



# Saint Gabriel

## March/April

## Newsletter



Dear St. Gabriel Families

As we move into March and April, I'm reminded of how much growth, energy, and possibility these months bring to our school community. The longer days, the return of warmer weather, and the excitement of spring create a wonderful atmosphere for learning, creativity, and connection.

March gives us the chance to celebrate perseverance and renewal. Students are showing resilience and pushing themselves academically and socially. During the month of March, we will be celebrating French literacy through various school wide activities.

April invites us to embrace curiosity, kindness, and fresh starts. Together, these months offer a perfect opportunity to reinforce our shared values and highlight the strengths of our school. Stay tuned for a Save the day for the April Celebration of Learning.

I continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication of our students, staff, and families. Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping make our school a place where every child feels valued, encouraged, and ready to thrive. I look forward to a vibrant and meaningful spring season together.

Ms. Caruso

Principal

## March mentions events and reminders:



March 2-6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 March Break

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Beginning of Health and Wellness Workshop for grade 2-3-4

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Ped Day. Daycare will be available for those that register

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Breakdancing with Sonik Boom grade 5-6-Seeds C and Transitions



March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Students and staff are encouraged to WEAR GREEN for St. Patrick's Day

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

## April mentions, events and reminders:

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, No School and No Daycare

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, No School and No Daycare



April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Earth Day activities

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Governing Board meeting 6:30pm

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, FSL end of cycle exams begins

## Eco School Update

We are happy to announce that we have been awarded the Jane Goodall Institute A.P.E. Grant, a \$1,000 grant to support our Butterfly Paradise Project. The grant money will go toward the purchase of painted lady caterpillars for classroom raising, observation, and release; butterfly-friendly plants for our growing pollinator garden; and educational outdoor signage to help students and visitors learn about pollinators and habitat conservation.

We are also looking ahead to our Earth Week celebrations. Our Earth Week Committee has been formed and is already brainstorming exciting eco-friendly activities for that week, with more information to come soon. The Grade 6 can and bottle drive is still underway, so please continue sending in your recyclables. Waste-Free Monday continues each week, and we encourage everyone to pack a waste-free lunch every Monday. Please start collecting gently used clothing for the Super Recyclers Clothing Drive which will be happening on April 22.

Ms. Shannon is continuing her eco initiative with lots of outdoor snow play and exploration. Students in the SEEDS and Transition classes are starting hollyhocks to support painted lady butterflies and planting milkweed and dill from seed for monarch and black swallowtail butterflies. Students in daycare are practicing houseplant propagation and plant care.

## Daycare Update

For the month of March, the daycare will be celebrating the spring season with a variety of fun and engaging activities. Everblast Play Company will be visiting our Centre to host interactive games for the children, including mini-putt and a hamster wheel. In addition, our daycare educators will be planning and facilitating spring-themed activities and games to further enrich the children's experiences.

In April, we will be celebrating the spring holidays with special activities for the children. These will include an egg hunt and Easter egg painting. Chocolate treats and fun pastries will also be provided for snacks in honor of the season and upcoming holidays.

We are excited to share our upcoming Ped Day activities planned for the children from February through June. These special pedagogical days are designed to be fun, engaging, and memorable experiences for all students.

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> — Sweet Treats & Cooking Fun**

We will welcome the BeaverTails food truck to the school! In addition, children will roll up their sleeves to make pizza dough and prepare homemade pizzas from scratch — a delicious hands-on experience.

### **March 26<sup>th</sup> — Sports Adventure Day\*\***

Get ready for action! Students will enjoy archery and pool soccer activities led by Everblast Play Company, encouraging teamwork, movement, and fun outdoor play.

### **May 1<sup>st</sup> — Healthy & Sweet Celebration**

Our annual Pet Day with Mr. Puffs returns as their food truck visits the school. Children will also learn to make veggie sushi, creating a balanced day of sweet treats and healthy choices.

### **June 1<sup>st</sup> — Carnival End-of-Year Party**

To celebrate the school year, we will host a carnival-themed Ped Day featuring the Wild Willy's Ice Cream truck serving ice cream to the children — a perfect way to kick off summer fun.

We are thrilled to provide these enriching and joyful experiences for our students and to give back to our school community.

We look forward to celebrating together!

## PPO Update: *The PPO Pulse*

### **A Message of Gratitude from the PPO**

The PPO would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the entire St. Gabriel's community for your incredible support to our fundraising initiatives. The participation and generosity of our families play a vital role in enriching the quality of education and care our children receive every day.

Here is a look at what has been accomplished so far this year:

**Haunted House & Bake Sale:** Thanks to your generosity, each teacher received \$80 to spend on their classroom. These funds were used for books for class libraries, headsets, kinetic sand, glitter and regular glue, magnetic hooks, Expo dry-erase markers, glue sticks, Sharpies, and Canada copybooks.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Each teacher received \$80 scholastic credit to select new books for their classroom library, helping to grow a love of reading across every grade.

**Ms. Carley's Craft Kids** Through their creativity and hard work, Ms. Carley's Craft Kids raised \$110, which will be donated to a local women's shelter in our community — a wonderful reminder that giving back extends beyond our school walls.

The lovely **holiday cards** created by the talented Lisa Rutledge raised 78\$ that have been put towards the sixth-grade graduation fund.

Thank you again for making all this possible. We look forward to continuing this incredible momentum together!

## Home and School Update

February ended with us treating the staff to some delicious goodies for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

In March we will once again treat the staff and students to some goodies for St. Patrick's Day at lunch hour.

We have no definite plans for April. If we come up with a fundraising idea we will inform everyone.

Thank you for your continued support!

## *A message from Ahlia Mathura*

Projet IMF – Intervention Milieu-Famille/Family Outreach

- **Art Hive at the Lorne Center / Ruche d'Art au Centre Lorne**

The Art Hive (La Ruche d'Art) is a place where you can let your creativity run wild! Open to all ages, the hive offers a wide range of art and craft supplies free of charge so you can work on all sorts of awesome art projects. Bring your family and friends, bring something to snack on, and enjoy the moment! You can also often find a family outreach worker there who can answer your questions about community resources. This activity will take place on the second-to-last Wednesday of each month and continue until the month of June. Upcoming dates: February 18 and March 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- **Newsletter / Infolettre Action-Gardien**

The Action-Gardien Newsletter is your one stop to get local news and community updates. Want to know what is going on with future developments in the neighborhood? Curious about our local groups' upcoming activities and initiatives? Sign up to the newsletter of your neighborhood round table Action-Gardien (PSC Community Development Corporation / CDC de Pointe-Saint-Charles) to stay informed! To subscribe to the email list visit <https://www.actiongardien.org/restez-au-courant> .

- **Pre-registration for Affordable summer camps / Pré-inscription camps de vacance abordables**

Would you like your child to enjoy a new experience in a supervised environment? Do you need a break as a parent/guardian? Can't afford it?

The IMF Project and the Clinic offer low-income families in the neighbourhood the opportunity to send their children to summer camp at minimal cost. Your child could go for one or two weeks during the summer of 2026, with meals and accommodation included. Families will be asked to make a financial contribution. Deadline to send in forms: March 8th, 2026.