



St. Gabriel Newsletter



January 6, 2020

A Great, 'THANK YOU' to

The **Generations Foundation** for the wonderful Christmas gifts that our students received.

Santa Claus for making a special visit to our school.

Teachers for organizing and preparing our Pyjama Breakfast on December 19, 2019.

The **St. Gabriel staff** for preparing and serving a delicious breakfast to all the students.

Last, but not least, **Mona, Natalie and Amanda**, for decorating the school.

Food Baskets

We would like to thank the parents who sent non-perishable food items for our Christmas Baskets. We were able to donate 25 shopping bags of food, gifts and clothing to St. Gabriel Parish.

Holiday Concert

St. Gabriel parents and friends were treated to a wonderful Holiday Concert on December 12, 2019. We would like to thank Mr. John Dodge, our music teacher, our Choir Conductor Catherine Trainor and Irish Dance Instructor, Carol Clifton as well as all of our teachers for their hard work. Lastly, a big congratulations to our students for playing their instruments as well as singing and dancing so beautifully.

Toy Tea

Many thanks to the parents that contributed to the Toy Tea event which took place on December 11, 2019 at Westmount Centre. All funds and toys went to help less fortunate children during the holiday season.

Calling the School Office

Parents are reminded that they should call the school office at 514-934-2111 when their child is absent or will be late. Also, it is essential that the school be advised when home and/or emergency telephone numbers are changed.

Early Dismissal and Bus Schedule Changes

Please call the office before 1:00 p.m. for any changes to the afterschool bus and/or pick up schedule. Students whose parents are late more than 15 minutes will be placed in Daycare and parents will be charged sporadic Daycare fees of \$11.

Encore!Sistema/Irish Programs

The Encore!Sistema after-school program will resume as of January 8, 2020.

A letter will go out to inform parents of when our "Irish Dancing" classes will begin again.

Dancing

Winter Clothing

Please ensure that your child leaves home dressed appropriately, according to the weather of the day. Students need fresh air and will be going out at recess, as long as weather permits.

Please ensure that your child brings a pair of shoes to school. Students will not be permitted to stay in boots all day.

Kindergarten Parent Corner

The **Encyclopedia of Early Childhood Development** is a multilingual website providing families with scientific knowledge on a wide range of early childhood development topics, from conception to age five. Families can also sign up to receive a free newsletter.

You can access the **Encyclopedia of Early Childhood Development** website at:

www.child-encyclopedia.com

“Children are our most valuable resource.”-
Herbert Hoover

Candice Madden, Kindergarten Transition

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6	First day back to school
January 8	Museum of Fine Art - Grade 4
January 14	6:30 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
January 10	Pre - Kindergarten at the Sainte-Charles Library
January 27- 30	Heritage Week
January 28	Home and School Meeting- 1:00 p.m.
January 30	OPEN HOUSE 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
January 31	PED Day No school for students

Jim Daskalakis
Principal

**Wishing you and your family peace, health and
happiness for 2020**

