



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Feb. 24th, 2020 – Feb. 28th, 2020

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Monday, Feb. 24th	Day 1
❖ Coding Club – 10:30-10:45 am. ❖ Math Club– 12:20 to 12:40 pm.	
Tuesday, Feb. 25th	Day 2
❖ Pink Shirt Day & Shrove Tuesday (pancakes & sausages will be served, please provide drink & snacks).	
Wednesday, Feb. 26th	Day 3
❖ Ash Wednesday Liturgy 10 am. ❖ Lego Club – 12:20 to 12:40 pm.	
Thursday, Feb. 27th	Day 4
❖ Chess club – last day – 12:20 to 12:40 pm. ❖ Public Engagement Mtg. re: Consideration of school closure – 7 to 8:30 pm – gymnasium.	
Friday, Feb. 28th	Day 5
❖ Knitting Club – 12:20 to 12:40 pm.	
UPCOMING:	
❖ February 25 th –Pancake & Sausage lunch, Pink Shirt Day, BFG@9:45	
❖ February 26 th –Ash Wednesday Liturgy @10 a.m. with Father Tran	
❖ February 29 th – First Communion classes begin at St. Gerard Parish hall from 2:45 – 4:30 PM	
❖ March 11 th –Spell-a-thon	
❖ March 12 th – Term 2 progress reports go home.	
❖ March 16 & 17 –Gr. 6/5 Skiing	

Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Raffle – **last day to purchase in school is today, Fri. Feb. 21st!**



We've extended the deadline to purchase tickets online until Monday, February 24, 2020, at 11:59 pm MST. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and only sold in Alberta. Don't miss [your chance to win!](#)

You may be asking yourself why we would be extending the deadline for such a fantastic raffle that supports our local schools with 100% of the net proceeds? We really want to give upwards of \$300,000 in funding grants to the CCSD schools next school year and we need your help to do so. These much-needed grants help to provide learning enhancements such as Calgary Campus/Open Minds® and STEAM technology, playground replacements and even food pantries for some of our school communities.

This school year, 50 schools received \$162,000 in grants to help offset these costs. That is over 40% of the schools in the Calgary District.

Will you help our community by purchasing your ticket for \$10 each or 3 for \$25? [Enter today](#) to win one of our \$55,000 in CASH prizes. The draw takes place Friday, February 28, 2020.



Do you know? Ash Wednesday, while being an important day in the Church, is [not a Holy Day of Obligation](#). Rather, as Father Mike explains, it is a day of Invitation. It is not a day where we feast, like Easter or Christmas, it is a day when we should fast. [Why?](#) And [why is Ash Wednesday important?](#) If you want the answer to those questions, click on the links and have a listen to Father Mike Schmitz as he (very quickly!) explains.

IMPORTANT PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT-PLEASE RSVP

Your voice matters! The Calgary Catholic School District Board of Trustees passed a motion at the January 29, 2020 regular board meeting to **consider** the closure of St. Gerard School at the end of this school year. The final motion regarding whether or not to close the school will be considered at the April 8, 2020 board meeting. In keeping with the mandates of the Education Act and Board Policy, as well as the round table format of the district's Help Plan Our Future process, the district invites all stakeholders to a meeting to be held on **February 27, 2020, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**. This meeting will take place at St. Gerard School (1204 – 96 Avenue SW). **All parents are invited to attend. In order to allow us to ensure enough facilitators are on hand for the evening, if you plan to attend please RSVP to St. Gerard School at 403-500-2028.**



Parent Night out MARCH 26TH – Fr. Cristino has agreed to be our speaker at our and will be discussing *Living a Purposeful Life: Helping your kids find their why*. At this point, it will be held at St. Matthew School. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

Alien Inline– Our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students all had a great time this week with Alien Inline Skating. Their skills improved significantly over the 3 days and it was nice to see the proud smiles on all their faces! Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help, and of course thank-you to Alien Inline.



Learning Commons

This week our, the Grade 4/3 class finished working on their storyboard and started on their background for their stop motion video.



Grade 5 Science: Making circuits

Our Grade 5 students have been working on the Electricity unit for the past few weeks in Science. Today they had an opportunity to make circuits in a series using a variety of components. Buzzers were buzzing and propellers were turning!

Sammy's Pizza/Pasta – Third Term: Forms are due back by Feb. 26 for third term. A hard copy went home this week on blue paper. Thank-you!



Healthy Hunger Announcement – You can now order Rebel Coffee!



Rebel Coffee has now joined Healthy Hunger! Parents are able to order coffee online through Healthy Hunger starting today through to March 2nd. Orders will be available for pick up around March 9th.