



# St. Gabriel Newsletter

May 1, 2018

## Exams Began April 18

As you should already know, exams for Cycle II and III are already in progress. Please ensure that your child is present and on time for these crucial exams.

## Lunch Fees

A friendly reminder that the last payment for lunch fees for this school year was **April 3, 2018**. This payment covers lunchtime supervision until the end of June. Failing to do so will affect outings, after school programs and lunch supervision for your child(ren).

## Walk to the Stone

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

For over 80 years, the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** has held a memorial at the Black Stone on Bridge Street to commemorate the loss of 6000 Irish souls – the annual “Walk to the Stone”. Once again, our students have been given the great honor of laying down wreaths on behalf of the school and the Order. There will be a mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gabriel Church and the walk will begin right after. Please join us for this momentous occasion.

## Piano Recital

Congratulations to the students from grades 2-6 who took part in the piano recital that was held at the McGill campus on April 7, 2018. A huge thank you goes to the **Volunteer McGill**



**Students** who make the “Heart of the City” program such a success with our students.

## BINGO Night

We would like to thank the P.P.O. for a well-organized Bingo Night. Over 120 people attended and fun was had by all. There was plenty of Bingo action, door prizes, food and some very happy winners. The final prize was a 49” curved HD Smart Television that was won by Ms. Cindy Dufke. The money collected will go towards our Grade 6 Graduation. Congratulations to all our winners!

## Coding Arcade Competition

Students from the SEEDS classes will be participating in the first ever coding competition at Nesbitt School on May 3, 2018. We take this opportunity to wish them much success!

## Earth Week

April 23-27 was designated as Earth Week at St. Gabriel School. Students celebrated the Earth and all that it gives us by helping to nurture it through

various activities such as, planting and recycling.

As well, on April 27, students cleaned, raked and



recycled, learning about the importance of helping to take care of their environment. “It makes a difference to all living things” was the message.

Students also learned about

reptiles and other animals through different animal preservation organizations, who visited.

## Spring Concert

Parents and the St. Gabriel School community are invited to our Spring Concert to be held on **June 14 at 5:30 p.m.** The doors will open at 5:10 p.m. A donation of \$4.00 will be asked at the door. This money will help support our growing music program.

## Welcoming New Teacher

Announcing Ms. Kathleen Laranjeiro as the new Grade 4-5 English teacher, replacing Ms. Anna Tzouvadakis. We take this opportunity to welcome her and wish her much success!

## JUNE 8 is a Regular School Day

Due to the snow storm on January 23, 2018 which resulted in a snow day, June 8, 2018 is no longer a PED Day. There will be regular classes with bussing, hot lunch and Daycare services.

## Mother’s Day Brunch

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a warm-hearted brunch to celebrate Mother’s on May 5, 2018 in the St. Gabriel School Bistro at 10:30 a.m.

## St. Gabriel’s ARTS FESTIVAL

First ever Art Festival will take place at St. Gabriel School starting June 6 with Grade 4 and 5 Theatrical productions and terminating with a Talent Show on June 20 and 21, 2018.

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## Parents' Corner

Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing, communication and concentration skills. It also inspires a lifelong love of reading. This month, I would like to share a free, award-winning children's literacy website

called **Storyline Online**. Storyline Online streams videos featuring actors and actresses reading a wide variety of English children's books. You can access StorylineOnline at: <http://www.storylineonline.net/> Your children will absolutely love this site!

Ms.

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## *Important Dates to Remember*

April 18	End of Cycle II, III exams begin
May 2	P.P.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 2-16	Anti-bullying Initiative
May 3	Coding Competition Nesbit School, SEEDS students
May 4	PED DAY- no school for students
May 5	Mother's Day Brunch 10:30 – 12:00
May 10	Skip Rope for Heart and Stroke Foundation
May 11	Grades 4, 5 Theatre Rehearsals at Olympic Stadium
May 13	Mother's Day
May 14	Grades 4, 5 Theatrical Production on Stage at Olympic Stadium First Lesson for Grade 3 in Swim to Survive program at Piscine St-Charles
May 16	Robotics Exposition Grade 5 Home and School Meeting 1:00 p.m. Wear Pink for Anti- Bullying Initiative
May 17	Halo Race at Mount Royal for some Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 students
May 19	Irish Dancing Feis at John Abbott
May 21	Victoria Day – Holiday – Festi-Point Celebration at Saint Charles Park
May 22	Governing Board Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Les Amis de la Montagne Trip Grades 3A, 3B, SEEDS 1
May 25	Science Fair Grade 5, 6
May 27	Walk to the Stone
May 28	Second Lesson for Grade 3 in Swim to Survive program at Piscine St-Charles
June 1	Theatrical Production "Red's In the Hood" Oscar Peterson Hall Grade 1
June 4	Third Lesson for Grade 3 in Swim to Survive program at Piscine St-Charles
June 5	Upper Canada village visit Grades 3, 4
June 6	Pre-School New students Welcome Initiative
June 6-21	Arts Festival at St. Gabriel School
June 7	Walk for Water a WE Initiative
June 8	EUREKA Science Trip Grades 5, 6, and Transitions
June 13	Field Day at Ash-LeBer Park
June 14	St. Gabriel School Spring Concert at 5:30 p.m.
June 15	Graduation Festivities for Grade 6
June 19	End of Year Festivities for Pre-School
June 21	Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Full Day.
June 22	Last Day of classes for Grade 1-6. Full day.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Jim Daskalakis

Principal

