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## **St. Gabriel Catholic School**

### **November 2017**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

#### November Virtue: Peace Making

We begin the month of November by presenting our School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP) with our neighbouring schools. After much analysis of CAT4 and EQAO results, our staff has concluded that our schools Urgent Critical Need is: *Understanding multi-step problems in thinking and application type mathematical questions, as well as reading and understanding what a question is asking for and how to begin to take the necessary steps to solve it.* Our goal is to improve overall mathematic scores by continuing to promote a growth mindset and explicitly teach math vocabulary and multi-step problem solving. We are also aligning our assessment so that there is a common language being use among staff when identifying our target 'students to move.' We have already had one Professional Development (PD) session on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and will have another on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Our intention is to improve student achievement by improving our own teaching practices and strategies in mathematics.

This year, Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, is November 19-25, 2017. Starting in 2010, Ontario schools, staff and parents have been encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. We invite you to attend the Power of One anti-bullying show on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in anticipation of this week.

The Best Buddies friendship program fosters one-to-one friendships between people with and without disabilities. Through the program, students with and without intellectual disabilities are able to develop friendships and bridge the social gaps that exist between people. I am so very pleased that Ms. Ruggiero has taken the lead to run this program every Friday during lunch to help improve inclusiveness in our school. Please encourage your child to take part in this program.

Finally, We are in need of a Lunchtime Supervisor. Lunchtime supervisors are paid \$13.04 per hour, this includes statutory holiday pay and vacation pay. Benefits are not available for lunchtime supervisors. The job consists of daily supervision during the lunch hour - 11:45 am to 12:45pm - if you are interested (or know someone who would be) please contact the school.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

Yours in servant leadership,  
Cathy 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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**  
**First Communion - Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**  
**Graduation - Friday, June 22 @ 6:30pm**

**TERRY FOX MARATHON OF HOPE**

Our St. Gabriel families showed tremendous support for our Walkathon this year! We raised a total of \$1826.00, between online donations and the proceeds of our hot dog lunch. Thank you to our entire school community for coming together to support the ***Terry Fox Marathon of Hope***. In particular, we are very grateful to the *Me to We* committee, who helped to prepare and deliver hotdog lunches to our students. This makes us part of a larger community of millions of Canadians who participated in Terry Fox Runs to make a difference in the lives of people living with cancer. If you haven't had a chance to visit St. Gabriel on Twitter, we have a link to a thank you message from Terry's brother Fred Fox. Once again, thank you for taking the time to visit the Terry Fox website and for your generosity. These special events in our school cannot happen without the leadership of our staff - thank you Ms. Noonan, Ms. Shortt and Ms. Galluzzo for volunteering to organize such an amazing event!

**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 **gratitude** ... *"Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat."* John 6:11

- Greyson Mazarolo
- Lumi Kim
- Ethan Enisuoh
- Sofia Cologna
- Domenico Perruzza
- Matias Pachas Ramos
- Edouard Taylor
- Matthew Palermo
- Jaiden Nichols
- Avery Riley
- Maryella Agop
- Ian Lopez Fonseca
- Alzena Lee
- Manolo Giron
- Peter Paolitto



Roots of Empathy  
Racines de l'empathie

Roots of Empathy has a mission to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults. The focus of Roots of Empathy in the long term is to build the capacity of the next generation for responsible citizenship and responsive parenting. In the short term, R.O.E focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression. At the heart of the program is a neighborhood infant and parent who visit the ELP classroom nine times over the school year. Mrs. Pacheco, a trained Roots of Empathy instructor, coaches students to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings and intentions. In this experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and a lever that Mrs. Pacheco will use to help children to identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. Thank you Ms. Pacheco for bringing this program to St. Gabriel.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFRENCES

Now that you've made your appointment to visit your child's teacher and classroom, how do you go about ensuring that you have a constructive interview? Keep in mind that the interview is short... ten minutes. As a parent, what you want to know first is how is my child doing: are they meeting all the expectations in their particular grade? Your teacher will be able to provide samples of student work, assessment pieces, and good anecdotal information to allow you to understand how your child is doing in school. Here's a plan you might adopt – **First thing:** how is my child doing in relation to the curriculum taught this term, particularly in literacy and mathematics? **Next thing:** how is my child as a learner? Are they consistently engaged in their work, do they work well with other students, do they complete the work they begin?

**Last thing:** what can we do as a school/classroom team to ensure that your child continues to succeed or does better in the coming term?

Many parents like to have their children attend interviews with them. This can be a good thing. However, avoid putting your child under the interrogator's lamp. The constructive way of making a plan for improvement is getting the "buy-in" of your child. Acknowledgement that there is room for improvement (if this is the case) but work collaboratively with your child and their teacher to focus on "next steps" for improvement. Keeping all the relationships strong among parent, teacher, and student is important for the success of your child.

### ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

We would like to inform you that we are an **allergen aware school**. There are students in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods such as **peanuts, nut products, sesame seeds, eggs, seafood and shell fish**. **Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction.**

We are asking that you do not send any lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts, nuts, eggs, seafood, shell fish and sesame seeds. As well, please check prepared foods for traces of peanut oil or nut products. These items could potentially harm a child. **We would also ask that you please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils. Please remind your children not to share food in the classroom.

We thank all of you for being diligent in following this request. We must maintain as safe an environment as we possibly can for our students. Since all our students share the school building space in their daily activities, we need to take precautions to minimize any cross contamination issues.



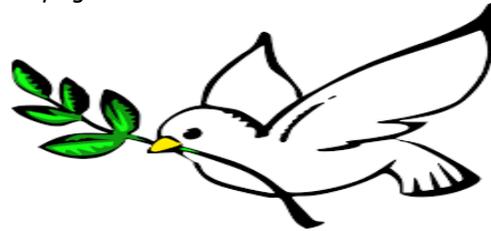
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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
TRUSTEES 2017-2018**

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Peace Prayer of St. Francis Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where  
there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light,  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



**Remembrance Day Assembly**

Join us in honouring fallen soldiers from WWI and all those men and women who still fight for freedom and justice on **Friday, November 10, 2017 @ 10am** led by the classes of Ms. Gauthier and Ms. Shortt.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

