

Virtue of the Month: *Empathy*

OCSGE of the Month: *I Care & I Have a Voice*

School Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Parents/Guardians are reminded of the importance of consistent and regular punctuality and attendance for their children. **Please ensure you create a routine that allows for students to present and on-time at school each and every day!** Please refer to the enclosed information to tips and strategies to support these important habits.

SCHOOL MESSENGER: Did you know that our School Messenger tool is a convenient, safe and secure tool that parents/guardians have access to for reporting student absences and receiving school communications? If you would like more information about this web-based program and app, please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/absence-reporting>.

School # 905-792-2251

Principal: Mr. Birkenbergs

Secretary: Mrs. Gill

Superintendent:

Mr. Diogo

Trustee: Mr. Xaviour

School Parish:

St. John Fisher

Pastor: Fr. Liborio Amaral

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 22nd: Exploring Indigenous Cultures Day
- Oct. 24th & 25th: CCAT Testing (Grade 4s)
- Oct. 28th: Catholic School Council / Uniform Meeting @ 6:00pm (Library / Zoom Meeting)

Liturgies & Virtues Assemblies

At least once a month our school community gathers in prayer to celebrate and deepen our faith. We welcome and encourage parents/guardians to attend these celebrations as personal schedules permit. Information as to upcoming liturgical celebrations are published in the school's Pastoral Plan (distributed to families and on the school website) and will appear in "Important Dates" section of our school's biweekly updates. Our next celebration will be a Virtues Assembly focused on the Virtue of Conscience on October 29th at 2:45pm in our school gymnasium.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As we move through the Fall season, cooler weather will prevail. Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school daily prepared for outdoor activities. Students will be outside a minimum of 70 minutes per day at recesses and may engage in additional outdoor learning in their classes. We request that parents/guardians ensure that students have additional layers to ensure comfort during outdoor times. This includes jackets, hats, mitts/gloves and appropriate outdoor footwear. In addition all students must have a suitable pair of indoor shoes (no sandals/Crocs) available for use.

Arrival/Dismissal & Lunch Reminders

Please be reminded that school yard supervision does not start until **8:45 a.m.** Please do not drop off your child(ren) in the schoolyard before this time. **Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m.** Students will be dismissed through the doors to the school yard. **Please arrange for prompt pick-up of your child(ren) at the end of the day.** Parents/Guardians are reminded to not crowd doors to ensure safe dismissal procedures.

Please be reminded that we do not have a lunch table this year. Students should come to school with a lunch packed for the day. Where this is not possible, parents/guardians will be required to drop lunch during the school lunch hour only and wait until their child is called from class. Please note that third-party food delivery services (i.e., Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.) are not permitted for security reasons.

Catholic School Council

Chocolate Fundraiser with World's Finest Chocolates

Georges Vanier School will be having a Chocolate Fundraiser campaign with World's Finest Chocolates. Our campaign will run from October 22nd to November 6th, 2024. Information has been shared with families outlining the process for selling chocolates.

We encourage you to participate and sell as much as you can! With your help, our fundraiser will be a great success and will support many of the wonderful programs and initiatives at our school through its proceeds!!!

Rosary Apostolate Returns to GVANI

Once again this year, the Rosary Apostolate has resumed their monthly visits to our classrooms to pray the rosary with our students. We sincerely thank these dedicated volunteers for sharing their passion for the spirit of prayer and teaching us the importance of the rosary in our Catholic faith.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to our entire community for the generosity shown in our October food drive. Thanks to your contributions our school was able to send approximately 100 pounds of food to St. John Fisher Parish! This food will be used to support families in need within our own community.

We also wish to thank you for your donations to our recent Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Our community raised nearly \$850 to keep Terry's dream alive!