

January 2018



St. Gabriel The Archangel



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school after the holidays which I hope were joyous and spent with family and friends. Wishing you and your families a Happy 2018 filled with health, happiness, and many blessings. A new year is filled with promise and the opportunity to focus on achieving and setting new goals. Students will continue to be encouraged to do so in terms of academics, faith and well-being.

Thank you to all for your outstanding generosity in donating hundreds of items for: Adopt-a-family—our Parish families in need; Giving Tree—homeless and needy; Rafiki Bracelets—WE school pillars and Hockey equipment for the Indigenous communities.

Please join us for the following January events:

January 18th—Virtue Awards and Angel Hair Kick-Off Assembly—9:15 a.m.

January 18th—Civvies Day

January 18th—CSC Family Banquet Night-6:30 p.m. at Supreme Banquet Hall

January 26th—Cheryl Pounder Guest Speaker—9:00a.m.



Prayer for the New Year

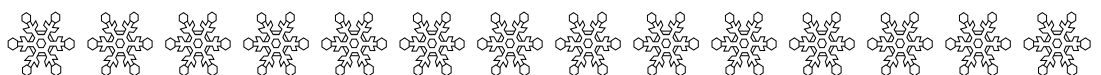
Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen



January's Virtue Is Unity

I will make everyone feel welcome and appreciated.

I will take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in my community.

I will empower people with my words and not put them down by calling them names.

Mission

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Vision

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Core Values

Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities

Partners in Faith



With Immaculate Conception Parish

Important Upcoming February Dates

[Pasta e Fagioli Carnival – Dinner Dance Fundraiser](#)

Feb. 3—Click on the above hyperlink for details.

Sacraments

First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshop:
Saturday, February 10 1:45 to 4:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation:
Monday, February 26 at 7:30p.m.

Confirmation Retreat & Gown Measurement:
Saturday, February 24 from 1:30 to 4:30p.m.

Sports Corner:

The **Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball teams** will be going to play an exhibition game at the ACC on January 26th.

The **Junior Boys Volleyball team** will play in a divisional tournament on **January 29th** @ St. Gregory the Great. The Junior Girls Volleyball team will play in their divisional tournament on **January 30th** @ **St. Margaret Mary**. We wish them all the best. Go Panthers Go!

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is on Wednesday, February 21st @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.

ANGEL HAIR— Donation of hair to make wigs for Cancer Patients

On Thursday, January 18, at our Virtue Assembly at 9:00a.m. we will also officially kick-off our Angel Hair Campaign.

In keeping with the theme of selflessness and embracing our gospel values, we at St. Gabriel the Archangel are called to offer our positive energy and love. One cause that we are supporting this school year is the Angel Hair Foundation, which collects donated hair to help build a child's self esteem and confidence during a difficult time in their lives. We look forward to our students here at St. Gabriel contributing their own hair donation to a child in need. If you are interested please keep in mind the hair must be at least 12 inches in length. There is still lots of time to grow out your hair as this wonderful event will run at the end of April this coming year. We look forward to a successful event with many participants and are excited to contribute in a positive way throughout the to children community.



JK Registration For 2018/ 2019

To register your child(ren) for September 2018, you must provide the following original documents/forms for each child:

1. Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
2. Proof of Age (i.e. child's birth certificate)
3. Proof of Legal Status in Canada (if required)
4. Proof of Residency (i.e. Drivers License, tax bill or rental agreement, utility bill, etc.)
5. Proof of English Separate School Support (i.e. property tax bill that shows school support designation, MPAC Assessment Notice, Confirmation of school support designation or, completed and signed school support form(s), which are included in the registration package).

Visit our school website regularly for events, school information and calendar updates.

sga.ycdsb.ca

The Star—Whole School Christmas Trip

On Wednesday, December 20th, 13 buses were filled with students, staff and parents as we head off to go to Colossus Theatre to watch the movie “The Star”. The movie is a wonderful animated version of the birth of Jesus. The movie beautifully blended traditional Christmas songs, spiritual inspiration, humour and lively animated character dialogue and action, with biblical messages for all ages.



Thank you to CSC for providing funding for the buses, which helped to keep the cost of the trip affordable.

It truly was an uplifting experience that got everyone in the Christmas spirit.

SANTA AND HIS ELVES VISIT SGA!

Even with a busy schedule—Santa, with the help of CSC Elves was able to deliver Hot Cocoa and Cookies to every boy and girl just before leaving for Christmas Break!



Thank you to Trustee Maria Marchese for providing some PAR funding to support this event and our trip to see “The Star”

and to CSC for also providing funding as well for these tasty treats and covering the cost of busing to the theatre. A great time was had by all!

ECO CLUB NEWS

NATIONAL SWEATER DAY

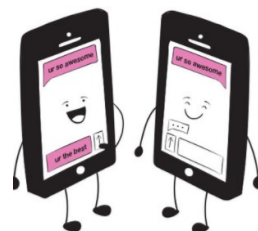
National Sweater Day is Feb. 4, 2018. The [National Sweater Day](#), which is promoted by the [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\) Canada](#), has been in celebration since the year 2010. This day has engaged over one million Canadians since then. WWF has aimed at making the people **turn down their heat** and turn up wearing their sweaters in the name of energy conservation.

Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about the importance of **conserving energy** thereby encouraging you to use less heat during the winter. It is all about valuing energy by taking this day to think differently about how to use power. Students are encouraged to wear sweaters on that day in support.

National Pink Shirt Day

February 28th is National Pink Shirt Day

This year’s focus is Cyberbullying.



“In today’s digital world, it can be impossible to escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information or threats. This year, Pink Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness - because we know that Nice Needs No Filter! “



SNOW

We encourage children to play in the snow, but we do have some safety rules that they must follow for their safety and well-being:

1. When building snow structures - no roofs, no tunnels. As these pose serious risk of collapsing which can result in serious injury.
2. **No snow ball throwing, no kicking or throwing of snow.** Injuries have occurred in the past due to the force of impact and/or ice particles in the snow causing scratches/cuts/bruising etc.
3. No tripping or tackling, or pushing students into the snow on the ground or snow banks. This is also in keeping with our daily rule which is read over the P.A. every morning.

“At St. Gabriel we respect ourselves and others, we keep our hands and feet to ourselves. We work and play fairly and include others.”

If students do throw **snow/snowballs** the consequences may include one or more of the following:

1st time: a **letter** to parents and detention(s).

2nd time: **phone call** to parents for a repeated incident, and increase in number of detention(s) and Reflection paper.

3rd time: **parent meeting** and appropriate consequences, and Reflection paper.

ROUGH PLAY

Rough play is absolutely not allowed. Games that include physical contact: such as wrestling, tackling, tugging, kicking, punching, pushing etc., are not permitted, due to it may lead to increase aggression toward others and/or may result in serious injury.

Cooperative play is encouraged. Students are encouraged to take turns, include others, and never physically or verbally abuse anyone.

It is **never** acceptable to hit another person. Self-defense is for dangerous community/public at risk situations, where ones' personal safety is at risk. At school students must resolve conflicts by:

1. Using their words, in an appropriate manner
2. Walk away
3. Ask an adult to assist them

Students are reminded frequently and regularly of these rules on the announcements, by their classroom teachers, staff on duty and with reminders for safe recess play which are posted in their classrooms.

WINTER RECESS ROUTINES

Weather permitting, students will be outside for both 15-minute recesses and the 40-minute lunch recess during the winter months.

We check the weather station before each recess and adhere to:

-15°C to -16°C lunch recess is shortened to 20 minutes outdoor and 20 minutes indoor and short a.m. and/or p.m. recesses are outdoor

-17°C and lower, it will be indoor recess for short and lunch recesses

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed for this length of time outside. Students who play in the snow must have snow pants, boots, hats, scarves and water repellent gloves.

It's a good idea to have **an extra change of clothes**, at school especially for primary students, in the event that their socks or pants get wet. These clothes items should be clearly labelled and kept in the child's school bag so that we do not have to inconvenience you with a phone call requesting that you bring dry clothing for your child.

Check out the following website to read about why playing outside during winter months is beneficial for children:

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/children-winter->

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear orders have arrived and will be distributed this week to those students who have ordered items.

Students are reminded to wear the appropriate Standardized Dress Code Items on a daily basis.

A sincere thank you to CSC for continuing with tradition in purchasing Grad 8 Grad Hoodies for all our Grade 8 students. They are wearing their hoodies with pride.

Photo Day

February 6th is photo day:

- ⇒ Grade 8 Grad Photos
- ⇒ Retakes
- ⇒ Sibling Shots



1st Annual St. Gabriel the Archangel Family Banquet

Thursday January 18th

*"We are all one family in this world. Building a community that empowers everyone to attain their full potential through each of us respecting each other's dignity, rights and responsibilities make the world a better place to live."
"Pope John Paul II on community"*

As we strive to **get to know our expanded community**, our SGA CSC would like to invite you to attend our next community event. So... friends both time-honored and new we'd like to invite you to Pasta Night!!!



Family Banquet

A dinner and dance for the SGA community on

Thursday January 18th

From 6:30pm to 10:00pm

At Supreme Luxury Events Venue 8311 Weston Road

NOTE: Friday January 19th is a PA day

Adult Dinner Menu*

Penne w/ tomato sauce

Grilled chicken

Served with potatoes & veggies

Salad

Dessert

*Non-Alcoholic Drinks and tea & coffee Included

Kids Dinner Menu*

Penne w/ tomato sauce

Chicken fingers and fries

Salad

Dessert



Dust off your **dancing** shoes as we will have music that night...

Rumors are the chicken dance is hip/cool/bad/legit/on fleek... so of course that will be on our playlist.

There will also be a **raffle for some amazing prizes and Live Entertainment.**

(Proceeds going to fund activities such as agendas, scientist in the classroom, Sports equipment and more)





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Student Services will be hosting an

**INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH
EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS REGISTERING FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN
IN SEPTEMBER 2018**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT OUR
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

**St. Joan of Arc High School
Library, 1st Floor
1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue
Maple
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm**

OR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

**York Catholic District School Board
Boardroom
320 Bloomington Road West
Catholic Education Centre
Aurora
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm**

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