



St. Gabriel Newsletter



September 2019

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:

- All information for Pre-Kindergarten 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
- 2019-2020 Calendar
- Consent to Photograph Form
- New time table hours with afternoon recess

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 off their children and they will be taken care of until 6:00 p.m. Children can 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 \$8.35 per day Daycare fee. Come visit our Daycare and speak to our educators. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents to take advantage of.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN IMMERSION PROGRAM

New this year Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be entirely in French.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Parents can drop off their children at 7:00 a.m. at the school for those parents that start work early. We will provide morning snacks and take care of students until school begins. This is **NOT** a Daycare service. Please see Emily in office for registration.

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>Morning Recess</u>	9:35 - 9:55 a.m.
<u>Lunch:</u>	11:07 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Block:</u>	12:20 - 1:20 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Recess</u>	1:20 - 1:40 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Block:</u>	1:40 - 2:40 p.m.
<u>Dismissal:</u>	2:40 p.m.

Elementary (Cycle I -III)

<u>Arrival:</u>	7:45 a.m.
<u>Morning Block:</u>	7:55 - 11:20 a.m.
<u>Morning Recess:</u>	9:35 - 9:55 a.m.
<u>Lunch:</u>	11:25 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Block:</u>	12:25 - 2:25 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Recess</u>	1:20 - 1:40 p.m.
<u>Afternoon Block:</u>	1:40 - 2:40 p.m.
<u>Dismissal:</u>	2:40 p.m.

Parents are asked to ensure that children arrive at school on time, but not more than 10 minutes before any entry time since there is no teacher on supervision before 7:45 a.m.



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.

STAFF FOR 2019-2020

We welcome returning and new staff members.

Pre - Kindergarten	Michelle Warner	
	TBA	
Kindergarten	Samantha Djuran	
	Christiane Doré	
Cycle I Year 1	Vicky Romano	
	Claudia Papandrea	
	Christine Chenier	
Cycle I Year 2	Alison Prendergast	
Cycle II Year 1	Anna Maria Loggia	
	Christelle Sleiman	
Cycle II Year 2	Elaina Uniat	
	Hyeyoung Cho	
Cycle III Year 1	Viorica Saranuta	
	TBA	
Cycle III Year 2	Melissa Robinson	
SEEDS 1	Sarah Howard	
Behavior Technician	Corrine Ruimy	
SEEDS 2	Elijah Abravanel	
Behavior Technician	Elliot Roth	
Transition from SEEDS	Andrea Truffa	
Behavior Technician	Sabrina Di Nno	
English/French Resource	Angela Tournas	
Phys. Ed	Mina Garoufalis	
Music	John Dodge	
Art/Drama	Naomi Aldrich	
Drama/Entrepreneurship	Katherine Childs	
Daycare Technician	Maria Mattiace	
Daycare Educator	Vanda Morellato	
Daycare Educator	Alexandra Toufexis.	
Librarian	Emilia Quintana	
Spiritual Animator	Paolo Ruscito	
Speech & Language	Emile Brown Tesolin	
Psychologist	Maria Castellanos	
Nurse	Mélanie Tremblay	
Social Worker	Sarah Ann Leger	
Behavior Technician	Amanda	Branch
Chantelle		
Behavior Technician	Kate Manni	
Behavior Technician	Messitidis Ludmila	
Child Care Attendant	Debbie Cambridge	
Child Care Attendant	Ryan Gosine	
Child Care Attendant	Jessica Fitzgerald	
Child Care Attendant	Mark Andrew Bonneville	
Dental Hygienist	Sophie Paquin Petitjean	
Secretary	Emily McCulloch	
Caretaker-Day	Albert Dorman	
Caretaker-Night	Beresford Gillespie	



School Calendar:

Included in the Agenda is the complete 2019-2020 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 10, 2019. 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.

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, 2019 at 6:00. Childcare will be available.**

FEES:

Lunch Supervision: Pre-K-Grade 6 Fees

Lunch fees **\$ 25 per month**

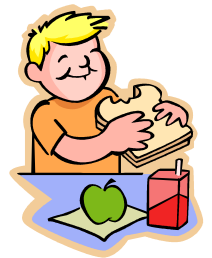
In order to assist our larger families, the maximum payment per family will be for two children.

School Fees

This fee is set at \$25 per child for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. It is \$50 per child for grades 1-6. This cost includes workbooks agenda and worksheets for grades 1-6.

Lunch Programs:

Lunch Supervision Program begins on September 3, 2019, the first day of school. The hot meal program begins on **Monday, October 7, 2019.** 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 October 4, 2019. 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 it has to be totally self-financed. All the fees collected are used to pay the salaries of the supervisors the school cannot incur a deficit. Parents who have outstanding lunch supervision fees from 2018-2019 academic school year will be notified to pick up their child at the front office at lunch time.

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.

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 in 2019-2020. The crested T-shirts and Polo can be purchased from the office. Also available this year are sweatshirts with a St. Gabriel logo for \$15.00. The dress code will be in effect as of September 4, 2019. 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.)

of September. Please sign your child up for this amazing experience.

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, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:45 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.

Heart of the City Piano Program

This lunch time and afterschool program teaches 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. It is open to all students from Grade 2 to Grade 6. Two Feis are part of the repertoire for students that are ready to participate in this activity. Registration will take place soon.

St. Gabriel School Youth Choir A unique Choir program for Grade 1-6. This program will be conducted by a vocal specialist during lunch. Registration forms will go out at the beginning

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 **Monday, September 9, 2019**. 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**. 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 – 8:30 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. 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 16, 2019.

Pointe-Saint-Charles YMCA

Please contact Michelle Johnson at:
514- 935 - 4711 or www.ymcaquebec.org for
information. The After School Program starts
September 3, 2019.

Share the Warmth:

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

September 2	Labour Day
September 3	First day of classes
September 3	Snack program begins
September 9	Welcome back activity Pizza and Corn Roast lunch
September 12	General Assembly, Governing Board Elections 6:00 p.m.
September 16	Geordie Production Theatre "Water Chronicles"
September 19	Curriculum Night (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and BBQ
September 20	PED DAY- no school for students
October 10	School Photos
October 7	Hot meal lunch program begins

Jim Daskalakis
Principal

**WELCOME
EVERYONE**

