



Saint Gabriel School

May/June

Newsletter

Dear St. Gabriel Families

As we enter the final months of the school year, May and June bring a wonderful mix of reflection, celebration, and anticipation. Our school is buzzing with learning, creativity, and excitement as students proudly demonstrate all they have accomplished this year.



These months are filled with important milestones—end-of-year projects, assessments, field trips, special events, and celebrations of learning. They are also a valuable time for students to continue building strong habits, staying engaged, and finishing the year with confidence and pride. Your ongoing support at home makes a meaningful difference, and we thank you for being such active partners in your child’s education.



June also gives us the opportunity to celebrate growth—academic, social, and personal. We are incredibly proud of our students’ perseverance, kindness, and enthusiasm, and we are grateful for the dedication of our staff who work each day to support their success.

Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration. Wishing you and your family a joyful end to the school year and a safe, relaxing summer ahead.

Ms. Caruso

Principal

May mention events and reminders:

Be on the lookout for special invitations from Ms. Naomi for Play and Arts Performances



Freezie Fridays the entire month of May and June!

Jersey Wednesday's the entire month of May and June for a 2\$ contribution! All funds collected have been approved to go to end of year activities. We encourage all types of Jerseys or team t-shirts/tops.

May 1st, 2026, Ped Day

May 1st-11th, 2026 Grade 6 FSL Exams

May 5th, 2026, Grade 6 Graduation Pictures

May 13th, 2026, Halo Race

May 14th, 2026, Grade 6 Graduation Field Trip

May 18th, 2026, No school/No daycare

May 19th-May 30th, 2026, Grade 6 ELA Exam

May 21st, 2026, School Wide Music Performance from Stelly's Secondary School

May 27th, 2026, Governing Board meeting @ 6:30 (in person at the school)

May 29th, 2026, Universe of Play workshop for K4-K5 students and their families. (invitation to come)



June mention events and reminders:

June 1st, 2026 Ped Day. Daycare is open

June 9th – 11th, 2026, Grade 6 Math Exam

June 8th-19th, 2026, Art Festival

June 11th, 2026, Spring Concert (evening invitation to come)

June 19th, 2026, Field Day

June 22nd, 2026, Pre-school end of year festivities and Grade 6 Moving on Ceremony

June 23rd, 2026, St. Gabriel Talent Show (invitation to come)

Eco School Update

We celebrated Earth Week, and it was a huge success! Students participated in Waste-Free Monday, planted beans in recycled milk cartons, worked on a mural made from recycled materials, celebrated Earth Hour, and contributed to the [Les Super Recycleurs](#) clothing drive. Thank you to everyone who made donations—we collected 379 kg of items and were awarded \$195. These funds will be used to support eco-initiatives in the school. To wrap up the week, students enjoyed extra time outdoors in celebration of Take Me Outside Day.

Continuing our Earth Week efforts, we will be holding our annual community clean-up on April 29 in collaboration with [Éco-quartier Sud-Ouest](#). Students will collect litter in the school yard, around the school, and at Parc Marguerite-Bourgeoys, helping to make our neighbourhood cleaner and greener.

We are excited to share that our school has been selected to participate in [Bug Quest](#), in collaboration with the University of Guelph's Centre for Biodiversity Genomics. As part of this program, we will set up a collection trap and gather insect samples from our local environment. These samples will be analyzed and identified during the 2026–2027 school year, giving students a unique opportunity to contribute to real scientific research while learning about biodiversity and ecosystems firsthand.

We are also happy to share that our school was chosen by the [Canadian Wildlife Federation's Wild Spaces](#) program to receive a generous selection of native pollinator plants, helping to enhance and enrich our growing garden. We are also making great progress on our Jane Goodall APE Grant project to create a butterfly sanctuary. We are expecting a delivery of Painted Lady caterpillars in the coming week. Working with Ms. Shannon, our SEEDS, Transition, and daycare students will have the opportunity to care for and observe their transformation before releasing them into the garden. We are currently mapping out the space and selecting butterfly-friendly plants for the site.

In addition to supporting the butterfly project, Ms. Shannon has been engaging students in outdoor exploration and observation, baking with foraged ingredients, and caring for seedlings. In the coming weeks, students will begin transplanting their seedlings and will assist in planting and maintaining our garden.

Daycare Update

In April, we celebrated Earth Day with fun and engaging in the "Go Green Scavenger Hunt" encouraging students to explore and appreciate the environment. Our Yummy Yummy Club prepared freshly squeezed lemonade and iced tea for all daycare students to enjoy. We also launch our very first *Sewing with Ms Joy* giving students an opportunity to learn new creative skills.

In May, we will be celebrating "Daycare Week" to recognize both our dedicated staff and amazing students. Staff will receive small fruit baskets as a token of appreciation for their hard work throughout the year. The students can look forward to games, prizes, and special treats. We will also be welcoming Mr. Puffs truck for a fun and delicious visit for our Ped Day.

June will be a month full of fun, celebration, and special memories for our daycare children.

One of our highlights will be a visit from Wild Willy's Ice Cream Truck during our Ped Day celebration! The children will also take part in exciting carnival games and festive activities, along with plenty of outdoor summer fun and bubbles.

We are especially excited for the butterfly release with Ms. Shannon, where the children will proudly unveil the butterflies, they have helped nurture during our project.

May 1st — Healthy & Sweet Celebration

Our annual Ped 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 1st — Carnival End-of-Year Party

PPO Update: *The PPO Pulse*

Nothing to report at this time.

Home and School Update

During the month of May and June we will be preparing for the grade 6 graduation. We will also be checking to see what we have in decorations and what we will need to purchase or make for the event. We will give out a 200.00\$ scholarship to one of our graduates at the graduation event.

A message from *Ahlia Mathura*

- **[Festi-Pointe / Festi-Puces](#) :**

The Festi-Puces flea market is back this year as part of the Festi-Pointe, the 34th edition of the Pointe-Saint-Charles block party taking place **May 16th between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.** ! Expect community kiosks, musical acts, hot-dogs, and much more ! This festive gathering is organized by Action-Gardien, the Pointe-Saint-Charles community development corporation.

Need more information ? Want to reserve a table ? Click this link :

<https://forms.gle/V2dFDkZFEgwmkrUr6> or contact Camille, Festi-Puces Action-Gardien coordinator. camille@actiongardien.org, 514-509-0795

- **[Bric-à-Brac Backpack Distribution Donation Campaign](#) :**
Registration and Donation Campaign for the Bric-à-Brac backpack distribution began in April. Action-Gardien will provide 250 backpacks with school supplies to the families of the Point ! For information about registration, contact your family outreach workers : Wisely Louis (wisely@actiongardien.org ; 514-884-4369) & Ahlia Mathura (ahlia@actiongardien.org ; 514-895-9251). Help us reach this goal by donating here : <https://www.tiing.co/bric-a-brac-de-la-rentree-2026/>

- **Summer Day Camp registrations :**
 - Maison Saint Columba House, registration open since [March 30th](#).
Registration link : <https://forms.office.com/r/p9GPzdNndQ>
 - LCSO, registration open since [February 27th](#).
Registration link : <https://shorturl.at/LACQo>

The family outreach team/Projet IMF at Action-Gardien will be taking some time off during the summer. You can always leave us a message or send us an email, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Take care, till next school year!