



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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May 4th – May 8th, 2020

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Monday, May 4th	Day 6
❖ Reminder – 5 hours or work per week which (includes online time & Google Hangouts with teacher) at the parents’ discretion. You know yourself & your child(ren), so decide what balance works for you & your family. Remember to take breaks and get fresh air at a safe distance. 😊	
Tuesday, May 5th	Day 1
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Wednesday, May 6th	Day 2
❖ #WhyWednesday on CCSD Facebook	
Thursday, May 7th	Day 3
❖ Daily physical activity – what did you do today to move & groove?	
Friday, May 8th	Day 4
❖ Mother’s Day is Sunday-are you ready for it? Students-post on Hymn Sing Classroom what you are doing for Mom!	
<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>We made it to the beginning of May! Together we can get through the next two months. We have just completed our 7th week of “Social Isolation”. Remember the importance of reaching out to loved ones and friends and staying connected. It is crucial for our mental and emotional health. Don’t forget to stay active and eat right. All these things are important for our brains!</p> <p>With the warmer temperatures here, get outside and enjoy your backyards or take walks or go for a bike ride in public parks or community spaces – at a safe distance of course! As we move towards a phase one of re-opening our province, please remember to keep practicing safety precautions to keep yourself and others safe.</p> <p>Please send us photos of some of the activities that you all may be doing. We’d love to hear from you!</p> <p>One day at a time, and we will all get through this.</p> <p>God Bless. Stay Safe.</p>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Important Numbers from CSS Family & Community Safety:</u></p> <p>For the latest updates on services, supports, or resources: follow on twitter: @AlbertaCSS</p> <p>Family Violence Info Line: call 310-1818, 24/7 in over 170 languages.</p> <p>Info. On the Gov’t of AB’s response to COVID-19:</p> <p>Alberta.ca/COVID19</p> </div>	



Did you know

As the month of May has been traditionally full of prayers and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, it had been our intention as a school to focus our devotion this month through the praying the rosary with our students. Pope Francis has written an [open letter to families](#) to encourage the praying of the rosary at home throughout the month. Whether it is on your own or with your family, grounding ourselves in prayer will not only bring us closer to God, it will also strengthen our faith and ability to see ourselves through whatever is to come. Rosary activities and ‘how-to-pray-the-rosary’ will be available on the Hymn Sing Google Classroom for Monday morning. If you do not have a rosary, copies of the rosary and prayers will also be found there online. Feel free to post and share your rosary activities on the Hymn Sing GC throughout the month of May.



School Council News:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy during this strange time. While my children are protected and happy, they miss their school friends terribly. I can only pray and hope we will be together soon. In the meantime, I have a few important updates for you. Firstly, we have 2 vacant positions on council - Vice-chair and Social Coordinator. We also need to appoint a new Vice-Chair to the Ed. Society. Secondly, I am very excited to inform you that our next council meeting will be on May 19 at 7pm, via Google Meets. Please mark your calendar and look for the agenda in the coming weeks. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted on stgerard@schoolcounil.cssd.ab.ca

Warm Regards,
Maria Correa
Chairperson



Greetings from the GrACE group at St. Gerard!

As you may have already heard, recently the directors of the Providence and Fr Lacombe Care Centers reached out to teachers with a request. Students are encouraged to send letters, pictures or drawings to the seniors in their care centers, as they are lonely and missing their families. Wouldn't it be lovely to share those

words of encouragement with each other? To offer support and hope and even ideas? The GrACE group at St. Gerard would like to share with you a new initiative. A shared Google Drive folder where the whole school can post pictures of their work that they are sending to the Care Centers letters and cards to friends, artwork on the windows, anything that will offer support to this wonderful community we have at St Gerard. A Google Drive has been created for the sole purpose. It's called [St. Gerard GrACE](#).

Please note that parents, guardians and students can upload and save files to the drive. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful things our students and you are doing. With you always,

Your GrACE advocates



Library Books & Textbooks

Please contact the school at 403-500-2028 to make arrangements to return any library books.
Thank-you.

Community Pop Up Food Hampers—May 1st from 5:30 to 7:30

Please see the attachment for information on a Community Pop Up Food Hamper taking place Friday afternoon.

St. Gerard Mass Online

If you are interested in attending mass online this weekend through zoom, please click on [Join Zoom Meeting](#) . Mass starts at 11am. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR MIC'S ARE MUTED WHEN YOU TUNE IN AND TRY TO LOG IN BEFORE 11AM.**



Hi everybody! **Student Council** is planning **SPIRIT DAYS** students, staff & parents can take part in over the next two months.

- On **May 10th**, it is Mother's Day. Post on the Hymn Sing GC what you will be doing to celebrate your mom!
- On **May 14th**, share a picture of you with a country flag-maybe one where your ancestors used to live or that you would like to visit!

St. Gerard Student Council



Are you missing jackets, shoes, water bottles, snow pants etc.? We have a huge pile of Lost & Found items at the front door. Let us know if you would like to come have a look. Call the office at 403-500-2028