



SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Mrs. Woloszynowicz, Vice-Principal

Mr. Vavala, Principal



Family Day Prayer

Loving Creator, author of life, we thank you for our special role in family life and for the gift we share with you in creating others in your own image and likeness.

Life is so precious and so beautiful, mingling souls in so many mysterious and satisfying ways. May our human love and friendship reflect your own divine love.

May our children and we be committed to being fully alive to your call and challenge, ever growing in discipleship and friendship with Jesus, who alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

May we praise you always.
May we, without seeming to preach, teach you to our children and to others, not so much by our words as by our example.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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From the Principal's Desk

The New Year is well underway and both staff and students have been very busy learning and accomplishing their goals. We have many exciting activities planned this month. We celebrate Family Day on Feb. 20th. Families are a sign of God's presence because they are communities of love. The family is the first and most important community. "The future of humanity passes by way of the family." (*On the Family, no. 86*)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS!!

Registration for full day, every day kindergarten is now taking place for the 2017-2018 school year. Your child must be 4 years of age before December 31, 2017 to start junior kindergarten and 5 years of age before December 31, 2017 for senior kindergarten. Students who already attend junior kindergarten this current year do not need to re-register for senior kindergarten.

Registration forms are available in the office and you are welcome to pick up a package for your child during school hours.

You will require the following documents for your child for registration:

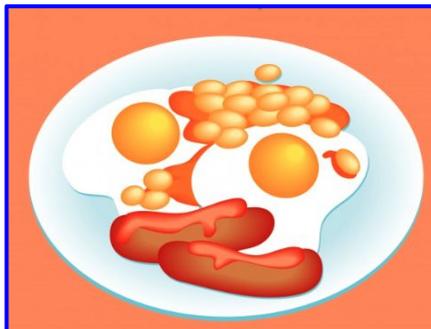
- Proof of age (birth certificate)
- Parent or child's Roman Catholic baptismal certificate
- Updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of address

Catholic School Community Council

Our next meeting will take place **February 7 at 6:30pm** in the school library. Items to be discussed will include the Principal's Report, Chair's Report, Treasurer's Report, Parish Report, next year's Parents Reaching Out Grant and the Spring BBQ. We hope to see you there.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Parish Breakfast on Sat. Feb.4th, 9:30-11:30 in the Parish hall. They'll be serving scrambled eggs, sausage, homefries, baked beans, coffee, tea and juice. Tickets are \$5 per person with children under 3 free. Tickets sold after masses on Jan.21, 22, 28, 29. No tickets at the door.



Each Child Deserves a Cozy Bed

We were blown away by the generosity of our community. We raised \$1,900 for [Sleeping Children Around the World](#), which translates into 55 bedkits. Thank you all who supported this worthy cause and thank you for instilling in your children the values that are dear to our hearts-justice, love and hope.

Supply Noon Hour Supervisors Needed

We are still looking for noon hour supervisors to help us on a supply basis. If you are interested, please call the school. Please note this is a paid position.

Flexible Funding for Children with ASD

Kerry's Place is inviting online applications for Respite Funding. The due date is Feb.15. More info at www.kerrysplaceautismservices.org.



Upcoming Dates

February 3 - PA Day

February 7 - CSCC Mtg.

February 8 - Grad Photo Re-takes

February 14 - Spirit Day (red, white, pink)

February 15 - Int. Speeches

February 17 - Jr. Speeches

February 20 - Family Day

February 22 - Report Cards go home

February 24 - Spirit Day (crazy hat)

February 28 - Shrove Tuesday

March 1st - Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 9:30. All welcome to attend

March 5 - 1st Sunday of Lent

March 13-17 - March Break

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM:

If your child will not be in attendance or will be arriving late to school, please leave a message on the school answering machine or send an e-mail to our safe arrival folder - sgasafearrival@smcddb.on.ca
If buses are cancelled and your child is a walker or is driven and will not be attending school, please call in the absence. Our school phone number is 705-722-0293 and our answering machine is available 24 hrs per day.

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, the Christian Holy Days that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent.

Why Fast?

Jesus fasted to bring himself closer to God. Christians do the same believing that when a person gives up something dear to them, it makes it easier for them to think of God. Fasting does not mean you stop eating everything. For Lent, people give up different foods. Some people give up sweets, others meat.

Where Do the Ashes Come From?

Collecting and burning the palms from previous year's Palm Sunday.