

St. Gerard School Newsletter

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Virtue of the Month:

**Justice &
Stewardship**

A good steward gives time, talents and energies to the service of others with no expectation of reward or payment.

Kids Convention

This month we will have our next Kid's Convention. It will occur on April 20. We are looking forward to the creations and learning our students will display. This next Kid's Convention has the theme Care for Creation.

Important Dates

April 7- No School- Good Friday

April 10- No School- Easter Monday

April 11- Easter Mass at St. Alphonsus Parish at 10:00am

April 18- Grade 6 Immunizations am

April 20- Care for Creation Kid's Convention

April 21- Character theme Day- dress as your favourite character in a book, movie or video game- no weapons or masks.

April 26- Happy Admin Assistant Day Mrs. DeRose

May 5- Wacky hair and hat day- dress up your hair or wear a fun hat

May 22- No school

May 25- Spring Concert afternoon

Kindergarten Registrations

We are now accepting registrations for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2023 to register. Word of mouth is, without a doubt, the most effective way to promote our school. We ask that you spread the good news about our wonderful school to your friends and neighbours.

Strong Kindergarten programs ensure a bright future for our school. It's time to let everyone know how great St. Gerard School really is!

Character Day

On April 21 the leadership team is organizing a theme day based on characters. Could be any character- book, movie, tv show, or even a Halloween costume! No weapons or masks please.

School Council News

The next School Council Meeting will be on **April 11 at 6:30 PM**. New Members are always welcome. If you are interested in learning more about joining the School Council you can email questions to st.gerard.sac@gmail.com

Thank you to the School Council for providing In Line Skating for all grades as well as other field trips.

Mrs. DeRose– Admin Assistant Day



On Wednesday, April 26 we celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day. We sincerely thank all our support staff for the work they do in supporting our students, staff and families. We especially thank our administrative assistant, Mrs. Linda DeRose for the work she does to support students, parents and staff at St. Gerard School. She is the person who greets you in the office, answer your calls, takes care of children who are sick or injured, takes care of all student files/registrations/documents, reconciles all money, books transportation, ensure PowerSchool information is accurate and accessible and passes on information from you to students and teachers and so, so much more. She is incredible and we thank her for all she does!

Power School

Please remember that you can view your child's progress at school through Power School. Log In information was sent home at the beginning of the year but if you require your password information, please call the school office and we would be happy to send it home again.

Easter

We hope that each of our families had a wonderful Spring Break. This month, we look forward to the greatest celebration of the Christian Church, the feast of the resurrection... Easter. What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the liturgical year. The resurrection is the reason for our faith and hope. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we know that one day we too, will rise, body and spirit. April 7 and April 10 there is no school for Good Friday and Easter Monday.



School Supply Pre-order Packages

St. Gerard will be offering the opportunity for parents to pre-order school supplies through School Start for the upcoming school year. We are currently in the process of confirming our supply lists. Information on how to place orders will be available in May.

Theme Days

We will have some theme days coming up. April 21 is character day– students can dress up as their favourite character. Could even be a Halloween costume re-wear! Characters could be from a book, movie or favourite super hero etc.

St. Gerard School Council

& Totally Hip Inception



School councils provide a means for parents to work together with administration, staff & students to promote the well-being and overall effectiveness of the school community. *

Our main role is advisory.



The St. Gerard School Council typically meets one evening a month during the school year.



100%

FUN!

7-10

Seven to Ten Council Meetings

4+

Four Executive Positions available for 2020-2021 (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) Plus Parent Members

You

That's what's missing!



Please consider joining US.

Support your child

Attend a Meeting

Be an advocate & have an impact

Help out with an Event

Contribute to the School

Donate your skills

Join the Community

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St. Gerard School Parent Association/Society

The St. Gerard School Parent Association provides a means for parents and community members to provide additional financial resources and support to the school.

Our main role is fundraising.

10

Members for 2019/2020

10-25

Volunteer hours

8

meetings for 2019/2020

\$500K

raised and spent since 2015

HIGHLIGHTS from previous years

- NEW accessible PLAYGROUND!
- New Chromebooks & Charging Carts
- Library books and resources
- Online supports including Mathletics, Raz Kids
- Sports Equipment
- Musical Instruments
- Science Supplies

Presidents' Message:

Each new school year brings with it the opportunity for us to work together to enhance our students learning with our fundraising efforts.

I am grateful for all of our volunteers who give with their time and talents during the school year, with special recognition to those parents who will take the extra time to serve as Board members. Thank you!

Great News

A Casino Fundraising opportunity is coming in 2021. Stay tuned and please volunteer.

\$10 000

Each year we set aside funds for field trips to offset the cost to parents & guardians.

Do you have any ideas on how to improve our fundraising efforts? Please let us know.



Want to learn more or get more details?

Contact us!

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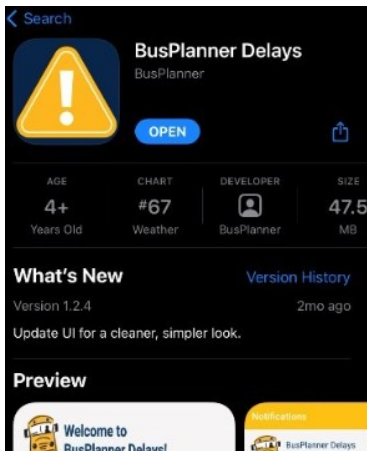
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Transportation

TIPS TO TRACK A LATE BUS for Kinder to Grade 6:

Here are some useful tips to help all parents track a late school bus:



1. **LIVE! Yellow Bus Delay App**

2. **Bus Finder** – located in PowerSchool Parent Portal under Bus Information, select the Bus Finder tab. Bus Finder will track the bus assigned to your route by GPS.

3. Call Transportation Services directly if your bus is running more than 10 minutes late! **780-441-**

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4. Email any updates to contact information to **transportationservices@ecsd.net** to ensure all delayed bus notifications are received.

Please visit <https://www.ecsd.net/page/34228/transportation-services-bus-delay-notifications>

For more information

Thank you,
Transportation Services



April 2023

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Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Holy Thurs- day</i>	7 <i>Good Friday</i> No School	8
9 <i>Happy Easter</i> 	10 No School	11 <i>Easter Mass at 10:00 am School council</i>	12 <i>Field Trip grade 1&5</i>	13	14	15
16	17	18 <i>Gr 6 Im- munize</i>	19	20 <i>Care for Cre- ation Day Kid's Conven- tion</i>	21 <i>Char- acter theme Day</i>	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Happy Ad- min Assis- tant Day Mrs. DeRose</i>	27	28	29
30						



April 3rd-14th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3- Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Rice & Mixed Vegetables Vegetarian Spring Roll	4- Chicken Sandwich With Lettuce On Whole Wheat Bread Cheese Slices Crackers	5- Perogies Turkey Sausage Fresh Fruit	6- Early Dismissal	7- No School Good Friday 
10- No School Easter Monday 	11- Beef Bolognaise With Pasta And Diced Vegetables Fresh Fruit	12- Ham & Cheese Sandwich On Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Vegetables Cookie	13- Early Dismissal	14- Fish Sticks Potato Patty Fresh Fruit
*Please Note that menus are subject to change.				