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SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

“With Jesus as our guide, we see the value and potential of each person.”

Mr. G. Vavala, Principal

Mrs. D. Woloszynowicz, Vice-Principal

Important Dates To Remember

Nov. 27 – Start of the Advent
Season

Dec. 1 – Grade 4 trip

Dec. 1 – 13 - CHRISTMAS
CHEER CAMPAIGN

Dec. 7 – Gr. 8 Parent Info
Night at St. Peter’s

Dec. 8 - Christmas Concert
6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 – Advent Mass at
SGA

Dec. 14 – Spaghetti with
Santa 5pm

Dec. 15 – Catholic School
Community Council meeting
6:30 p.m.

Dec. 22 – Spirit Day – Dress
as an elf or in your favourite
Christmas colours.

Dec. 22 - Last day of classes
before Christmas Holiday

Jan. 9 - Classes reconvene

Prayer for Families



Loving God,

*During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways
be an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during
times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a
spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family
Widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray,
Amen*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It was great seeing many of you at the parent/teacher conferences two weeks ago. The conversations I had were so incredibly positive. We are all truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful school community. As we come to the completion of the first part of the school year, we welcome the month of December. This is an important time in our liturgical year, as this marks the beginning of the Advent Season.

It is evident that the true message of Christmas is alive at Saint Gabriel the Archangel, where all members of our school community have been actively demonstrating how important it is to think about others during this season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have graciously donated coats, mittens and socks for our support of the Out of the Cold Program.

“Rejoice in the Lord always.” In the face of the inevitable difficulties of life, the uncertainties and fears of the future, the temptation to give in to despair and disappointment, the Word of God always proclaims again the “glad tidings” of salvation: the Son of God comes to heal “the wounds of the broken-hearted”. May this anticipation of the coming joy of Christmas fill each of our hearts and every corner of our lives.

Let us take this time to wish each and every one of you a very special Advent season. Enjoy those exceptional Christmas moments with your family during the winter break.

God Bless,

Mr. Vavala and Mrs. Woloszynowicz

INCLEMENT WEATHER

With winter officially arriving, there can often be severe weather conditions throughout the day. Please be sure that you discuss the appropriate procedure to be followed in emergency weather situations with your child. Bus cancellation (**We are in the Central Zone**) announcements can be viewed on our school web site, sga.schools.smcdsb.on.ca or heard on Radio Stations, B101.1 FM, 105.9 FM, Rock 95.7 FM, Kool 107.5 FM or on CTV Barrie. We would ask that parents/guardians check the website or listen to the radio throughout the day for information. If the buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. Parents who drive students to the school must pick them up by 2:55 p.m.

CLOTHING

Students should ensure that they are wearing boots outside at recess. It is simply too wet and cold to be wearing indoor running shoes. Students will continue to go outside during the winter months. Please ensure that they have appropriate hats, mittens and outerwear.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Our school is busy collecting food and toys for the Christmas Cheer program in Barrie. Please help us to ensure a good Christmas for those less fortunate. We are accepting canned food items, toys, monetary donations and Canadian Tire Money. **DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO DECEMBER 13TH.**

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting on November 22nd. Items discussed included a principal's report, the chair's report, a treasurer's report, parish report and a fundraising committee report. We also discussed some of our upcoming school events such as our Spaghetti with Santa, the December Mass and the Christmas Concert. Our next meeting will be held on December 15th at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us.

MILK, PIZZA & SUB DAYS

If buses are cancelled on a Pizza and Sub Day, pizza and subs will be available on the next day buses are running.

