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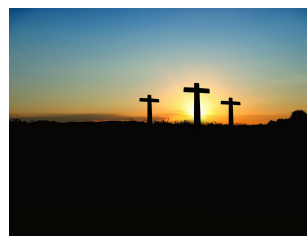
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Lenten Prayer
Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race Jesus Christ our
Saviour,
as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering,
And make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your
Son.
Amen.



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**Arrival & End of Day
Transportation**

We have had many late arrivals to school in the morning. Please ensure that students arrive on time, as to not disrupt the flow of class and learning routines at the beginning of the day.

	<p>At the end of day, if there is any change to student transportation (e.g., student normally on a bus is walking or student normally attending EDP is going home on bus) please be sure to communicate with EDP as well as the teacher. Parents can not request that students change buses. Thank you for helping us ensure that your children are safely making their way to EDP or home.</p>
<p>School Active Transportation</p>	<p>We are happy to announce that Georges Vanier Catholic School is joining the School Active Transportation program (SATP), which encourages children to walk or wheel more often while improving the conditions for everyone. Over thirty elementary schools have participated in the program in Ottawa since it started in 2010.</p> <p>Our new School Active Transportation committee <https://www.envirocentre.ca/transportation/school-travel-planning/> at Georges Vanier will work with municipal and board staff to improve safety around the school and to calm the traffic, especially during school start and end times.</p> <p>Over the next few years, Georges Vanier students will build pedestrian safety skills and participate in fun events like Spring-into-Spring <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/spring-into-spring/>. Walking or wheeling regularly to school improves physical and mental health and has been proven to enhance learning <https://participaction.cdn.prismic.io/participaction%2F38570bed-b325-4fc8-8855-f15c9aebac12_2018_participaction_report_card_-_full_report_0.pdf>. Next week, you will be receiving a link for a Family Survey to help committee understand the current conditions. Stay tuned!</p>
<p>Mathletes</p>	<p>Thank you to GV Catholic Council for bringing Mathletes to us, on April 25-26. Our gym will be transformed into an exciting “Math Learning Zone”. Grades 2-6 students will participate in one of the two fun-filled and engaging Mathletes Days. They will work in teams to solve problems and learn Math! This is a wonderful opportunity for our Grade 6s, who will be trained to be “Mathlete coaches” for that day! This certainly ties in to our “Be community, Be Innovative and Be Well” initiatives for the year!</p>
<p>Lenten Initiative “Operation Come Home Lenten Collection”</p>	<p>This year’s Lenten Initiative is off to a great start! Our Social Justice Group has organized a collection of toiletry items for "Operation Come Home". This is an organization that works to support homeless youth (ages 16-25) here in Ottawa. We had a guest speaker who met with our Social Justice Group, to share information about this program, and we're really excited to partner with them this year. Operation Come Home serves approximately 1000 youth per year and our contributions will really</p>

help make a difference. Our collection will run until April 20th. Thank you for donating!

Kindergarten	Socks (adult sizes)
Grade 1	shampoo
Grade 2	Lip balm
Grade 3	toothbrushes and toothpaste
Grade 4	Bars of soap or body wash
Grade 5	deodorant
Grade 6	Shaving cream

“Giving Days”

We will have three special days during the Lenten season for students to donate a small fee (\$2) to be able to take part. Parents will have the option of paying for all three days in advance on [School Cash Online](#) or students can bring in a toonie on the day of the event.

School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is Tuesday April 16th. Shrove Tuesday was a huge success with Knights of Columbus. Thank you to Council for their ongoing support and initiatives!

Volunteers for Georges Vanier Book Fair

Georges Vanier is getting ready for another book fair. We will be running our book fair during Catholic Education Week in May. More details will be shared closer to the dates. At this time Mrs. Francis is looking for parents who may be able to volunteer during school hours on May 2nd, 8th, 9th and 10th. A current police record check is required at the office for any volunteers. We can supply a letter so that the Police station waives the fee. If you are available to volunteer during the school day for these days please email Mrs. Francis at Crystal.Francis@ocsb.ca.

Read-A-Thon

The last day of our Read-A-Thon is April 25th. Make sure that you are marking off your progress each week! All the slips need to come back to school Friday the 26th of April.

School Musical

Coming soon to GV Theatre! We are excited to see the Musical production of Space Pirates! Students (and teachers!) have been rehearsing and preparing since December. Mrs. Dillabaugh and Miss

Holley would like to send a special shout out to the cast and crew for their effort and enthusiasm! Donations will be accepted at the door for future arts incentives during the performances on April 10 at our showtimes of 10:40 am, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Eco Squad News



Our staff and students will be celebrating Earth Week! Thank you parents for making each and everyday Earth Day at Georges Vanier School by packing waste-free lunches with reusable water bottles and helping us promote our ECO schools initiatives.

Our focus this years PLASTIC! We would like to conduct a school based inquiry about plastic: PLASTIC DOs and the DON'Ts. Plastic is part of our everyday life. We are going to look into when it is a good idea and therefore, necessary, to use plastic items and when it is not. For example, plastic containers for lunch, that can be use repeatedly, yes, that's a DO! Disposable plastic forks and glasses, well that's a BIG DON'T!

Plastic Bag Grab Challenge

We will begin collecting bags for our [Plastic Bag Grab challenge](#) starting on March 23rd, until May 2nd. Please sent plastic bags to school with your child. It is helpful, for easy count, to have them organised in bunch of 10. The previous two years we collected a whopping 10,500 and 8,000 plastic bags! Just think about it: not only we diverted those bags from landfills, but they actually got turned into useful items, such as benches. Last year, we won the Social Media Prize for our GV's Green Heroes movie! This year we intend to continue our commitment to the RRRs! We count on you to make it a successful environmental initiative!

A few other tips for Earth Week:

- Don't leave cars idling. Many cars are left idling as parents drop students off to school or EDP. Please remember to do your part and turn off the engine!
- With the snow melting, people will begin spring cleaning. Consider donating items that can be reused or upcycled!

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We are currently working on our school staffing plan for next school year. If you are planning on leaving our school would you kindly let us know? Also, if you have not had an opportunity to register your kindergarten child would you please register soon. Next year's staffing for our school is based on the number of registrations we have at present. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbours to come in to register at our wonderful school! Thank you!

Important Dates

- March 29 - Hat Day (Giving Day)
- April 4th - Right to Play Assembly
- April 5th- Goulbourn Jubilee Singers
- April 9 - School Musical Dress Rehearsal
- April 10 - School Musical 10:40 am, 1 pm, 7 pm
- April 11- Girls Basketball Tournament
- April 12 - Backwards/Inside Out Day (Giving Day)
- April 15 - Easter Liturgy
- April 16- Catholic School Council Meeting
- April 18- Cardinals/Chickadees Field Trip -Baxter
-Boys Basketball Tournament
- April 19 -Good Friday (School is closed)
- April 21- Easter Sunday
- April 22 -Easter Monday (School is closed)/ Earth Day
- April 24 - Puffins/ Blue Jays Field Trip - Aviation and Space Museum
- April 25-26 - Mathletes
- April 26 - Hot Dog Day
- April 30th - Welcome to Kindergarten Night
- May 1st - GV News Show /Gospel Assembly
- May 3 - Hawaiian Day (Giving Day)
-Grade 6 visit to All Saints C.H.S.



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