St. Gabriel Lalemant

Home of the Guardians

MARCH 2024

A Member of the St. Paul Family of Schools

KEEPING LENT HOLY

Pope Francis's Words...

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressure and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



DRESS CODE REMINDER

Please see the attached colour outline of the Niagara Catholic dress code. As a reminder, black pants/bottoms are not part of our dress code. **Students are to wear navy blue bottoms only.** If you

are having difficulties finding navy blue bottoms please contact the school by email st.gabriel.lalemant@ncdsb.com
Thank you for your support with following the Niagara Catholic Student Dress Code Policy.



Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

Please see the link below to receive a message from Niagara Regional Health



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MARCH BREAK

This is a friendly reminder regarding March Break. School will be closed **March 11th-15th**.

Wishing you a blessed week!



Shrove Tuesday-- SHOUT OUT

A **Giant Thank You** to the wonderful Mom's on our CSC who took the time out of their busy day to make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday! We are so thankful for your dedication to our school and providing such yummy pancakes! Our students and staff are so lucky!

Also, our kitchenette has never looked so clean :) Thank you!









School Closures due to Weather

As we move into the early days of Spring, but can still have winter weather...it is important to remember the decision to cancel buses is made by Niagara Student Transportation Services very early in the morning, based on the current forecast conditions to ensure students are safe throughout the day.



Most often, buses are cancelled but schools remain open. If you choose to keep your child at home due to inclement weather, you must report their absence using the appropriate code through Safe Arrival.



HOT LUNCH

March food orders are complete. Keep and eye out for April's Food order coming soon! ♠

This is a reminder to be cautious of the deadlines for our Hot Lunch Days (Pizza/Sub etc.). We cannot take late orders or cash payments.

When you order hot lunch please always make sure to put the item into the cart to ensure payment is made. There are several prompts to complete the order and you will receive an email with your

receipt confirmation. We have had some orders that are sitting in carts that disapear once the item has expired, which means your child will not receive a lunch.

If you have any questions or need help with School Cash, please call the school.

Thank you!



You are reminded it is extremely important that your child's absence is inputted into Safe Arrival before 8:30am. Once the absence is reported with the Safe Arrival System, Mrs. Lanteigne is immediately notified. Once she is notified, she inputs the information into our school system. Therefore, this procedure follows *Attendance Protocols* set by the **Niagara Catholic District School Board** and the **Ministry of Education**.



When an absence is **not** inputted into the Safe Arrival System (even a late absence), the school is not aware of your child's absence and therefore has to use a "Call Out" system. The "Call Out" system automatically calls families if their child is away from school and the absence has not been inputted into Safe Arrival. Families that receive the call have the ability to use the phone system by selecting the absence options available.

After the school "Call Out" system is complete and there are pending absences to confirm, families will be called manually by Mrs. Lanteigne. Families that do not reach out to the school regarding their child's absence after Mrs. Lanteigne has made attempts to contact the family, gathering no information regarding the absence, *mandatory* Protocol is to contact the **Niagara Regional Police** to report a missing child. Therefore it is an important *responsibility* for families to use Safe Arrival to report your child's absence.

Safe Arrival also serves for picking children up at the end of the day as an early dissmissal and or leave and return, for example; if they have an appointment and will be returning afterwards. Families are able to indicate that they would like to pick their child up at any point throughout the day. Mrs. Lanteigne receives this information through Safe Arrival and is able to have your child ready at the time you have indicated in the system. You may also choose to write a note in your child's agenda for the classroom teacher regarding an early pick up for your child. Please note that if you are picking up your child early from school, we ask that you come into the building to sign them out accordingly. Students will not be permitted to leave the building without being signed out by the family member picking them up from school. Calling spontaneously towards the end of the day requesting your child to be picked up in a few minutes is not best practice as the end of day dismissal procedures are busy. We understand emergency situations can occur and we will be more than happy to assist in these rare circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information or if you are having difficulty using Safe Arrival, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter,

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Principal

St. Gabriel Lalemant Catholic Elementary School

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

March 8th we will celebrate International Women's Day. This day is a day to recognize and celebrate women and girls' social, economic, cultural and political achievements!



International Women's Day (IWD) is an annual celebration that aims to educate society on the remarkable women's rights movement. Over recent years, it has been identified that women continue to only hold 10% of the top executive positions, demonstrating the importance of educating society on the need for change.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

The Giving From The Heart Out Of Love - Kids' Helping Kids fundraiser took place during the weeks of February 12 to February 23, 2024. As always we cannot thank you enough, to those who donated for helping with this initiative.



Happy 100 Days of School!

Last month we celebrated 100 Days of School!



On February 28th we celebrated PINK SHIRT DAY!

Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada, where it is held on the last Wednesday of February each year.

The original event was organized in 2007 by twelfth-grade students David Shepherd and Travis Price of Berwick, Nova Scotia, who bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a ninth-grade student Chuck McNeill was bullied for wearing a pink polo shirt during the first day of school at Central Kings Rural High School in Cambridge, Nova Scotia.



That year, Nova Scotia Premiere, Rodney McDonald proclaimed the second Thursday of September (aligning with the start of each school year) as "Stand Up Against Bullying Day" in a recognition of these events. In 2008, then-Premier of British Columbia, Gordon Campbell proclaimed February 27 to be the provincial Anti-Bullying Day. In 2009, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada worked on pink t-shirts that say "Bullying Stops Here" and "Pink Shirt Day" for Anti-Bullying Day.

EARTH HOUR

Saturday March 23rd is EARTH HOUR.

Earth Hour at St. Gabriel will be recognized during school time where we will all be participating in turning off all the lights and electronics for 1 hour at the same time.



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Beautiful class updates in a snap

