



Saint Gabriel

January/February

Newsletter

Dear St. Gabriel Families

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership. The first part of the school year has been filled with learning, growth, and wonderful moments that remind us of the strength of our school community.

The holidays are a time to pause, reflect, and cherish time with loved ones. I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and create lasting memories together. When we return in January, we look forward to continuing our journey of learning and discovery with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you for being an essential part of our school family, we couldn't do this without you!

January will be a great time to set new goals and encourage positive habits.

We have some fun learning activities planned this month, and we look forward to seeing your child grow and succeed. Thank you for your continued support!

Please remind your child to dress warmly for outdoor recess.

Celebrating Kindness and Learning

February is all about friendship, kindness, and caring for one another. We will be focusing on these values in class and encouraging families to talk about them at home.

Thank you for partnering with us to make our school a warm and welcoming place for every child!

Ms. Caruso

Principal

January mentions events and reminders:

- Our Book Fair was a huge success we sold 2 740 books/items and our school received 822\$ Scholastic Dollars for our teachers
- **Monday, January. 5th, 2026**, is the first day back from the holiday break.
- **Wednesday, January 14th, 2026**, ECO HEROS visit cycle 2 and 3
- **Friday, January 16th, 2026**, Langemobile will be offering Dance Workshops in French to the cycle 1 students. This activity will run every Friday till Friday, February 20th, 2026.
- **Tuesday, January 20th, 2026**, our community officer will be presenting an Anti-Bullying Presentation to the Grade 6 Students.
- **Friday, January 23rd, 2026**, K4-K5 Vision Screening
 - **Monday, January 26th, 2026**, Open House (ped day for our students, daycare will be open)
 - **Thursday January 29th, 2026**, French Author Cara Carmina will be assisting workshop with grade 1 and grade 2 students.
- **Friday January 30th, 2026**, French Author Cara Carmina will be assisting workshop with grade 3 and grade 4 students.
- **Kind Kids workshop for K4-K5** (beginning in January for 8 consecutive weeks)
- **Breath and Movement workshop Cycle 1**(beginning in January for 7 consecutive weeks)

Join Our Fun School Clubs!

Lunch Clubs	
 Grade One Lunch Club Wednesday at lunch	 Choir Every Tuesday at lunch
 Band Every Wednesday & Thursday at lunch	 Yearbook Club Every second Thursday 11:30-12:15
 Yearbook Wednesday at lunch	 Open Gym Thursday at lunch
 Open Gym Thursday at lunch	 Stretch & Strength Club Every day 1:20-1:40
 Eveng day 1:20-1:40	 Soccer Jr Tuesday at lunch
Special Clubs	
 20th Century Conflict Club Twice per week 11:25-12:20	 Special Events Committee (Kindness & Spirit) Every second Thursday 11:25-11:55
 Chess Club Tuesday at lunch	


February mentions, events and reminders:

- **Tuesday, February 10th, 2026**, Class 2A and 3A will enjoy Geordie production **AHOY! By Jojo O'Neill**



Alexie is a pirate!... Actually, he's a six-year-old boy. But he reads a lot about pirates. One in particular, the legendary Captain Algy Stargazer. And now, Alexie will have to put his lessons to the test. After a mysterious storm separates him from his mother, Alexie finds himself in the crow's nest of a dangerous pirate ship, launching him, and his new seagull comrade Quack, into their own nautical adventure. A play about family, home, and where home truly is, "AHOY !!" follows Alexie, as he uses what he's learned from his favorite pirate novels in order return to his mother, running into bumbling pirates, dancing stars in the sky, and endless hijinks along the way.

- **Monday, February 23rd, 2026**, Cycle 3 Field trip École de cirque de Verdun (Verdun Circus School)

- **Monday, February 23rd, 2026, through Thursday February 26th, 2026**
Friendship week and Carnival (info to come)
- **Tuesday, February 24th, 2026**, Report cards ready on Mozaik 
- **Thursday, February 26th, 2026**, Pink Shirt Day
- **Thursday, February 26th, 2026**, Parent Teacher interviews (info to come)
- **Upcoming GB meetings (in person or virtual):**
 - ~~Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 (in person)~~
 - ~~Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 (virtual)~~
 - Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 (virtual)
 - Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 (virtual)
 - Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 (TBD)
 - Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 (in person)
 - Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 (in person)
 - Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 (in person)

Improvement Updates

We're pleased to share an update regarding improvements to our school grounds:

A New outdoor yard space on Wellington for K4-K5 and grade 1 has been created and the students will be able to begin using the space in January.

Eco School Update

There are lots of green initiatives happening around the school! We'll be keeping things eco-friendly at our upcoming PJ Breakfast by using compostable plates and cutlery. In January, Éco Héros will be visiting the school to present to Cycle 2 and 3 about wildlife, ecosystems, and environmental sustainability. The Grade 6 can, and bottle drive is still underway, so please keep sending in your recyclables. Waste Free Monday continues each week; remember to pack a waste free lunch every Monday. Looking ahead, start collecting old clothing for the Super Recyclers clothing drive coming up in April.

Ms. Shannon has also been busy leading a variety of hands-on eco projects with Seeds, Transitions, and Daycare. Students have been building sparrows and saw whet owl houses, learning about indoor plant propagation and care, going on outdoor education and observation walks, setting up and maintaining a vermicomposter, and more!

Daycare Update

In January, daycare will be starting the year with more fun themed activities for the children. We will also be welcoming Everblast Sports Company for a special Ped Day. During this visit, the children will participate in activities such as "Laser Tag" and "Strike a Match."

Additionally, the children will enjoy Chocolate Milk and Marshmallows with The “Yummy Yummy” Club!

In February, we are planning to have the Mr. Beaver’s truck visit for the children. We will also be incorporating Valentine’s Day–themed activities, along with opportunities for the children to engage in new learning experiences through themed games and songs.

PPO Update: *The PPO Pulse*

Updates to come in the New Year

Home and School Update

On Tuesday December 16th, we gave out our Chocolate Bar Drive Prizes to 3 lucky winners. This year we had a top seller and a tie for second place. Therefore, the prizes were 50\$ gift certificate to Carrefour Angrignon for our top seller and a 35\$ gift certificate to the same mall for each of our second-place winners.

For Breakfast with Santa, we gave out candy canes to all the students and during lunchtime on December 18th, we gave the students a Holiday Treat (cookie or cupcake).

Happy Holidays to all! Good health for the New Year!

A message from *Ahlia Mathura*

Projet IMF – Intervention Milieu-Famille/Family Outreach

Programme Access-Loisirs 2025-2026

January 14th, from 2 pm to 6 pm, at the Lorne Center (2390 rue de Ryde), registrations will be held for the Accès Loisirs. This program offers leisure activities free of charge for families and individuals with lower incomes. Just come with all your documents ready and leave with a fun activity to start off the new year!

As the holidays are already here, there won't be anyone to receive any new donations, and we currently have plenty to sort through. I won't be including any information on this for the newsletter. However, if people want to know where to donate in the neighborhood, here's a quick list.

- Friperie de Madame Prend Congé (1900 Grand Trunk): clothes and various items
- Maison du Partage d'Youville (2221 Coleraine) : clothes and food
- Share the Warmth (drop-off box at the Clinic at 500 Ash) : non-perishable food goods, see specific list [here](#)
- Familles en Action (1909 Centre): clothing and items for 0 to 5 y/o
- Point de Couture (1130 Charlevoix): clothing and various items