



SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Woloszynowicz, Vice-Principal

Mr. Vavala, Principal

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



JANUARY PRAYER

Sacred Mystery, waiting on the
threshold of this new year,
You open the gates and beckon to us:
“Come! Come! Be not weary of what
awaits you as you enter the unknown
terrain, be not doubtful of your ability
to grow from its joy and sorrows.
For I am with you.
I will be your Guide.
I will be your Protector.
You will never be alone.”

Guardian of this new year, we set aside
our fears, worries, concerns.
We open our lives to mystery, to beauty,
to hospitality, to questions, to the
endless opportunity of discovering You
in the relationships, and to all the silent
wisps of wonder that will draw us to
Your heart.
We welcome Your unfailing presence
and walk with hope into this new year.
Amen.



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From the Principal's Desk

I would like to welcome everyone back to school after what I hope was a very peaceful and blessed break for everyone. The Saint Gabriel the Archangel staff continues to look forward to working with our community families in providing spiritual, academic and social opportunities for your children. With your support we look forward to a prosperous new year filled with many challenges and opportunities. When we work together we can ensure that this year is a positive time in all of our lives.

Christmas Cheer

WOW!!! Once again the Saint Gabriel the Archangel community showed their spirit by generously contributing many items to our Christmas Cheer food and toy drive. Special thanks to Mrs. Verbrugge along with her students for organizing this event. Our school collected over 700 food items, 230 toys and over \$1000 to support families in our community.

School Christmas Concert

Thank you to the many family members and visitors to our school who attended the School Christmas Concert. The attendance numbers far exceeded our expectations. The students always enjoy sharing their talents with others. Thanks to Mrs. McGregor and Mrs. Holden for undertaking the organization of this event.



Upcoming Dates and Events

BUS CANCELLATIONS

If weather conditions are treacherous and the bus company determines it is unsafe to transport students, the announcement will be made over local radio and TV stations as well as our school web site, sga.schools.smcdsb.on.ca Our Inclement Weather Zone is the Central Zone.

Please note a safe arrival call or e-mail is required for all students who do not take the school bus, (this includes students who are driven to school) and walkers that do not attend. If your child is a bus student and is absent on an inclement weather, day a safe arrival call is not necessary. sgasafearrival@smcdsb.on.ca



HOT LUNCH DAYS

If buses are cancelled on a Wednesday or Friday, the food items will be delivered to students on the next day buses are running.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone that was able to come out to our December CSCC Meeting. Items discussed included the Principal's Report, the Chair's Report, Items discussed included the Principal's Report, the Chair's Report,

the Treasurer's Report and Parish Report. If you would be interested in attending the School Council meetings please feel free to join us, as everyone is always welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 6:30 p.m. Daycare is available.

CSCC FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who contributed to the CSCC fundraiser. This year in lieu of selling products the CSCC asked families for a cash donation. Some of the items that will be purchased include:

- * Buses for masses and or retreats
- * School team uniforms
- * Supporting students with funds to attend a field trip
- * Equipment to support the PALS Initiative
- * Equipment to support our Intramurals
- * Contribution to our Gr. 8 grad
- * Equipment/Toys for the school yard
- * Outdoor classroom
- * More technology (chromebooks, Apple TV, iPads, etc.)

OFFICE DROP OFF

To eliminate the number of classroom interruptions, we ask that parents please use the drop off option for emergencies only. If you do need to drop something off, please let your child know, so that he/she comes down to pick it up.



Upcoming Dates

January 9 - Welcome Back

January 19 - Grad Photos

January 23 - January Liturgy

January 24 - Catholic Value's Assembly

January 27 - Spirit Day

February 3 - P.A. Day

February 15- Intermediate Public Speaking

February 17 - Junior Public Speaking

February 22- Reports sent home

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@smcdsb.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.