



May 2019

Prayer

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world.

May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do.

We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.

Amen.



Catholic Education
Week May 6-10



Georges Vanier Education Week

May 6-May 10 2019

“Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples”

“Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8

“Accomplie la justice, aime la bonté et marche humblement avec ton Dieu.” – Michée 6,8

Daily Prayers on Intercom

Monday May 6 :

Kick off Education Week Assembly/ Prayer/News Show

Tuesday May 7:

Walk to School Day

Clean Up the Capital

Board Eucharistic Celebration at Notre Dame Basilica @ 7:30 pm

Wednesday May 8:

Mass at St. Isidore Catholic Parish 10:30 am

Thursday May 9:

[Open House](#) (Click here to view the invitation):

Donations of muffins and fruit platters can be dropped off in the gym at 8:00 am. Thank you in advance for supporting our community gathering. We hope to see you next Thursday!

Muffin Breakfast 8:00 -9:00 am; Classroom Visits from 8:30-9:00 am

Book Fair

Dance Showcase, Sacred Heart High School

Friday May 10:

Dance Showcase Presentation

Dance-A-thon for “Right to Play”

GV Red & White Spirit Day

**Walk to School Day and
Active Transportation
Survey**

Georges Vanier's Walk to School Day is Tuesday, May 7th. Walking to school is a great way get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors with your child. Check out the paths and best routes on the OSTA Walk Zone map

<<http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/George-Vanier-GR-4-6-1.6-KM-Walk-Zone-Map.pdf>> and say "hi" to the Crossing Guards. If you didn't

get a chance earlier to answer the School Active Transportation questionnaire, the Survey <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5WKGMBD>> is open again.

Social Justice Club

Help support clean water and education programs in developing countries. The Social Justice Club will be holding a bake sale on Wed, May 1st. The club is having the sale to raise money to support education and clean water for developing countries in need. Access to clean water and education are crucial elements for lifting developing communities out of poverty. So please bring your loonies and toonies and enjoy some yummy treats!

Clean Water

Clean water should be a basic human right, yet millions of people around the world do not have access to it. Improving access to clean water is one of the most crucial and fastest ways to lift a community from poverty. Access to clean water reduces illness, allows girls to go to school, and leads to better agriculture and access to food.

Did you know?

- Unclean water, and poor sanitation and hygiene kill an estimated 1.7 million people each year.
- 600,000 children a year die from illnesses directly attributed to unclean water.

Education

When children are educated, they better themselves, their families, and their communities, helping to break the cycle of poverty. With education, they learn how to prevent illness and improve overall health; how to build and maintain infrastructure; to understand and advocate for basic rights; and to secure a livelihood.

Did you know?

- 25 million children will never go to school.
- If all woman had a primary education, there would be 1.7 million fewer malnourished children.
- A child whose mother can read is 50% more likely to survive past age five.

School Climate Survey

Every two years the Ontario Ministry of Education requires that a School Climate Survey be completed by students, staff and families in order to provide input on the environment in our school. Please see the attached letter along with the link to complete the survey.

Thank you in advance for participating in this survey for our school.

[Climate Change Survey.pdf](#)

Students will be given the "student survey" next week at school.

"Right to Play" Dance-a-thon

This year, two of our kindergarten classes collaborated with Mrs. Jeffrey's grade 2/3 class and have planned a dance-a-thon fundraiser for Friday May 10th! The dance-a-thon is in support of, Right to Play, which is an organization that uses different forms of play (sport, games, performance, dance, art and music) to empower children around the world with the knowledge and skills to drive change in their lives, their families and their communities. Right to Play works with children in different countries all around world, including Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana, Thailand, Lebanon and China. All of the money raised through the pledges collected and any

donations made through Cash Online will be donated to Right to Play to help support their programs and initiatives. Thank you for your contributions and support as students work towards becoming responsible global citizens.

Dance Showcase

A group of five Gr. 6 girls is dancing to the song Rise Up by Andra Day. It is a lyrical performance about perseverance and hope during difficult times. The Gr. 3 group of eight dancers are dancing to highlight diversity. Dance Showcase takes place on May 9, 2010, but we will have a special performance to kick off our dance-a-thon on Friday May 10th

Happy Mother's Day!!t

Happy Mother's Day, Moms!

A Mother's Love

**There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all our fears.**

**There are times when only a Mother's word
Can help us on our way
And inspire us the confidence
We need from day to day**

**For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.**

Author unknown



<p>Living Rosary</p>	<p>On May 13, our students will be experiencing a “Living Rosary”, on the Memorial Day of Our Lady of Fatima led by Mrs.Linda O’Hare and Mrs. Shauna Powell.</p>
<p>Bus Patrols are off to the movies!</p>	<p>As a way to thank our Bus Patrols, CAA is hosting a movie day for all Catholic Board bus patrols on May 3rd at Landmark Kanata Theatre. We are very proud of the job our bus patrols are doing this year and we hope that more students will sign up to take on this leadership role next year. All grade 5 and 6 students are welcome to join when we run the training again in September 2019.</p>
<p>EQAO</p>	<p>EQAO Provincial Assessment for Grades 3 and 6 will take place in late May and early June. Further details will follow closer to the dates. Parents are requested to please make every effort to avoid scheduling appointments during this time and to ensure that your children arrives to school on time. Thank you for your support with this!!</p>
<p>BTG Inuit Games JKSK</p>	<p>Our kindergarten classes will be learning Inuit games through BTG, Bridging the Gap Ottawa Children’s Inuit Centre the morning of May 23.</p>
<p>School Council</p>	<p>Get your Yearbook before they are gone...</p> <p>Relive your child's school years’ special memories with the purchase of a GV 2018/19 school Yearbook at a cost of only \$20.00. A limited number of Yearbooks will be ordered, so please make sure to place your order to guarantee yourself a copy. Yearbooks will be delivered to students mid-June. All orders must be received by 5 May 2019.</p> <p>Our next School Council Meeting is on May 14th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. Come out and join this hard-working and dedicated group of individuals who collaborate effectively to make good decisions for our school!</p>
<p>Georges Vanier Book Fair</p>	<p>Our book fair will run during Catholic Education Week from Wednesday May 8th to Friday May 10th, at lunch. Our Book Fair will be open exclusively to parents, from 8:30-10:15, at the end of our GV Muffin Breakfast & Open House.</p> <p>The students will have the chance to walk through and see what is available before we open for purchasing.</p> <p>The hours of the Book Fair are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 8th - 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. ● May 9th - 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. ● May 10th - 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. <p>We are able to accept cash, credit or cheques made out to Georges Vanier Catholic School. <u>Should you wish to pay by cheque please put “not to exceed \$XX.xx” on memo line.</u></p>

Mrs. Francis has handed out the winning tickets for the Read-A-Thon. The winners by grade were:

Kindergarten: Summer B.

Grade 1: Mary S.

Grade 2: Benjamin E.

Grade 3: Jake M.

Grade 4: was a tie with Isabelle D. and Henry L., both winning

Grade 5: Maud W.

Grade 6: Sarah D.

The proceeds for the book fair go towards our amazing Learning Commons. Thank you for your support!

Eco Squad News

Plastic Bag Grab Challenge

Thank you to everyone for sending in bags for our [Plastic Bag Grab challenge](#)! May 2nd is the last day!



A shout out to our ECO squad for all they do to promote important initiatives in our school!

Ottawa Public Health & Helmets for Safety

For the 8th year, Ottawa Public Health has partnered with sports retailers across Ottawa to bring residents a discount on helmets. Helmets can help prevent serious brain and head injuries by absorbing the force from a fall or hit to the head. Helmets are recommended for activities such as skateboarding, rollerblading, biking, sledding, skating, skiing and snowboarding. In Ontario, it is mandatory for anyone under the age of 18 to wear a certified helmet while riding a bicycle (Highway Traffic Act: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900610>)

[The Helmet Discount Weekend is Saturday May 4 and Sunday May 5, 2019](#) (Click for flyer)

For a list of participating retailers, please visit the Ottawa Public Health website

<p>Families Who Are Moving</p>	<p>Families Moving On If your are relocating before September, we would appreciate it if you could inform us as soon as possible. If your child will be attending another school in September, this information will assist us in preparing your child's records for forwarding.</p>
<p>Families Who Are New to Our Community: Please help spread the word! #BeCommunity</p>	<p>If you have new families moving into your neighbourhood please let them know about the great things happening at Georges Vanier. Recently we have had some declining enrollment. We don't want to lose the great educators that we presently have. Please spread the word about our wonderful school!</p>
<p>Important Dates:</p>	<p> May 1 - Social Justice Bake Sale May 2 - Bus Patrols Excursion Landmark Cinemas May 3 - Hawaiian "Giving Day" (Lenten Initiative) Grade 6 All Saints High School Visit May 6-10 Catholic Education Week May 6- GV News Show May 7 - Walk to school Day, Clean up the Capital May 8 - Mass at St. Isidore May 9 - Dance Showcase May 10 - Dance-A-thon May 13 - Living Rosary May 14 - Catholic Parent Council Meeting May 15- Peace Conference St. Paul's May 17 - PD Day May 20 - Victoria Day, School is closed May 21 - Grade 2s museum Excursion - Grade 6 Confirmation May 23 - JKSK Inuit Games May 29 - Gr.1 trip to Valleyview Animal Farm May 31- Hot Dog Day </p>



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