



# ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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St. Gerard is now on Facebook. Like and Follow our page: <https://www.facebook.com/StGerardSchoolCCSD/>

Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Day 6
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Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Day 1
Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Day 2
Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Day 3
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Day 4
<b>*New Office Hours are from 9am to 3pm*</b>	

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued patience & understanding as we work together with the Calgary Catholic School Board to provide at home learning to our students. Working from home, teachers are learning a new way to teach, and many are learning new technology. I am so proud of the work our teachers are doing. We are still figuring out the workload and we do NOT want to overwhelm you and your children.

Our expectations are to provide your child learning opportunities in literacy (reading, writing, oral language), numeracy (math) and Religion for a total of 5 hours weekly. Anything above and beyond that is a choice. Due dates are flexible, please communicate with the teacher(s). Activities provided in any subjects outside of ELA, FLA, MATH and RELIGION are supplementary. Parents, please have your children do what they/you can handle. We do not want to cause anxiety and frustration. Some parents ask for more work, some ask for less. Hopefully you can find your balance within what the teachers are providing. We need to support each other as we navigate through this new normal. Please communicate with your child(ren)'s teacher if you have any questions. I am monitoring all the 'Classrooms' and am helping with technical issues.

All students have been invited to a Hymn Sing Classroom, which is there to provide Faith focused OPTIONAL crafts & activities as well as music videos (old & new) they can sing to.

Admin and support staff are rotating shifts to ensure that the office is open daily, while the others work from home. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call the office at 403-500-2028.

The school has been very quiet this week & we miss the laughter of all our students. Please stay safe at home with your loved ones. Take care & God Bless.

Christine Hooey

**Important Numbers from CSS Family & Community Safety:**

For the latest updates on services, supports, or resources: follow on twitter: @AlbertaCSS

Family Violence Info Line: call 310-1818, 24/7 in over 170 languages.

Info. On the Gov't of AB's response to COVID-19:

[Alberta.ca/COVID19](https://www.alberta.ca/COVID19)

**Great News!! St. Gerard School will remain open for the 2020-2021 School year!!**

We are continuing to accept new registrations for the 2020-2021 school year, and we look forward to continuing to work with our families in the fall. According to the Google Form that was sent out, many families are staying with us. We will continue to be a small school, as reflected by 2020-2021 enrollment. Registration forms can be sent via email. We will be advertising our school to encourage Kindergarten registration. Word of mouth works great! More news to come.





### Did you know?

Calgary Catholic's new school in Auburn Bay now has a name! Named after St. Gianna Beretta Molla, St. Gianna School is slated to open for the fall of 2020. If you are interested in learning more about this saint who was an Italian pediatrician, here is a [video link](#).

**St. Gerard Learning & Communication Platforms**—All students have an [@learn.cssd.ab.ca](mailto:@learn.cssd.ab.ca) email where they can access their email and other Google Apps. Ask your child their username and password. Grades 1-6 will be using this email regularly.

**Mme Polly** [polly.moody@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:polly.moody@cssd.ab.ca)

Learning Platform: Seesaw

**Mme Celine:** [celine.danis@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:celine.danis@cssd.ab.ca)

Learning Platform: Seesaw & Google Classroom

**Mme Romaine:** [romaine.impele@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:romaine.impele@cssd.ab.ca)

Learning Platform: Seesaw & Google Classroom

**Mme Renee:** [renee.digout@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:renee.digout@cssd.ab.ca)

Learning Platform: Seesaw & Google Classroom

**Mme Campbell & Mme Tardif:** [amy.campbell@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:amy.campbell@cssd.ab.ca) & [sylvie.tardif@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:sylvie.tardif@cssd.ab.ca)

Learning Platform: Seesaw & Google Classroom

**Mme Hoey:** [christine.hoey@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:christine.hoey@cssd.ab.ca)

Learning Platform: Google Classroom (Music 6/5)

**Mme Annie:** [annie.fafard@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:annie.fafard@cssd.ab.ca)

Starting Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Mme. Annie will be available to support students every morning from 9 to 11:40 am on Google Hangouts.

Formative assessment (to improve work before final mark is assigned) will take the form of comments as to how students can improve their work, or encourage deeper thinking, broader vocabulary etc.

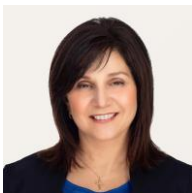


### Technology

With this shift to at home learning with online delivery, we understand that technology may be a challenge to provide. If so, please fill in this [FORM](#) so that we can determine how to help you. **If you are choosing to do your own plan following the [Alberta Program of Study](#), and your child is NOT going onto their teacher's Google Classroom, please contact the teacher so that we do not continue trying to contact you. Thank you.**

**Sammy's Pizza**-For those families who ordered Sammy's Pizza, we are taking note of all the items that will need addressing when we return to any sort of "normalcy". We do have record of who has ordered Sammy's Pizza for this term. If we do not return to school for this school year, we can issue refund cheques or keep the money to credit your child's Sammy order for fall of 2020. In the next few weeks or so we will send a Google Form to inform us of your choice-refund or credit. Thank you for your patience during all of this!

**Message from the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta**-This week we received an invitation from the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta to take part in the ***Lieutenant Governor of Alberta's History Quiz Show***. It was originally designed for students in Grades 3 to 6 but everyone should be able to find something interesting and unexpected about our province as they watch the episodes. It is free to use and a great way to explore our province's fascinating past. You'll find the episodes at [www.bowvalleyranche.com/alberta-history-quiz-show](http://www.bowvalleyranche.com/alberta-history-quiz-show). There is also a special draw that anyone is eligible to enter.



Minister LaGrange

Join Education Minister Adriana LaGrange in a virtual engagement session presented by ASCA via **Zoom** meeting platform **Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:00 am – 11:00 am**.

An opportunity to connect with school council members and parents from across Alberta, the Minister will engage with participants, provide updates in education and take questions about student learning.

*To accommodate as many participants as possible, school councils are encouraged to work as a group and register one designate to bring questions and information on behalf of the school community. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the ASCA website to share with those unable to attend.*

This session will utilize the **Zoom Conferencing Meeting** platform - suitable for participants joining from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. **Please register in advance for this meeting at:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/uZMkduygrzopnF8ySZj8llu720zt5cCJnw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact [wendyk@albertaschoolcouncils.ca](mailto:wendyk@albertaschoolcouncils.ca)