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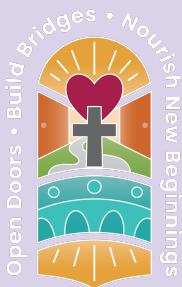
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Be sure to check the [OSTA Cancellations](#) for daily updates.

OCSB 3-Year Spiritual Theme- This year we will be building bridges.



"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock..." Rev 3:20

We, at St. Gabriel School, respectfully acknowledge that our school is located on the ancestral, traditional and unceded Indigenous territory of the Algonquin Peoples, on whose territory we pray, learn, play and work.

Important Dates for this week or Coming up Soon

March is **Le mois de la Francophonie**

March 17 – St Patrick's Day

March 16-20- Have a restful and fun March break

March 22 – [World Water Day](#)

March 26 – School Council meeting - Agenda/Minutes/[link](#)

March 28 – Earth Hour 8:30 – 9:30

March 29 – Palm Sunday

April 3-6 – Easter Weekend (No school on Friday and Monday)

April 8, 15 & 22 – Home Alone program (Grade 4-6) – lunch hour

April 22 – Earth Day

April 27 – PD Day

April 28 – Grade 1,2 & 3 Field trip to Museum of Agriculture

May 7 – Trip to St Isidore parish – whole school

May 13 – Field trip – Grade 6 – Gees Bees farm

Dear God,

Help us to be caring and forgiving, just like You. When we are upset, teach us to talk and make peace. Fill our hearts with love and calmness, so we can be friends with everyone. Thank You for Your love every day!

Amen

Important Links for Parents

- ☐ [OCSB Parent Portal](#)
- ☐ [School Cash-Online.](#)
- ☐ [OCSB Responsible Use of Technology Form](#)
- ☐ [ottawaschoolbus.ca](#)
- ☐ [volunteer section of the OCSB's website](#) for registration.
- ☐ [Safe Arrive Absence Reporting](#)
- ☐ [Ottawa Public Health Website](#)



Dear St. Gabriel Community,

Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. In the spirit of Alms Giving, the families, students and staff of St. Gabriel School are asked to help support SchoolBOX this Lenten Season. SchoolBOX is a small, local organization with big dreams to support education and learning in Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario. Their hope is to make sure Indigenous children in Northern Ontario have the same access to good books as our kids at St. Gabriel. We will be raising money to help buy books and build libraries. We are walking the path of Reconciliation one book at a time. School presentation on March 3rd. Our 2nd Fundraising details below.



Get Ready for Our Lenten Raffle!

As we continue our journey of giving this Lenten season, we are thrilled to announce our next exciting

fundraising initiative! We have some incredible prizes lined up, and we can't wait to share the excitement with our students and families. All proceeds go toward our SchoolBOX, a local organization with big dreams to support education and learning in Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario.

The anticipation starts soon! Starting Monday, March 23, we will reveal one exciting raffle prize each day of the week. Keep an eye on our daily announcements to see what's up for grabs!

Ticket Sales & The Big Draw

- Sales Start: Monday, March 30
- The Draw: Thursday, April 2

Pricing & How to Buy

- \$5 for a half arm's length of tickets

- \$10 for a full arm's length of tickets

Two ways to pay:

1. **Cash:** Students can bring money directly to school to purchase tickets. Please send money in a bag or envelope labelled with your child's name on it.
2. **School Cash Online:** For your convenience, tickets are also available for purchase through School Cash Online (link will be sent out on Monday, March 23).



New Instagram account:

We have created a new instagram account! You can follow us at: [@stgabrielocsb](https://www.instagram.com/stgabrielocsb)

Home Alone Program

The Home Alone program...

is coming to St. Gabriel!

When: This course will run during the lunch hour on April 8th, 15th and 22nd.

Cost: \$60 per student

Registration through School Cash Online.

****Your child must be 9 years old at the time of the course to be eligible to participate.**



HOME ALONE PROGRAM

Teach your children 9+ years the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone for short periods of time, including: Establishing a routine, house keys, telephones, strangers, emergencies, basic First Aid, and Internet safety.

- Certified instructor teaching in your school
- Canada Safety Council approved booklet & certificate
- Competitively priced

 [/Right2SafetyKids](https://www.facebook.com/Right2SafetyKids)



St Gabriel School is happy to be able to offer the Home Alone Program run by the Canada Safety Council. This course is delivered in three sessions during lunch hours. This course will run on April 8th, 15th and 22nd.

Registration will be available on March 6th until April 2nd on School cash online.

School Council News

The **next School Council** meeting will be **held virtually on Thursday March 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm.**

School Council Fundraiser



We're excited to partner with Halo Car Wash for a special car wash fundraiser in support of St. Gabriel Catholic School.

Get your vehicle sparkling clean for just \$20, and 50% of every wash goes directly back to our school to help support student programs and activities.

[LINK](#)

Thank you for helping make a difference in our school community!

St Isidore Parish Updates

Lenten Fridays

February 20th and 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

April 3rd

- **6:00 pm** – **Soup** offered by the CWL in the Parish Hall (freewill offering for the Kanata Food Cupboard) except on April 3rd (Good Friday of the Lord's Passion)
- **6:30 to 7:30 pm** – **Confessions**
- **7:00 pm** – **Stations of the Cross**



After-School Coding club by WIZE Academy

[Register here](#) for WIZE Academy's Spring After-School Program! Our Lego Engineering Learning session runs from March 23 to May 25, 2026, with classes held every Monday from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Secure your child's spot today. For questions, please call 613-415-8844.

Extra curricular events

OCSB Continuing & Community Education is excited to share that registration is now open for OCSB Summer Camps 2026!

Our summer camps provide children and youth with opportunities to stay active, explore new interests, build confidence, and make new friends in a safe and welcoming environment. With programs ranging from arts and sports to STEM, themed adventure, and specialty camps, there is something for every camper.

Camps will run June 29 – August 14, 2026, at OCSB locations across Ottawa, with weekly full-day programs and extended hours available at select sites.

We would appreciate your help in sharing this opportunity with families in your school communities.

LEARN MORE: <https://conted.ocsb.ca/summer-programs/summer-camps/>

Soccer day camps - [click here](#) for the flyer

Have a wonderful March Break everyone!
Enjoy time with your family!
We will see you all on Monday, March 23rd.

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