





ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Feb. 10th, 2020 – Feb. 14th, 2020

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Monday, Feb. 10th	Day 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Healthy Hunger – Bonzai. ❖ Coding Club – 10:30 – 10:45 am. ❖ Mental Math – 12:20 to 12:40 pm. ❖ Decorating for Carnaval 3:00 pm. 	
Tuesday, Feb. 11th	Day 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Carnaval Opening Ceremony 9:30 am (choosing of King & Queen of Carnaval) ❖ Games Club 12:20 to 12:40 pm. ❖ Cookies for Carnaval to be dropped off at the office. Thank-you! 	
Wednesday, Feb. 12th	Day 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 9:00-9:30 Volunteers Help Set-up ❖ 9:30-12:00 pm Carnaval! ❖ 2:20 pm. Closing Ceremony ❖ Final clean-up 3:00 pm. 	
	
Thursday, Feb. 13th	NO SCHOOL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Teacher’s Convention 	
Friday, Feb. 14th	NO SCHOOL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Teacher’s Convention ❖  Happy Valentine’s Day! 	
UPCOMING:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ February 17th–No classes. Family Day Holiday. ❖ February 18-20th– Alien Inline Skating for K-2. ❖ February 25th–Pancake & Sausage lunch, Pink Shirt Day, BFG@9:45 ❖ February 26th–Ash Wednesday Liturgy @10 a.m. with Father Tran ❖ February 29th – First Communion classes begin at St. Gerard Parish hall from 2:45 – 4:30 PM 	



Do you know?

I thought discussing St. Valentine would be easy enough for this weekly. I was wrong. Did you know that there were actually three St. Valentine’s mentioned in the early martyr stories or martyrologies? Yep. Three, not one, and they all share the same feast day, February 14th. The first, and perhaps the most well-known St.

Valentine was a priest and physician. He was arrested and was killed on February 14th, ergo the date of his feast day. His tomb was preserved because Pope Julius built a basilica at the site. The other two St. Valentine’s are lesser known, one a Bishop south of Rome, the other from Africa. What the three St. Valentine’s had in common was their devotion to our Faith and their strong love for the Lord and for the Church. The secular custom of showing love and devotion on February 14th ties nicely with the selfless, unconditional love of our Lord for us. If we look at Valentine’s Day as an opportunity to remind ourselves that we should be living the commandment to love one another, even as God has loved us, every day, our world would definitely be a better place.

IMPORTANT PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

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.**



CARNAVAL-FEBRUARY 12TH

Please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed well for the weather on Wednesday. It is announcing colder weather and the possibility of snow. Students will be spending around 30 minutes outside in the morning during the Carnival activities.



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.

Calgary Catholic Education Foundation Raffle



The 10th Anniversary Cash Raffle has \$75,000 in **cash** prizes with a top prize of \$25,000! The raffle runs from January 6 to February 21, 2020 and tickets can be purchased for \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

There is one draw remaining, the Grand Prize Draw, which is on February 28, 2020.

Tickets can be purchased using cash or cheque in person at our school or they can be purchased online by visiting www.thecccef.ca/raffle. **If we sell 100% of our school tickets, we receive a donation of \$250 for our school!**



Winter Walk – February 5th

On Feb. 5th staff & students from École St. Gerard participated in our winter walk. We were thankful to have such nice weather. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to all who came out and joined us for the walk!



Sammy's Pizza/Pasta – Third Term

Please find attached the order form for Sammy's Pizza/Pasta lunches for the third term. Forms and payment are due back by Feb. 26, 2020. Thank-you.



Nurse's News

Attached is the February Nurse's News from our school nurse, Jessica Borgford.