



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Feb. 17th, 2020 – Feb. 21st, 2020

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| Monday, Feb. 17th | NO SCHOOL |
| ❖ Family Day – Enjoy the day with your family! | |
| Tuesday, Feb. 18th | Day 3 |
| ❖ Alien Inline Skating – K-2 9-noon ❖ Board Games Club & Lego Club 12:20 | |
| Wednesday, Feb. 19th | Day 4 |
| ❖ Alien Inline Skating – K-2 9-noon ❖ Book Club 12:20 | |
| Thursday, Feb. 20th | Day 5 |
| ❖ Alien Inline Skating – K-2 9-noon ❖ Chess Club 12:20 | |
| Friday, Feb. 21st | Day 6 |
| ❖ Spell-a-thon pledge sheet & vocabulary list go home ❖ Knitting Club 12:20 | |
| 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. | |



Do you know?

The Catechism’s Teaching on the Family

According to the Catechism’s teaching on the family, ‘the family is often called the principal cell or building block of human society. Since we are used to thinking about the family as the place where our Catholic faith is handed on and lived, we sometimes pay too little attention to how the family itself is related to the plan of God revealed in Scripture for the sake of our salvation in Jesus Christ.’

“The Fourth Commandment tells us, “Honor your father and your mother.” The Catechism begins its presentation of this commandment by showing us what the tradition of the Church has understood these brief words to contain: “The fourth commandment opens the second table of the Decalogue. It shows us the order of charity. God has willed that, after him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority” (2197). Here we see in concrete form the passage from the “love of God” to the “love of neighbor,” beginning with the family which the Catechism calls “the original cell of social life” (2207). “ (Levada, 2006)

Happy Family Day weekend. I hope you are able to spend time with your families.

Levada, C. W. J. (2006). The Family in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Retrieved February 12, 2020, from http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20060707_levada-valencia_en.html

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.**

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.theccfef.ca/raffle. **If we sell 100% of our school tickets, we receive a donation of \$250 for our school!**

ST GERARD CARNAVAL-FEBRUARY 12TH



Students and staff had a great time during Carnival on Feb. 12th. Our King and Queen were crowned at our Opening Ceremony on Feb. 11th. On Feb. 12th, there were plenty of activities both indoors and outside for students to enjoy and learn more about the traditional Quebec Winter Festival. Students also experience another maple product: sucre à la crème or maple fudge. What a sweet day! We want to thank our parent

volunteers for ALL their help & support from baking cookies to helping with a station or cleaning up, and of course we want to thank Bonhomme for making a special visit to our school!!



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.

STAR LAB

This week students were able to take a peek into the Star Lab. The District owned Sky Lab helps support the grade 6 Science curriculum. Students in Mme Sylvie's 6/5 Science class are studying the night sky, which includes learning about the phases of the moon and the constellations as they cross the night sky as the seasons progress. Mme Sylvie invited the other classes to enjoy the experience.



Grade 4/3 was busy this week working on their Sacramento posters.



Sammy's Pizza/Pasta – Third Term

Forms are due back by Feb. 26 for third term. A soft copy went home with last week's weekly. If you require a hard copy please contact the office.

PINK SHIRT DAY-Please note that while Pink Shirt Day or Anti-Bullying Day is scheduled to be celebrated in North America on Wednesday February 26th, 2020, **as a District, we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day on February 25th, 2020.** With Ash Wednesday being on February 26th, it is important that we keep this as a day of reflection and reverence.

