

Virtue of the Month: *Conscience* OCSGE of the Month: *I Have Ideas & I Have Responsibilities*

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!**

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

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The last day of classes for 2023 is **Friday, December 20th, 2024.**

Parents/Guardians please note there are NO classes scheduled from December 21, 2024 to January 5, 2024 (inclusive).

VANIER VIKINGS VOLLEYBALL

We want to congratulate both our Intermediate Boys & Girls volleyball teams for great seasons through November. Both teams represented our school with pride and determination on the court! Showing great skill and teamwork, both our girls and boys teams persevered through some tough matches and each team placed 3rd overall in the recent mini tournament! Thanks to coaches Laporte and Simunec who wish to congratulate our student athletes for their commitment and effort.

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 also 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 available on a daily basis.

A Busy December Calendar!

The month of December is shaping up to be quite busy here at Georges Vanier School. Please note the dates of various events happening this month below.

December 2nd to 6th – Book Fair

December 3rd – Advent Liturgy, 10:30am @ St. John Fisher Parish Church

December 4th – Rosary Apostolate Visit / Christmas Open House

December 6th – Dental Screening (KG, Gr. 2, 4, 7)

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December 16th to 20th – Christmas Spirit Week (details to follow)

December 17th – Ballroom Dance Performance

December 20th – Last Day of Classes for 2024

Angel Giving Tree – Hope for All

Advent is the season of Hope. This year we are asking families to consider participating in our Angel Giving Tree initiative. Families will be asked to purchase a gift card (value of your choice) to a local store. These gift cards will be donated to the school and can be wrapped in a new hat, pair of socks or mittens which will hang on our Angel Tree in the front foyer. All donations will go to support families within our school community. More information will be provided to families soon.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, December 4th from 6 -8pm, our school will open its doors to our community to celebrate the season! Crafts, songs, stories, photos with Santa and more will be part of the fun. We invite all families to join us for this special event! Please RSVP to the school using the provided form sent home with students.

We Share the Air

Parents/Guardians are asked to remind their children that all scented products (e.g., lotions, perfumes, body sprays, etc.) are not permitted for use at school. We have many individuals in our community (staff and students) who are scent-sensitive and exposure to these products can cause allergic reactions or breathing challenges. Your assistance in keeping our school safe and healthy is much appreciated.

ADVENT MASS @ ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

On Tuesday, December 3rd our school will gather in prayer and worship at 10:30am at St. John Fisher Parish Church to prepare our hearts during the Advent Season for the birth of Christ. Father Liborio Amaral will preside over our mass. We welcome our parent/guardian community to join us in worship. Please kindly ensure permission forms are signed returned to the school promptly.