



November 2019

## St. Gabriel The Archangel



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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had many blessing this past October. We are very proud of our Cross Country Team for their participation in this year's meet. Congratulations to Madeline C and Christopher G. for participating at the Board Finals. In upcoming news, the Intermediate Girls' and Boys' volleyball teams are practicing and preparing for upcoming tournaments. The Girls' Tournament will be at St. Padre Pio on Nov. 21st; the Boys' is at Immaculate Conception on Nov. 22nd. Thank you for your generosity and support for the "We Scare Hunger" Food Drive to help those in need. And thank you to Pinetree Ford who graciously transported the donations to the Vaughan Food Bank.

The Halloween Dance was a **howling success!** Thank you to CSC parent volunteers for working with our Intermediate student Halloween committee decorating the gym, as well as organizing and dj-ing the music at the dance. You did a spectacular job to ensure that an excellent time was had by all! Thanks as well to Joey Cosentino at Fortino's on Highway 7 for donating the bottled water for all students! CSC: Mrs. Calabro, Mrs. DaSilva, Mrs. Fiorucci, Mrs. Paolucci, and Mrs. Maraventa-no as well as the following Gr. 8 students: Olivia, Cristina, Katia, Giuliana, Rosalba, Vanessa, Emma, Jessica, Katrina, Keara, Mikayla, Stefanie, Victoria, Gianna, Victoria, Michael, and Andrew.

Throughout the month of November we are reminded of those loved ones who remain in our hearts on All Souls Day. November is also the month in which we reflect upon peace. While we are very fortunate to live in Canada, there are many who are in need of our continued prayers for peace. Included in this are those who sacrificed their lives to restore peace and freedom to the world. To honour those who fell during World War I and subsequent wars, November 11th was designated as Remembrance Day. St. Gabriel commemorated this special day by holding a Remembrance Day Service at 10:40a.m. on Monday, November 11th. Thank you to all the students who participated as readers, choir, dancers, and assisting with setting up the gym, preparing decorations, decorating the gym, as well as cleaning it up later! Thank you as well to the following teachers who worked hard to make this such a special event: Mrs. Ellero, Mrs. Maneli, Mrs. Varricchio, Ms. Rodrigues, Mrs. Simos, and Mr. Culmone. Finally, thanks to Mr. Buttigieg of Father Bressani for providing us with a Grade 10 student who played the trumpet magnificently!!

During the month of November we reflect on the virtue of justice, a fitting virtue for the month in which we remember peace and justice and how it must prevail and inform our thoughts and actions. In closing, I would like to share the following prayer courtesy of the Archdiocese of Toronto:

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Ms. C. Sandig, Principal

### A Prayer for Remembrance Day

Loving God,

Have mercy on your people,  
and open our hearts to peace and love.  
Reward all who have died for their country,  
and grant that Canada and all nations  
may continue to work for peace and justice.

Bless us in your service  
and help us to follow Jesus Christ,  
who is our Saviour and our Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen



## November's Virtue Is Justice

We will treat others in  
a just, equitable and  
unbiased manner.

We will play by the  
rules, take turns and  
share.

We will be open  
minded and listen to  
others.

### 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



With Immaculate  
Conception Parish

**Wednesday, December 11, you are cordially invited to a Family Advent Mass at 7 pm and hosted by the FDK and Intermediate Divisions**

## Dates to remember:

- \* Thursday, May 7th: Confirmation @ 7:30 pm at ICP
- \* Sun. May 24th :First Holy Communion @ 12:30 pm at ICP
- \* Reconciliation—date to be determined

## Catholic School Council

Please note that the date of the next Catholic School Council meeting is Wednesday, November 20th. The meeting will take place in the library and begin at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

## Driveway Safety:

As you may have noticed, we have some new signage to accompany the driveway and parking lot improvements. Please note that in addition to the stop sign at the parking lot speed bump, there is now a right turn sign which must be observed. At the speed bump in the front driveway, there is a pedestrian crossing sign. Speed bumps are also present to slow down traffic, **please drive slowly when you are on school grounds.** Always yield to walkers and students on bicycles. Please be considerate of others and please be patient.

It is important to observe all signs each time you exit the parking lot as the entrance and exit to the school are **ONE WAY ONLY.** It compromises the safety of students and adult pedestrians each and every time the front entrance is used as a quick exit. Moreover, the rule of not exiting the school parking lot until the buses have gone at the end of the day should continue to be observed (3:40-3:50).

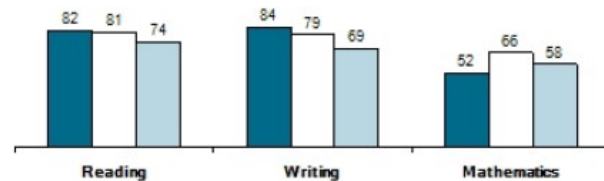
If you choose to drop your child(ren) off in the loop behind or in front of the school, please note that this should be on a kiss and ride basis. There is absolutely NO PARKING in the front driveway nor should any vehicle be left unattended. The safety of our students (and those who walk them to the school grounds) should be of the utmost priority.

Thank you

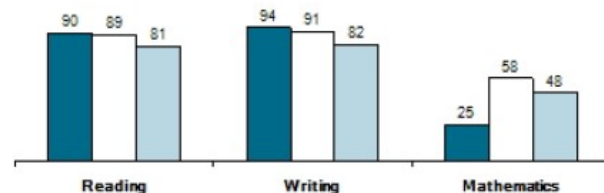
## EQAO RESULTS

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE  
PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2018–2019

### Grade 3



### Grade 6



■ School    □ Board    ■ Province

**This month, Civvies Day is Friday, November 29th. Loonies and Toonies are being collected for Share Life**

**The Scholastics Book Fair at  
St. Gabriel the Archangel  
is just around the corner!**

**Mon. November 25th - Fri. November 29th,  
2019**

**9am-3:30pm**

**\*Open late Wed. Nov. 27th until 5:30pm**

A great selection of books is coming your way! From easy readers, picture books, best sellers and much more. The Scholastics Book Fair provides something for every age group. A great place to purchase gifts for those special people on your Christmas list.

There will be special draws for books and posters, as well as a \$25 Door Prize. Look for the Scholastics Book Fair flyers that will be sent home. All profits from the book fair will be used to purchase additional literacy materials for the school library.

Do not miss out on this great event.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

## CSC Events.....

**2nd Annual Poinsettia Sale—flyer sent home (and on page 5 of this newsletter). Plants are on sale till the end of November**



**Family Movie Night—November 29  
See flyer on page 6 of this newsletter**

**Healthy Snack –every Thursday + grab and go snacks the entire week!**

**Thank you Catholic School Council!!**

### Winter Weather Reminder

It is very important that students have the opportunity to play outside and to be warm while they play. Students will be outside for both 15-minute recesses and the 40-minute lunch recess during the winter, weather permitting. We check the weather station at frequent intervals throughout the day and adhere to Board Policy #221.

Temperature guidelines will be reviewed and shared during the next CSC meeting November 20th.

Please ensure that your child comes to school properly dressed with: proper headwear, gloves/mittens, scarf and winter boots. Primary students in particular and any student who likes to play in the snow should have **an extra change of clothes at school** in the event that their socks and/or pants get wet. Clothing items should be clearly labelled and kept in the child's school bag.

### 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. You will see signs to this effect clearly posted at the entrances of the school. Please review with your child our Board's Policy 209, "**Protection of Anaphylactic Students**", which is located in on the Board's website, [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca), under Policies.

Visit [Allergicliving.ca](http://Allergicliving.ca)

This is an on-line free magazine which provides a wealth of information on allergies, provides menu ideas for snacks, lunches, dinners, baking etc.

You can also sign-up for their free allergy-safe recipe E-letter.

Also visit: [AnaphylaxisCanada.ca](http://AnaphylaxisCanada.ca)

For detailed information on Anaphylaxis—life-threatening allergies.

### Inclement Weather Procedures

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents/guardians and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Cancellation decisions will be made by 6:00a.m. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

You can listen to one of the radio stations listed to determine if buses for **York Region** have been cancelled. If the **York Region District School** buses are cancelled, then **York Catholic District School** buses are also cancelled since we share the same buses. Once cancelled in the morning, buses will **not** be running in the afternoon either. If buses are cancelled, hot lunch is cancelled as well.

Schools are rarely closed, even though buses are cancelled. **Please do not call the school to inquire if the school is open.**

Radio stations will provide the necessary information beginning 7:00 a.m. Parents/guardians are asked to exercise good judgment in deciding whether to send a child to school when buses have been cancelled. If you decide to drive your children in to school, please consider that over the course of the day, weather conditions could worsen, and retrieving your child at the end of the day may be particularly hazardous.

Parents/guardians, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

#### **RADIO**

590 AM    640 AM    680AM    860AM    1010AM  
1050AM    1540AM    1580AM  
88.5FM    89.9FM    92.5FM    93.1FM    94.0FM  
95.9FM    97.3FM    98.1FM    99.1FM    99.9FM  
100.7FM    101.1FM    102.1FM    104.5FM    107.1FM

#### **TELEVISION**

CITY TV    CTV Barrie    CFTO TV    CP24    Global News

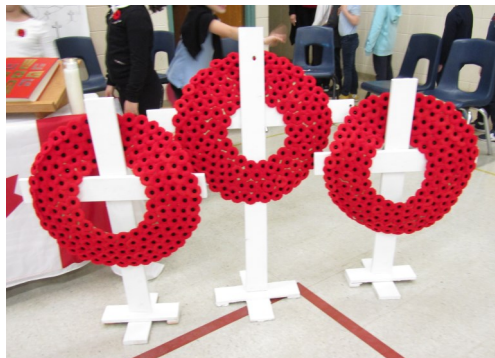
A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YCDSB and YRDSB on Twitter.

Please note that school bus charters (buses booked for trips) will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled. Also,

Visit our school website regularly for events,  
school information and calendar  
[sga.ycdsb.ca](http://sga.ycdsb.ca)



*Events: It's Happening Here at SGA!*



*St. Gabriel the Archangel  
School  
Remembers.....*

*Monday, November 11,  
2019*



*Thank you for your generous food donations to  
"We Scare Hunger".*



*Luke 4:18 students helped to sort  
and load the truck. Our donations  
were picked up and delivered on  
our behalf courtesy Don and Jo-  
seph of Pine Tree Ford.*



*Mrs. Santeramo's Spooky Jack O'Lanterns*

4.5" Poinsettia – Table Size - INDOOR ONLY  
6" Poinsettia – Table Size - INDOOR ONLY  
8" Poinsettia – Table Size - INDOOR ONLY  
10" Poinsettia – Premium Floor Size - INDOOR ONLY  
10" Mixed Tropical Centrepiece - INDOOR ONLY  
6" Table Top Centrepiece - INDOOR/OUTDOOR





Please join us for  
**St. Gabriel the Archangel's  
Christmas Family Movie  
Night!**

**On Friday November 29th, 2019**

**In Our School Gym**

**Holiday Photo Opportunity  
is coming to St. Gabriel!**

Beginning at 5:00 pm, our SGA Families  
will have an opportunity to take a holiday  
photo!

\$5.00 for a 3.5 x 5  
provided by: *Clear Images Photography*

The students and their families are en-  
couraged to wear their cozy Christmas pa-  
jamas or Christmas sweaters!

PS We are hoping Santa might come by!!

Our SGA Parent Council  
will be selling  
Popcorn for \$2.00 and  
Water for \$1.00  
before the movie begins  
promptly at 7:00 pm.

**Together our school com-  
munity will enjoy a won-  
derful holiday movie and  
spread some Christmas  
Cheer!**

**The CSC is looking forward  
to seeing you there!**

*Kindly indicate below, how many people will be*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of People attending \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Invitation from Holy Cross for Grade 7 & 8 Students and Parents—Open House Night November 21st***

The following is an invitation from HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ACADEMY!

The Holy Cross school community extends an invitation to Grade 7 and 8 students and parents to attend their annual Open House on Thursday, November 21st, beginning at 7:00pm. They look forward to meeting and interacting with interested parents and students. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the vast spectrum of academic programming and co-curricular activities available to students of Holy Cross including the High Performer Athlete Program (HPA) and the three Specialist High Skills Major Programs (SHSM) offered in Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness, and Business. In addition, Holy Cross is in the process of applying to become an IB World School. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is designed as an academically rigorous and balanced programme of education that prepares students for success in University and life beyond.

Space is limited, so come early to reserve your seating. They look forward to meeting you on the 21st!!

Ed Labor,  
Principal