Crispo



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

(Location: St. Gabriel Church)

Wednesday September 21st at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday October 12th at 1:15 p.m.

Thursday December 22th at 7:00 p.m.
Family Advent Mass

Wednesday January 18th at 1:15p.m.

Monday February 27th at 1:15 p.m.
Feast of St. Gabriel

Wednesday April 19th at 1:15 p.m.

Thursday May 18th at 1:15pm

Tuesday June 27th - Mass on the Grass
@ 10:00am

OTHER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

(Location: St. Gabriel School)

Remembrance Day Service - Wed., Nov.
11th at 10:00am

Ash Wednesday - Wed. March 1st at
10:00 am

Stations of the Cross - Holy Thursday

ST. GABRIEL'S MASS TIMES AND YOUTH CHOIR

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

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 **Hospitality** ... "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

- Lucas Echeverry
- Pedro Gallo
- Elizabeth Choi
- Vivian Vargas
- Simona Cologna
- Maia Morgan
- Beatrix Sheldrick
- Ayana Okuneye
- Timmy Fatukasi
- Loraine Calasagsag
- Estela Victorine
- Gabe Aliling
- Suzie Yohans
- Brent De Carlos

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.

KISS'N RIDE DROP OFF/PARKING LOT

Parking continues to be a problem at our school, especially in the morning and after school. We strongly encourage parents to drop off children in the drop off zone, but please **DO NOT PARK** in this student drop off zone (the driveway directly in front of the 'St. Gabriel Catholic School' sign). Parking here creates congestion and a dangerous situation for our students. Your cooperation in the matter is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark Monday, October 24th, 2016 on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories. For more information on photo day, please visit www.edgeimaging.ca for answers to frequently asked questions.

Student Bus Transportation

Parents are invited to visit the transportation website at: www.torontoschoolbus.org. There you will find tools such as a bus stop locator along with the routes and maps page and a copy of transportation boundaries for those schools that have transportation. Coming later this Fall is the launch of the parent portal which will allow families to look up transportation information about their children and also subscribe to the e-mail notification of school bus delays.

For up to date information such as bus cancellations, late bus, etc. please visit: <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/school-bus-delays/>

You may reach the transportation department at 416-394-4287.

St. Gabriel's Eco Team

The month of October will be Waste Reduction Month at St Gabriel's. This is in connection with Waste Reduction Week in Canada from October 17 - 23. Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of sustainable and responsible consumption, encourages choice for more environmentally responsible products/services, and promotes actions that divert more waste from disposal and conserve natural resources.

During the month, we will be promoting Waste- Free Lunches and Battery Recycling. These different campaigns are to help promote waste reduction and provide educational opportunities for students and parents.

Waste-Free Lunch: In an effort to engage students in small environmental initiatives that can make a big impact, St Gabriel is participating in the year-long Waste-Free Lunch Challenge. The Waste-Free Lunch Challenge is a province-wide initiative run by the Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO). Parents and Guardians are invited to visit the WFLC's parent website at www.wastefreelunch.com. Here, you can download resources to help ensure you are doing your part to reduce lunch waste.

Battery Recycling Challenge: We are trying to get the whole school community involved to collect as many used batteries as possible for a chance to win prizes that will help support future environmental initiatives at our school. We will be collecting used single-use and rechargeable household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg each). Boxes will be placed in the foyer of the school for parents and students to drop off the used batteries.

Ms. Gauthier and the Eco Team



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TRUSTEES 2016-2017**

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If you received a letter from Toronto Public Health, please update your child's immunization record with us using one of the following options:

- Phone: 416-392-1250
- [Online reporting](#)
- Fax: 416-338-2487

If your child does not have all the needed vaccines, please contact your health care provider.

416.338.7600 toronto.ca/health |  **TORONTO** Public Health

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night is scheduled for **Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** This evening provides an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn more about the curriculum. Our intention is to continue to foster the partnership between home and school in order to ensure that the 2016-2017 school year is a successful one.

7:00pm Introductions (school gym)
7:20pm - 1st session in classroom
7:40pm - 2nd session in classroom

REMINDER: CSPC will have a table set up in the front foyer selling apparel wear (sweatshirts, t-shirts, track pants). Some sample sizes will be available to try. Payment can be made by cash or cheque and all orders must be paid for that evening. There will also be the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks.



HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE

On Monday, October 31st CSPC will be having their annual Halloween Bake Sale. Please be aware that St. Gabriel is an allergen aware school and the bake sale will accommodate for students with allergies. We are asking parents to avoid sending Halloween treats to share with classmates, instead we are encouraging the safer alternative of NON-FOOD items such as: Halloween pencils, erasers, stickers, etc.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Remind your children that safety is always a priority and although Halloween is an exciting time, **SAFETY** should not be ignored or forgotten.

An adult or responsible older child should accompany younger children.

Teach your child to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again, and to listen for oncoming traffic. Never rely on traffic signals alone - use your eyes and ears to make sure it's safe to cross.

It's unsafe to cross between parked cars or other obstacles - always cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections.

Always stay on the sidewalk and be mindful of cars and driveways.

Select costumes with bright colours and that fit appropriately - choose face paint instead of masks.

Always have an adult check your candy bag before eating any candy.

WORLD TEACHER DAY

October 5th is World Teachers' Day. Please take the time to recognize the teachers in our school who dedicated their lives to inspire, nurture and help students realize their dreams and build a better world. St. Gabriel is blessed to have such dedicated and talented teachers. A prayer for all teachers:

Beatitudes for Educators

*Blessed are those who lead today,
for they are impacting tomorrow.*

*Blessed are those who live what they say;
their words will be heard.*

*Blessed are those whose lesson is the Gospel;
they are being formed by the Teacher of teachers.*

*Blessed are those who do not fear questions;
they are pursuing truth.*

*Blessed are those who manage with compassion;
they are shaping souls.*

*Blessed are those who do not count the cost;
they are purchasing hidden treasures.*

*Blessed are those who "instruct others in justice;
they will shine like stars
for all eternity."*

Amen



