



St. Gabriel Newsletter



August/September 2018

Message from the Principal:

The entire staff of St. Gabriel School joins me in wishing all new and returning parents a very sincere welcome to our St. Gabriel learning community. It is our firm belief that by working together, all things are possible



Newsletters:

At the beginning of each month you will be receiving a newsletter from the school. This newsletter will provide you with information regarding school activities as well as any changes made to the school's regular schedule / routine. Holidays and professional days for the month will also be listed. Along with this newsletter today, you will receive the following forms:

- Student Handbook for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. All information for Cycle I to Cycle III is found in their agenda. Please read the information in the Agenda, complete the first page and sign it. This shows us that you are aware and understand the information outlined in the agenda.
- Emergency Health Record Forms
- General information form
- Lunch registration form
- Memo regarding Governing Board elections
- 2018-2019 Calendar
- Consent to Photograph Form

The beginning of the year is at times overwhelming with all that needs to be done and the volume of paperwork that is generated. We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation in returning forms by the due dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school.

ST. GABRIEL DAYCARE PROGRAM

St. Gabriel School provides Daycare services with the EMSB. It is not just a Daycare service for our students but also incorporates a homework program, Arts and Crafts Centre and various physical activities. Its operating hours are from



9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Parents can drop their

children off at school and know that they will be taken care of until 6:00 p.m. Children can also be picked up any time before 6:00 p.m. Parents who wish to register their children with the Daycare program do not have to pay lunch supervision fees. Lunch fees for Daycare students are incorporated into the \$8.15/day Daycare fee. Come visit our Daycare and speak to our educators. It is a wonderful program for parents to take advantage of.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

New this year Pre-Kindergarten is now a full

day with the teacher.

SCHOOL HOURS:

The school hours are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

<u>Arrival:</u>	7:45 a.m.
<u>Morning Block:</u>	7:55 - 11:07 a.m.
<u>Recess:</u>	9:35 - 9:55 a.m.
<u>Lunch:</u>	11:07 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Block:</u>	12:25 - 2:25 p.m.
<u>Dismissal:</u>	2:25 p.m.

Elementary (Cycle I -III)

<u>Arrival:</u>	7:45 a.m.
<u>Morning Block:</u>	7:55 - 11:25 a.m.
<u>Recess:</u>	9:35 - 9:55 a.m.
<u>Lunch:</u>	11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Block:</u>	12:25 - 2:25 p.m.
<u>Dismissal:</u>	2:25 p.m.

Parents are asked to ensure that children



arrive at school on time, but not more than 10 minutes before any entry since there is no teacher on supervision before 7:45 a.m.

STAFF FOR 2018-2019

We welcome returning and new staff members.

Pre - Kindergarten	Julie Contenta
Kindergarten	Claudia Papandrea
	Christiane Doré
Cycle I Year 1	Vicky Romano
	Christine Chenier
Cycle I Year 2	Alison Prendergast
Cycle II Year 1	Anna Maria Loggia
	TBA
Cycle II Year 2	Viorica Saranuta
	Amanda Corber
Cycle III Year 1	Nicolas Murray
Cycle III Year 2	Melissa Robinson
SEEDS 1	Sarah Howard
CCW Technician	Corrine Rulmy
SEEDS 2	Elijah Abravanel
CCW Technician	Elliot Roth
Transition from SEEDS	Andrea Truffa
CCW Technician	Alison St Louis
English/French Resource	Angela Tournas
Phys. Ed	Mina Garoufalis
Music	John Dodge
Art	Naomi Aldrich
Daycare Technician	Maria Mattiace
Daycare Educator	Vanda Morellato
Librarian	Emilia Quintana
Spiritual Animator	Paolo Ruscito
Speech & Language	Emile Brown Tesolin
Occupational Therapist	Emma Brown
Psychologist	Maria Castellanos
Nurse	Mélanie Tremblay
Social Worker	Sarah-Anne Léger
Child Care Technician	Ann-Margaret Gero
Child Care Technician	Jessica Jean-Denis
Child Care Technician	Messitidis Ludmila
Child Care Attendant	Debbie Cambridge
Child Care Attendant	Ryan Gosine
Dental Hygienist	Sophie Paquin Petitjean
Secretary	Emily McCulloch
Caretaker-Day	Suzanne Garant



School Calendar:

Included in the Agenda is the complete 2018-2019 School calendar with all holidays and professional days outlined. We are sending a separate calendar as well for you to post.

School Photos:



The photographer will be taking school pictures on October 11, 2018. Please ensure that your child is dressed in school dress code. This means crested navy blue T-shirt and black or navy blue pants/skirts. No Green clothing.

Dress Code (Kindergarten to Grade 6):

As per a resolution passed at Governing Board, a **mandatory** dress code is in effect for all Kindergarten - Grade 6 students. The T-shirts can be purchased from the office for \$5.00 each, Polo is \$9.00. The dress code will be in effect as of August 30, 2018. In order for us to enforce our dress code your cooperation is necessary and greatly appreciated! We take pride as a group! (Please note that the dress code is optional for Pre-Kindergarten students.)

School Bus Transportation:

According to the School Board's Transportation Policy, only certain students will receive bus transportation. Parents should have received information regarding bus stops and schedules from the School Board.

Bus accommodation will be considered once available space on the bus is determined.



We will consider requests for accommodation bussing beginning with our Pre-K students, only when the following conditions are met:

- if there are **no outstanding fees** owing to the school
- and **current fees are paid on time** (see schedule)

Accommodation bussing will be reviewed monthly.

Students travelling to and from school are expected to exhibit proper behaviour so that safety is ensured. The consequence for improper behaviour may result in a letter being sent home or may lead to a suspension of bus privileges.

School Supply List:

Your child has received a school supply list from his/her teacher. We ask that students bring in their supplies as soon as possible. The supplies can be purchased from any major chain of stores.

General Assembly and Governing Board Elections:

An information session and election for our Governing Board will be held on **September 12, 2018 at 6:00. Childcare services will be available.**

FEES:

Lunch Supervision: Pre-K-Grade 6

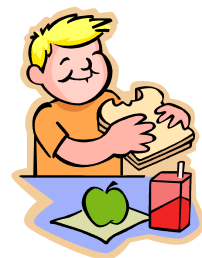
Lunch fees **\$ 25/month**

In order to assist our larger families, the maximum payment per family will be for two children.

School Fees: This fee is set at \$20/ child for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten and \$50 for grades 1 - 6. This cost includes workbooks agenda and worksheets for grades 1- 6.

Lunch Programs:

Lunch Supervision Program begins on August 28, 2018, the first day of school. The hot meal program begins on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Please complete the registration form for the lunch program as soon as possible.** If you choose to register your child in the lunch program you must provide a lunch until September 28, 2018. Please note that we have no microwaves. Children will only be allowed to stay in the lunch program if all fees are paid **in full** and the children are properly behaved. **Lunch supervision fees are payable, in cash only, to our school secretary. A receipt will be issued immediately for your records.**



Please conserve all receipts.

As you already know, **lunch supervision at St. Gabriel School is entirely financed by the parents of the children who use the service.** We do not receive any grants or subsidies from the government or the school

board for this service and is therefore, totally self-financed. All the fees collected are used to pay the salaries of our supervisors and cannot afford to incur a deficit.

Parents who have outstanding lunch supervision fees from the 2017-2018 academic school year will be notified to pick up their child at the front office at lunch time.

The Safety Of All Children

We ask that parents review the Agenda with their children. Since we want children to follow our good example as adults, we ask parents to follow some simple rules:

Pupils enter the school through the schoolyard entrances. Parents please do not follow your child into the school. If parents need to take care of school business, they are to enter the school only by the front entrance and stop at the office. **For the safety of all children, visitors are not permitted to circulate throughout the school. Children learn to respect rules through our example as adults. We appreciate your cooperation with regard to these few rules.**

St. Gabriel School Website:

www.stgabriel/emsb.qc.ca

Please visit our website regularly. All information and events are updated regularly. Information on student schedules, curriculum

and events, along with classroom information can be easily found through our school website.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All Extra Curricular Activities are subsidized. In order for students to participate in an Extra Curricular activity all **outstanding balances/fees must be settled** or the student will not be able to take part in the activity.



Encore!Sistema Strings (Violin and Cello) Program

This is an after school program which teaches students Violin and Cello and lifelong social behaviour. It is open to any student from Grade 1 to 6 and takes place Monday to Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in our school. This is a unique opportunity to learn and experience the world through vocal and instrumental music. Concerts with other orchestras are lined up throughout the year. Registration forms will be distributed in the near future. Program starts September 24, 2018.

Heart of the City Piano Program

This lunch time and afterschool program will teach the students piano and keyboarding techniques. There are two recitals at McGill University at the end of the year. Registration forms will be distributed in the near future.

Irish Dancing

This after school one day a week program adds culture to grace and physical endurance open to all students from Grade 2 to Grade 6. Two Feis may be part of the repertoire for this activity. Registration will take place soon.

St. Gabriel School Youth Choir A unique Choir program for Grades 1-6. This program will be conducted by a vocal specialist during lunch. Registration forms will go out at the beginning of September. Please sign your child up for this amazing experience.

St. Gabriel Home & School Association:

Our Home & School Association will be sending home a memo shortly informing parents of their first meeting. Home & School is responsible for fundraising at St. Gabriel School and this past year provided several additional activities and field trips for our students. Please make every effort to become a member.

Welcome Back Activity – DYNAMIX and PIZZA /CORN ROAST

There will be a welcome back to school celebration for all pupils on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. **Generations Foundation** is generously providing a lunch consisting of pizza, corn on the cob and juice. If your child does not eat pizza or corn, please send them with a lunch.

Arriving on Time

We are all governed by schedules and it is important that children learn early that it is important to be **on time**. School starts at 7:55. If your child takes the bus to school, emphasize to them the importance of leaving early and arriving at their bus stop on time. Pupils should be at their bus stop at least ten minutes earlier than the arrival of the bus. If children walk to school, get them accustomed to leaving home early, so that they may arrive to school on time.

Absences

Please remember to call our school secretary, at **514 934-2111** in the morning (7:30 - 9:00 a.m.) if your child will be absent. Also telephone to advise us if your child is not returning to school after lunch. **Please note that the office is closed from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**



Nut Allergies

Most schools are “peanut free”. Please read School Board Food Allergy information in agenda. We ask that you do not send nuts, peanut butter, or Nutella in your child’s lunch as children who are allergic may have life threatening reactions.

Lost Items

Each year, literally hundreds of items of clothing find their way to the Lost and Found area in the locker room, with no way of identifying the owner. Please use a permanent marker to identify your child’s clothing so that they may be returned to their rightful owners ASAP.

St. Columba House After-School Program

Saint Columba House looks forward to welcoming you back for another school year. The After School program will begin September 17, 2018.

Pointe-Saint-Charles YMCA

Please contact Michelle Johnson at: 514- 935 - 4711 or www.ymcaquebec.org for information. The After School Program starts August 28, 2018.

Share the Warmth:

Visit their website www.partageonslespoir.ca / sharethewarmth.ca or call 514-933-5599

Important Dates to Remember

August 28	First day of classes
August 29	Snack program begins
September 3	Labour Day
September 4	Welcome back activity Pizza and Corn Roast lunch and Team Building Activities - Dynamix
September 12	General Assembly, Governing Board Elections 6:00 p.m.
September 18	Geordie Production Theatre "Little Witch"
September 20	Curriculum Night (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and BBQ
September 21	PED DAY- no school for students
October 1	PED DAY School Board -Elections Day- no school for students
October 2	Hot meal lunch program begins
October 11	School Photos

Jim Daskalakis
Principal

**WELCOME
EVERYONE**

