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A Thanksgiving Prayer!

We thank you good Father for your abundance:
For food in plenty,
For freedom to think, pray, to run and dance.

Mostly we thank you for Your love,
For thinking passionately of us,
For making us Your own.

We ask your blessing this day:
On our loved ones near and far,
On all who yearn for peace,
On all who are in need.

May your abundance teach us to give,
Your reaching out, teach us to care,
Your universal love, teach us to see
So that we may be one. Amen



Throughout the school year, we will be holding many food drives and fundraising events to raise money for those less fortunate. We are currently holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive. All food donations can be dropped off at the front of the school. We are looking forward to working with you throughout the school year and helping those in need.

With assistance, we can make a difference!

Thank-you for your donations for the Terry Fox Run.
This year we raised \$500.

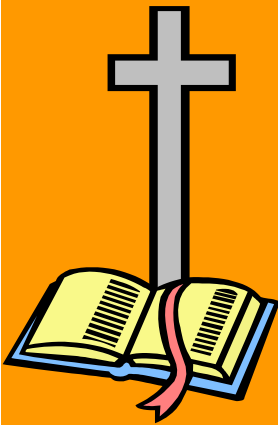
World Teacher Day

On October 5, we celebrated World Teacher's Day. We take this opportunity to recognize and thank our teachers for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education.

The teachers who serve your children know that they will never stop learning themselves. They are committed to ongoing professional development so that they can use current, proven methods, impact knowledge and assess learning using the most recent practices that are based on ongoing research. On a regular basis they reflect together, on how to further their own learning

To our outstanding team of teachers, Thank-you for making Georges Vanier Catholic School a vibrant, exciting place for children to know they can learn and excel to the highest levels of learning.

You truly make a difference!



“Teach me
Goodness,
Discipline
and
Knowledge”



Book Fair

Please join us for our Annual Scholastic Book Fair! The book fair will run Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 27. We will be open in the evening of October 27 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

Every purchase benefits the school.
We hope to see you there!

**Congratulations
to our Softball team
for coming in third at
the Family Tournament!**

Staff List

Early Learning-Kindergarten Team:

Mrs. Rigsby —teacher

Ms. Vitale —teacher

Mrs. Piersanti —ECE

Mrs. Clemenzi —ECE

Mrs. Pizzani —grade 1/2

Mrs. Renda —grade 1/2

Mrs. Colamartini —grade 2/3

Mrs. Iannizzi —grade 3/4

Ms. Duliunas —grade 4/5

Mrs. Espositio —grade 5

Ms. Baltazar —grade 6

Mrs. Allard—grade 7

Mr. Tyldsley —grade 7/8

Mrs. D'Souza—grade 8

Ms. Cautillo —SERT

Ms. Fung Fook —ESL/SERT

Mrs. Rasetta—ERW

Ms. Macchiarulo—ERW

Mme. Vintila —French

Mme. Rich —French

Mrs. Meleca—Mazzuchin —Music

Mr. Mintz —Planning Time

Mrs. Cito-Frendo —Library

Mr. Kelly —Child and Youth Worker

Mrs. Barker-Thomas —Social Worker

Dr. Miles—Psychologist

Mrs. Lumini —Speech and Language

Bullying Prevention Corner

Bullying is Not Acceptable

In October, the classroom lesson focuses on the definition of bullying. The key message is **“bullying is not acceptable”**. Through various activities the students will understand the vast array of behaviours that can be bullying (physical, verbal, social) and explore the emotional impact of those behaviours on others. Students develop the ability to understand and apply the definition of bullying through constant exposure, repeated use and consistency. Using the same definition of bullying throughout the school and at home allows both students and adults to more effectively prevent and deal with bullying situations.

Tips for Parents:

- ◆ review the definition of bullying with your children
- ◆ talk with younger children about inside and outside hurts
- ◆ talk with older children about intimidation, gossip, rumours and cyber bullying
- ◆ encourage children to share their feelings about bullying behaviours that they have experienced, witnessed or engaged in

Bullying is characterized by:

- *a deliberate intention to harm
- *a power imbalance

Bullying is:

Being mean to others, on purpose, to hurt them or their feelings



A Year of Virtues

The notion of *virtue* is deeply rooted in Catholic Christian tradition. It is in a caring community that we find the space and time to become our best selves. The main thing to remember is that virtue is increased by two things: practice and prayer.

In a school community, virtue formation contributes to a healthy positive learning environment by fostering a climate in which all members feel safe, confident and hope filled about themselves, their relationships and their futures. Please refer to the agenda for more informa-



Dates to Remember

October 18 — Grade 7 Immunization and Grade 8 girls

October 20 —Cross Country Meet

October 25 —Progress Reports (grades 1-8)

October 27 —Parent Teacher Interviews

November 2 —Picture Re-take Day

November 15 —Catholic School Meeting @ 6:00

All Star Reading



Please join us for an All Star Reading Training session on Friday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to continue with this worthwhile programme. Each Reading Coach comes into the school once per week for 1 –2 hours. Besides helping out at the school, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn strategies that will help you at home with your own children. If you have some additional time, please consider being an All Star Reading Coach. Please contact Ms. Fung Fook

Kiss 'N Ride

Our Kiss and Ride is set up to assist in the safe arrival of students to our school. Parents, grandparents and guardians are reminded that they are not to leave their car parked in this area. This is a designated fire route and parked cars may be tagged by Brampton bylaw enforcement officers. We have 3 designated parking spaces at the end of the driveway that are reserved in the morning for brief parking to drop off students if it is necessary to park.

Please do not park in the staff parking lot, those spaces are reserved for staff members. Please do not drive, park or block the bus loading zone at any time.

Students have also been reminded to not cross between school buses in order to get to their parents cars more quickly.

SAFETY FIRST!!!!!!

Medic Alert – No Child Without

The *No Child Without* programme offers a free Medic Alert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a Medic Alert membership through this programme.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca
To register your child, you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.