

April 2018



St. Gabriel The Archangel



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From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of April is a time of rebirth and renewal, the coming of spring and the joyful season of Easter—the rebirth of our Risen Lord. We thank Father Eugene for presiding over the St. Gabriel Easter Mass on April 4th.

There are many exciting activities and events at St. Gabriel this month such as the Huddle Up with the Argos and the Angel Hair Assemblies. In addition, our Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer Teams will be participating in the Ontario Soccer Association Tournament. Information about these and other upcoming events are updated regularly on our school website and school website calendar.

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on April 13th. Thank you to Ms. Marchese and Ms. Aresta for their support and guidance throughout the sacramental preparations. As well, we look forward to our Gr. 2s who will be receiving the sacrament of Communion on May 6th.

On behalf of St. Gabriel Staff as well as the Administration, we hope that you and your families had a very Blessed Easter and wishing you all a Happy Easter Season!

*C. Taggio
Acting Principal*

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April Virtue Is Reverence

- I praise God for His greatness
- I will honour and respect God's gift of life.
- I care for others because we are persons created in God's image.

Easter is the gift...

Easter is the gift of HOPE
Easter is the gift of PEACE
Easter is the gift of LOVE
Let us rejoice in Him,
Who gives them all



May God Bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.
May God's love and wisdom always help,
To guide you on your way.
May God's light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.



Mission

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

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



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Important Upcoming Sacrament Dates

-April 12th @ 7 pm: Confirmation Rehearsal @ 7 pm

- Friday, April 13th: Confirmation @ 7:00 pm

-Sunday, May 6th @ 12:30 pm: First Communion
for our Grade 2 students.

You may contact the parish office if you require more information. Thank you to Father Eugene and his associates for their support and spiritual guidance.

April Civvies Day:

The next Civvies Day is Friday, April 20th. On that day, we will be collecting loonies and toonies in support of National Service Dogs. This organization has several training programs for Certified Service Dogs, one of which is for Autism. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.



Yearbook News



— The yearbook committee is hard at work compiling what promises to be a great collection of memories from this school year! Stay tuned for further information.

Anaphylaxis—Life Threatening Allergies

At St. Gabriel the Archangel, we work in collaboration with the YCDSB, school, home and community in teaching our children and staff all about anaphylaxis and keeping our allergic children safe. St. Gabriel is a peanut/nut safe environment.

Complete and total avoidance of allergens is the only true way to protect and preserve the life of an anaphylactic child.

At St. Gabriel we are extremely proud of our parent community, students and staff for their dedication and commitment to ensure the safety of anaphylactic students.

Some classrooms have children with additional food allergies. Students and parents have been notified of these additional foods that also must be strictly avoided for the safety of the allergic children.

Please have a look at the display case in the foyer for food and snack alternatives.

Remember:

- not to send any peanut or nut products;
- not to send specific products to identified classrooms;
- to take the time to read **all** labels which may state “May contain traces of...” or “Manufactured in a facility that produces nut/peanut products...”
- to remind caregivers/babysitters of our allergy policies;
- to enforce the “no food sharing” policy with your children.

Thank you!

JK Registration For 2018/ 2019

Registration packages are currently available, from the office, for the Kindergarten program for September 2018. Parents/guardians have the option of completing a print copy of the Kindergarten registration form and, beginning on February 15, 2018 you will have the option of completing the Kindergarten registration **online**. Both the paper and online Kindergarten registration form can be accessed from the board’s website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions. We look forward to welcoming your child into our school and encourage you to invite your neighbours and friends who live within our school’s boundaries to begin the registration process.

Early Years Hotline

Email: Early Years Helpline or Phone: 416-221-5051 or 905-713-1211 ext 13642.

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is on: Wednesday, April 18th @ 7:15 pm in the school library. All St Gabriel community members are welcome to attend.





**TORONTO MAPLE LEAF PLAYERS
COME TO SGA!**

In December, one of our students, Gabriel L. won the opportunity to have four members of the Toronto Maple Leafs team visit the school. On Wednesday, March 7th, Paul Hendrick, the Toronto Marlies' Duke the Dog as well as Connor Brown, Connor Carrick, Dominic Moore, and Zack Hyman came to St. Gabriel the Archangel CES for an enthusiastic afternoon of trivia, prizes, and a Question and Answer session. Thank you to Gabriel L and his parents!



PAUSE TO PLAY

From April 30th to May 4th, the students of St. Gabriel the Archangel are encouraged to participate in York Region Public Health's challenge "Pause to Play". Children and youth are encouraged to put televisions, video games, computers and other electronic devices on pause for one full week. Reducing screen time (outside of school or homework) is important for promoting and maintaining healthy weights, improving concentration, and the ability to learn. The Canadian Paediatric Society recommends limiting screen time for school aged children to less than two hours per day. The pause to PLAY Challenge is a great way to remind everyone to take a break from their screens and encourage active play outside.

Tips for parents:

- Encourage children to play in natural outdoor spaces and in a variety of weather conditions
- Enforce screen time rules and socialize away from screens
- Role model by taking part in active play and using your screens less



Pause to Play
Take the challenge
Pause your screens,
eat healthy foods
and get active

**Helping Hands
Program
@ the Ansley
Grove Library**



The Ansley Grove Library will be running The Helping Hands Program on

Sunday, April 15th at 2 pm. This heartwarming program encourages positive personal traits such as kindness, charity, and helpfulness. Helping Hands is a volunteer opportunity for families, including school-aged children. It is a chance for people to give back to the community. Activities include the decorating and packaging of snack bags for children who are at the Yellow Brick House Shelter as well as sorting and packaging donated children's books for the Children's Book Bank in Toronto. Another activity will be creating birthday cards for kids who don't have friends via the grassroots organization, The Friendsend which is based in Vaughan. For further information, please contact Rebecca Segal or Daniela Pacini @ 905 653-7323 ext. 4404.

SGA'S Fourth Annual: Raise the Flag Event



Autism ONTARIO

SOLD OUT

Raise The Flag Levée du drapeau



On Tuesday April 3rd, all students and staff gathered around the flag-pole and watched as we raised the Autism Awareness Flag in commemoration of World Autism Awareness day.



20 - Minute Make-Over - April 13th at 1:45p.m.

St. Gabriel the Archangel School will be participating in the 20-Minute Makeover on April 13th at 1:45pm. It will take place on the school grounds.

The 20-Minute Makeover is an annual event in support of Earth Day (April 22nd). It is part of on-going efforts to engage our residents, schools and businesses in collective efforts to build a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly future for our city. On April 13th, students will receive gloves and a plastic bag and they will pick up litter on our school grounds.

Thank you to Ms. Da Costa, for all of her efforts with our Eco School initiatives through out the school.



Oral Communication

Students in the Junior and Intermediate grades are currently hard at work, working on "speeches" for their class level competition. Classroom teachers will forward the name of students from each class who will compete in our School Level Oral Communication Competition, which will be held in our school gym on April 17th. The winners of our school level competition, one Junior and one Intermediate student, will compete in the Area 3 Oral Communication Final. The Area 3 Finals will be held at St. Michael on May 2nd.



WE WALK FOR WATER



As a WE school initiative, we will be holding a "We Walk for Water" walkathon on Friday, May 11th to raise funds to help provide clean water to a community in Nicaragua. When communities have access to clean water, girls can attend school, parents can run sustainable farms, and families can break the cycle of poverty. Join us for our first one-day fundraiser. More information to follow.

Angel Hair

Donation of hair to make wigs for Cancer Patients

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. This wonderful event will take place on April 30th. We look forward to a successful event with many participants and are excited to contribute in a positive way to children throughout the community.

Athletic News



Basketball

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys Basketball team as they advance to the Area 3 Finals. Thank you to the coaches for their guidance and leadership.

The Junior Boys Basketball team will be participating in a tournament @ St. Catherine of Siena on Wednesday, April 25th.



Primary Intramural Soccer

Indoor Primary Soccer House League, for students in grades 2 and 3 will start on April 3rd during the lunch recess in our school gym. Attached is a schedule for those who are participating.

Thank you to the grade 7 student volunteers who will be team captains, referees, and scorekeepers.

Intermediate Soccer Tournament

Our Intermediate Boys and Girls soccer teams will be participating in the Ontario Soccer Association Tournament taking place at the OSA Indoor Pitch located in Woodbridge, Ontario.

The Girls' tournament will take place on Monday April 23rd starting at 9:00am and the Boys' tournament will be on Wednesday April 25th also starting at 9:00am. Thank you to all parents who able to drive our team members. All St Gabriel community members are welcome to attend. Thank you to the coaches Santeramo and Adu for their guidance and leadership.



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

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Huddle up with the Argos

Thank you to Ms. Lacaria, from CSC's Diversity subcommittee for inviting Jason Colero Director, Education & Communications for The Toronto Argonauts Football Organization who will be joining us at St. Gabriel the Archangel and sharing their commitment on the impact we can all have on bullying and mental health in our environment. The assembly on Thursday, April 12th, will begin at 1:15 pm in our school gym. Please check our website for further details. All St Gabriel family members are welcome to attend.

Driveway Safety

Parents and relatives who drive children to and from school are asked to use extreme caution in the driveway and parking lot. Please do not speed, and do not attempt to pass vehicles that are stopped. Never pass the large yellow school bus or small van. Let's give our children time to unload from the vehicles safely. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Do not enter the driveway or parking lot from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30—4:00p.m. Do not park on the fire route curb at any time.

Do not enter the driveway even if no one is on duty or if the yellow gate is open.

Please be considerate of others and most of all be patient.

Safety is our number one priority!





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*"They can no longer die; for they are like the angels.
They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection."
Luke 20:36*



At the York Catholic District School Board, we are committed to developing school communities formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions that enable all members of our learning community to engage in their personal faith journey.

For forty days in Lent, we have participated in the call of the Church to pray, fast/abstain, and to give to those in need. Throughout the Lenten Season, our schools demonstrate what it means to live the Gospel by putting our Catholic faith into action. Students and staff reflect on Christ's Passion and His greatest gift to us, His Resurrection.

We are truly blessed with the gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. Our faith is alive and vibrant in school communities. We have come together for Masses, liturgies, charitable endeavours and other Lenten activities, as we all prepare for the Resurrection of our Saviour.

Easter is the most important holy day in the Christian calendar. The Resurrection of Christ is the core event of our Catholic faith. It is the Resurrection that reminds us that each student in our care, and each person we encounter, is a child of God. We celebrate the God of life who reminds us that we are all children of hope and resurrection.

As we look ahead to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord for the next 50 days of the Easter Season, I wish you and your families the blessings of the Easter season.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Maria Marchese
Trustee

Indoor Primary Soccer House League 2018

Date	Games
Tuesday, April 3	Boys 4 vs 5 Boys 2 vs 3
Thursday, April 5	Girls 5 vs 6 Girls 2 vs 4
Tuesday, April 10	Boys 1 vs 5 Boys 2 vs 4
Thursday, April 12	Girls 1 vs 3 Girls 4 vs 6
Thursday, April 19	Girls 3 vs 6 Girls 2 vs 5
Tuesday, April 24	Boys 2 vs 5 Boys 1 vs 3
Thursday, April 26	Girls 1 vs 5 Girls 2 vs 6
Thursday, May 3	Girls 1 vs 4 Girls 3 vs 5
Friday, May 4	Girls 2 vs 3 Girls 4 vs 5
Thursday May 10	Boys 1 vs 2 Boys 3 vs 4
Friday May 11	Girls 1 vs 2 Girls 3 vs 4
Thursday May 17	Boys 1 vs 4 Boys 3 vs 5
Friday, May 18	Girls 1 vs 6

Boys Team 1 - Sharks
 Team 2 - Reptiles
 Team 3 - Giraffes
 Team 4 - Panthers
 Team 5 - Leopards

Girls Team 1 - Cheetahs
 Team 2 - Foxes
 Team 3 - Lions
 Team 4 - Tigers
 Team 5 - Bears
 Team 6 - Dolphins

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Easter	2 Easter Monday No School	3 Raise the Flag Autism Awareness@9:15 am	4 Easter Mass @1:15 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Huddle Up with Argos - 1:15pm Confirmation rehearsal 7:00pm @ Immaculate Conception Parish	13 Confirmation -7:00pm @ Immaculate Conception Parish	14
15	16 Grades 7-8 @ TIFF Italian movie trip	17	18	19 Grades 4-6 @ Cineplex Italian movie trip	20 Civvies Day Loonies and Toonies for National Service Dogs	21
22	23 Intermediate Girls Soccer Tournament @ OSA all day	24	25 Intermediate Boys Soccer Tournament @ OSA all day Junior Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Catherine of Siena	26 Girls in ICT/STEM presentation	27	28
29	30 Angel Hair @ SGA					