

Monthly School Newsletter

SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL
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Monthly Message from the Principal:

It is with great joy and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to our very first monthly newsletter! As we embark on this journey together, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant community that makes our Catholic school so special.

This newsletter is not merely a collection of updates; it's a celebration of our collective achievements, milestones, and the spirit that defines us.

Through these monthly editions, we aim to keep you informed, inspired, and engaged in the wonderful happenings within our school.

As we step into May, a month teeming with promise and renewal, let us continue to foster a sense of unity and purpose within our school community. Let us embrace each day with faith, hope, and the knowledge that we are all part of something truly extraordinary.

I encourage you to read through this newsletter with enthusiasm, share in the accomplishments of our students and staff, and participate in the many events and activities that lie ahead. Together, we can continue to nurture a learning environment filled with love, compassion, and the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and spiritual growth of your children. May God's grace guide us as we journey forward, hand in hand, as one Saint Gabriel family.

God Bless,

Principal
Saint Gabriel School



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Important Date Reminders

5/3/2024: Mid-Term Progress Reports go home

5/4/2024: First Holy Communion, St. Gabriel Church at 10:00 AM

5/7/2024: **EARLY DISMISSAL**, Teacher P.D.

5/9/2024: Ascension Thursday Mass at 9:00 AM, St. Gabriel Church

5/11/2024: Preschool Open House 9:00-11:30 AM

5/13/2024: May Crowning Ceremony, 10:00 AM, St. Gabriel School Gym

5/15/2024: Spring Concert at 6:00 PM

5/23/2024: High Meadow 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

5/24/2024: Project O, 7th Grade

5/24/2024: Capitol Trip, 4th & 5th Grade, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

5/27/2024: **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day

Culture Night Spotlight

Our Middle School students worked incredibly hard on their Culture Projects that were used for our annual Culture Night that took place on April 4th in our school gymnasium. This was a night that brought together community, food, and fun! These events are what makes Saint Gabriel School special!



Pre-K 3 & 4 Monthly Recap

Our Pre-K students enthusiastically embraced the spirit of spring through various thematic activities centered around the season. From learning about the lifecycle of plants to creating vibrant artwork inspired by blooming flowers, they've been fully immersed in the wonders of nature. Nurturing social and emotional development is also a key aspect of our Pre-K curriculum.

Kindergarten Monthly Recap

Integral to our Catholic education is the formation of strong character rooted in love, compassion, and empathy, our Kindergarten students have been learning valuable lessons about kindness, respect, and responsibility through daily interactions, service projects, and discussions centered around core virtues.

Grade 1 Monthly Recap

This month, our students have been diving into mathematical concepts such as addition, subtraction, measurement, and geometry through interactive games, manipulatives, and problem-solving activities. They've been developing their critical thinking skills and mathematical reasoning in fun and engaging ways.



Grade 2 Monthly Recap

In science lessons, our Grade 2 students have been fascinated by topics related to Earth science. They've been learning about the Earth's structure, natural resources, and the importance of environmental conservation through engaging experiments and hands-on activities.

Grade 3 Monthly Recap

Understanding the world around them has been a key focus in social studies. Grade 3 students have been exploring communities, geography, and cultural diversity, fostering a deeper understanding of global interconnectedness and the importance of empathy and respect.

Grade 4 Monthly Recap

Our grade 4 students have been deeply engaged in researching their state projects. They've delved into the rich history, geography, culture, and economy of their assigned states. These state projects have not only enhanced our students' understanding of their own state but have also fostered research skills, public speaking abilities, and teamwork as they collaborate with classmates on various aspects of their projects.

Grade 5 Monthly Recap

The wonders of science have come alive for our Grade 5 students this month. They've been conducting experiments, making observations, and delving into topics such as ecosystems, energy, and the scientific method, fostering a deeper understanding of the natural world.

Middle School Monthly Recap

Throughout April, our students have delved into various literary works, honing their reading comprehension skills and exploring themes that resonate with their lives. They've engaged in discussions, written essays, and demonstrated creativity through storytelling.

Special Events from April 2024

1. **Visit from Archbishop Coyne:** We were honored to host Archbishop Coyne at our Parish & school, where he concelebrated Mass with our Pastor, Father Shawn Daly. He then engaged with our students, faculty, and staff in thoughtful discussions about faith, leadership, and service. His visit was a memorable and inspiring experience for our entire community.
2. **Green Team Pollinator Garden:** Our Green Team has been hard at work creating a pollinator garden on our school grounds. This initiative not only promotes environmental sustainability but also provides a valuable habitat for pollinators such as bees and butterflies.
3. **Culture Night:** Our school hosted a Culture Night event that brought together families from diverse backgrounds to celebrate our rich cultural heritage. It was an evening filled with music, dance, food, and fun activities that showcased the beauty of our community's diversity and unity.
4. **Fundraiser to Support 8th Graders:** We held a fundraiser to support our 8th graders as they prepare for their end of the year events. The generosity of our school community was overwhelming, and the funds raised will help ensure that our 8th graders have memorable experiences as they finish up their time with us at Saint Gabriel School.



Re-Enrollment Information

Re-Enrollment is LIVE!! All current Saint Gabriel Families are able to officially re-enroll your student for the 2024- 2025 Academic Year. Emails were sent out with re-enrollment information earlier this week. If you did not receive this email, please contact the main office. Please note: When you go to set up a FACTS Management Portal account, you will be asked to enter a district code. **This code is STG-CT.** Please reach out to the main office with any additional questions or concerns regarding this process.

Angel Highlights & Additional Information

- Students can begin wearing their Spring Uniforms beginning on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024.**
- Mid-Term Progress Reports will be going home with your students on **Friday, May 3, 2024.** You are also able to check their grades at any time through the Educonnect Family Portal.
- **Saturday, May 4, 2024** at 10:00 AM, a few of our Grade 2 students will be making their First Holy Communion.
- On **Tuesday, May 7, 2024,** we will have an EARLY DISMISSAL for Teacher/Staff Professional Development.
- Ascension Thursday Mass will be on **Thursday, May 9, 2024** at 9:00 AM.

We will be hosting our Preschool Open House on **Saturday, May 11, 2024** from 9:00-11:30 AM. This will be a morning filled with a Mother's Day craft, tours, and fun!

Saint Gabriel School will also be featured in the Windsor Shad Derby. We will take part in the parade and will also have a booth/table during the event. The Shad Derby is to take place on **Saturday, May 18, 2024.**

We would like to thank the Windsor Knights of Columbus for coming over the weekend and fixing up the school grounds. We appreciate all the work they've done for Saint Gabriel School this year!

