

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Volleyball Training Season Begins  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> PLD No School (Election)  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween @ school

# St. Gabriel School Newsletter

October 16/2020

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## Principal's Desk

St. Gabriel School students and staff continue to be grateful for the opportunity to learn together in our building. Our start up goals were to make sure students feel safe and happy despite the changes required. I hope that your children have expressed what I am seeing in the building – joyful smiles. Staff continue to adjust to changes in expectations and are doing an incredible job.

With your absence from the building, many hallway conversations with your child's teachers have not occurred. Please feel free to reach out with teachers if you have questions.

After discussion with the Town of Biggar, it has been decided to alter the signage in front of our school. We have worked hard to educate families on the parking situation in front of the school and along 8<sup>th</sup> Street East.

The safety of students has always been a priority. However, we still have many vehicles stopping in the middle of the road to drop off or pick up students. We hope the drop-off/ pick-up zone solves this issue.



This zone is between the two cross walks (to the east of our entry sidewalk.)

**Halloween activities** will occur for most of the school on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. You can expect classroom specific details to come from your child's homeroom teacher. With health guidelines in place we want to share the following from GSCS:

- Treats are not to be sent to the school for distribution.
- Families need to consider the following protocols for this year if they choose to allow costumes:
  - Costumes need to be simple enough to allow students to wear them all day while participating in their regular school day activities. This includes following GSCS masking protocols.
  - Costumes are to be worn to school to avoid having students change. This also limits bringing in additional clothing articles from home.

## CSCC Information

Our November Virtual Meeting is on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We welcome participation from any parents that are interested in attending. Contact the office for more information.

### Our 2020 -2021 CSCC

Melissa Silvernagle	- Chair	Kristy Smith	- Vice-Chair
Angela Pollock	- Secretary	Tammy Molberg	- Co-Treasurer
Jennifer Mundt	- Co-Treasurer	Candace Kennon	
Hailey Metz		Nichole Sittler	
Christine Eytcheson	- Staff Rep.	Rick Garchinski	- Administrator
TBD	- Board Rep.		

## Friends of... Information

We look forward to supporting the St. Gabriel School community. Fundraising events are in the works... Cash Calendar (more details to come); Growing Smiles Winter Plant Sale: November 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>; Pickup date: December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Sports

### Cross-Country Training

Our brief cross-country training season has come to an end. We would like to thank Mrs. Stevenson for coaching. We had over twenty athletes come out for this year.

### Volleyball Training

Our volleyball training season begins October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Here is the schedule:

Wednesday's	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 8/9
	3:30 p.m.	Gr. 6/7
Thursday's	12:00 p.m.	Gr. 6/7
	3:30 p.m.	Gr. 8/9



## School Happenings

### Terry Fox National School Day Run

Despite this year's challenges, we are able to make a **\$811.00** donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!!!

### Picture Day

Lifetouch was in the building Wednesday. Things went smoothly. We look forward to seeing how our pictures turned out.

## Community News

### Biggar & District Credit Union 'Share the Warmth'

We are collecting warm clothing for children and adults in our community. Donations of GENTLY USED coats, boots, mitts, toques, etc. will be gratefully accepted until October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Drop off donations at: Biggar & District Credit Union (Biggar, Landis or Perdue branch) or at the Biggar & District Family Centre. Donors will be entered to win a \$75 grocery gift certificate).