



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Monday, March 16th	Day 4
❖ Grace 6/5 skiing - Winsport – please dress appropriately - CANCELLED	
Tuesday, March 17th	Day 5
❖ Grace 6/5 skiing – Winsport – please dress appropriately - CANCELLED	
❖ Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear green .	
❖ Board Games Club 12:20-12:40	
Wednesday, March 18th	Day 6
❖ Div. 2 Presentation – Rouleauville 10am. POSTPONED	
❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences – 4 to 7 pm. CANCELLED.	
Thursday, March 19th	No School
❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences – 9am to 3 pm. CANCELLED but can do via phone call. See below for more.	
Friday, March 20th	No School
❖ PD Day	
UPCOMING:	
❖ March 23 rd – Jeopardi Franco with Mme Kruchten.	
❖ March 25 th – BFG's - Feast of the Annunciation.	
❖ March 26 th – GrACE Parent Evening @ St Matthew's 'Living a Purposeful Life'. POSTPONED	
❖ March 27 th – a.m. Science 'Wheels & Levers' Gr. 4/3. POSTPONED	
❖ March 30-31 st – Flags of Francophone countries around the world, Comic Strips from Belgium.	
❖ March 31 st - School Council Mtg. 6:30 pm.	
❖ Teacher's Pet – Grade 3/2 – afternoon. POSTPONED	
❖ Scientists in School – Grade 3/2. POSTPONED	

CELEBRATION OF LIFE – Change in location

Just a reminder that **Evelyn's Celebration of Life** will take place on Saturday March 14th at 1pm. All ages are welcome. There has been a change in location. The new location is Calgary First Church of the Nazarene located at 65 Richard Way. **Please wear joyful colors!** Please know that if for any reason you do not feel comfortable attending this gathering or well enough to do so, the family respects your decision to do what is right for you and your family. We ask anyone who is concerned to join us instead via the stream/recording from your home. The link should be up by Saturday morning on the church website: <https://www.firstnaz.ca/>



Did you know?

Thursday during Hymn Sing, we discussed how we can talk to God when we are worried or afraid. We are never alone as we go through challenges and momentous events in our lives. God is there to celebrate with us, and to help us when things are dark and difficult. One of my favourite poems is *Footprints*. I hope you don't mind if I share it with you. It always brings me comfort when the road is difficult.

Mars-Le Mois de la Francophonie



This week all classes made friendship patterns or bracelets using the colors of the Franco-Albertan Flag. We also learned more about the culture of many French-speaking African countries



Fashions from African Cultures

We would like to thank Mme. Lambati for coming to our school and sharing with us the many African cultural fashions for men, women and children. She explained that the patterns in the material often contained a message. Some patterns tell others around them that the person

has his/her 'eyes' open. Sometimes the way a skirt was worn tells people which country in

Africa the person comes from. In French speaking countries in Africa, the women wear pants and a tunic, like Mlle Renée is wearing. We would like to thank our students and staff for their fine job in showcasing the clothing.



One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of
footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome
times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you
and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."



Irish Dancing

On Tuesday March 10th our school was entertained by some very talented Irish Dancers. We were fortunate to see one of our very own talented students dancing with the group. Thank-you for coming & visiting us!



Spell-a-thon

The Spell-a-Thon took place on March 11. Students have until March 17 to collect their pledges and submit to the school. We'd like to thank our parent volunteers for assisting with the spell-a-thon. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards paying for the grade 6/5 ski field trip, the end-of-year BBQ and other initiatives scheduled for this 2019-2020 school year.