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Time is flying by and we are halfway through the year. We have survived extreme cold, a lot of snow and many indoor recesses! There are positive signs however, the daylight is getting longer with the Daylight Savings Time arriving March 10<sup>th</sup> and spring is just around the corner. We are hoping for a nicer week this week so that we can proceed with our outdoor winter activity day.

Lent for many is the most well known of all of the Church's seasons. The seven weeks will take us from the end of winter to the beginning of the season of spring. Lent is a time to reflect upon and pray over our relationship with God. This involves a renewed understanding of truth, freedom and faith. Georges Vanier children are preparing for Easter by spending time praying and talking about Lent.

Furthermore, they will be supporting Operation Come Home this year. More information will be coming soon on how we plan to support this worthwhile project.

We are looking forward to pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to our School Council and the Knights of Columbus for making this

happen for us!

## Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During the days of Lent we want to think of Jesus who lived and died for us. We want to live with Him, speak to Him in prayer and listen to Him as He speaks to us. We want to enter into the mystery of His great life so that at Easter we will share His life more fully.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun-filled, relaxing March Break. The school will be closed for March Break from Monday, March 11th until Friday, March 15th. We'll see you back on Monday, March 18th! Have a great holiday!



Dear Lord,

As we proceed through our Lenten journey, help us to understand the meaning of desert spirituality. The Hebrew people entered the desert and then found you, God, in new

ways.

May we find you in new ways this Lenten/Easter season.

May our classrooms and homes become a desert wilderness where we pause a while to follow Christ more closely.

May we also see more clearly that the desert is a place to discover our weaknesses and to seek forgiveness.

May this Lenten season be prayerful and meaningful for our community and may we come more faith-filled to the foot of the cross and the glory of the empty tomb.

Amen



**Bus Lane, Parking**

A friendly reminder not to park in the exit of our Bus Lane. If you are parking to bring your children into the school, please do not leave cars idling. Thank you!

**Winter Activity Day**

Students from grades 1-6 will participate in outdoor activities during Blocks 1 and 2 (weather permitting) on Thursday March 8th. Our kindergarten students will also be participating in outdoor games (for a shortened period of time) and in the gym. All students are reminded to dress appropriately for outdoor play (e.g., warm winter coat, snow pants, warm socks and boots, hat, neck-warmer and mitts).

**Mathematics Help**

**Are you interested in helping your child with Mathematics?**

Here are some great Math resources for parents to have a look at:

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/junior-division/assessment-docs/understanding-achievement-levels-junior-division.pdf>

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/primary-division/assessment-docs/understanding-achievement-levels-primary-division.pdf>

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|                                 | <p>If you would like to work with your child on Math activities you can go to:</p> <p><a href="http://mathies.ca">http://mathies.ca</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Lenten Initiative</b></p> | <p>Our Social Justice Club is organizing our school-wide Lenten Initiative. We will have three special days during the Lenten season to raise funds for our Lenten Initiative. Our first day, will be “Hat Day” on Friday March 29th. Students will have the option to bring in a “toonie” on our “Giving Friday” or parents can pay for all three days in advance, on Cash Online. More details and information will be coming after the March Break.</p>  |
| <p><b>Read-a-Thon</b></p>       | <p>Our 1st <b>Read-A-Thon</b> continues here at Georges Vanier. Any books count, so reading at home or having family story time counts - even over the March Break! The top reader in each grade from grade 1 to 6 will win a 10\$ gift certificate for the book fair in May. All books read in February, March and April will count towards your class tally. So Get Ready, Get Set and READ!</p>  |
| <p><b>Important Dates</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Monday March 4 - GV News Show &amp; Justice Assembly</li> <li>❖ Tuesday March 5th - Shrove Tuesday &amp; Pancakes</li> <li>❖ Wednesday March 6th - Ash Wednesday</li> <li>❖ Wednesday March 6th - Pizza day (moved from Tuesday!)</li> <li>❖ Thursday March 7th - Winter Activity Day</li> <li>❖ March Break - March 11th-March 15th (School Closed)</li> <li>❖ Wednesday March 20 -Lenten Initiative Begins</li> <li>❖ Team/Club Photographs - Thursday March 21st 2019</li> <li>❖ Friday March 29 - Giving Friday - Wear a Hat day!</li> </ul> |



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