



Weekly News-October 20, 2025

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.

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What's happening at our school this week?

Monday, Oct 20	Cross country meet- cancelled
Tuesday, Oct 21	Pizza Day ECE Day Visit from Fr. Kevin
Wednesday, Oct 22	Take me outside Day Popcorn Day CSPA is inviting parents to attend their upcoming Wednesday, Oct 22nd session at Sacred Heart High School. Topic: Career Planning & Support. Parents can attend virtually or in person by registering via EventBrite .
Thursday, Oct 23	First Subway Day School Council Meeting at 6:30pm
Friday, Oct 24	Photo Day Visit from Tim Slack, our school superintendent

LOOKING AHEAD

October 28 - ALL-STAR presentation from Quincy Mack in pm

November 2 - Daylight savings time ends

November 5 - Popcorn Day

November 7 - PD Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day/Poppy donation collection

November 13 - Progress Report and K Initial Observations [on COMPASS](#)

November 19 - Popcorn Day

November 20 - Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-8pm

December 2 - Photo retakes

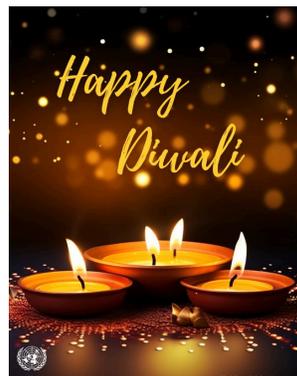
December 3 - Popcorn Day

December 5 - PD Day

Loving God,

Help us to open our hearts and minds to truly listen to others. Teach us to embrace empathy, understanding the feelings and perspectives of our friends. Guide us to learn from those who see the world differently, so we may grow in wisdom and love. May our actions reflect Your compassion and grace. **Amen**

We wish a happy and safe Diwali to all those celebrating.



Food Drive

During the next 10 days, we invite everyone to make non-perishable food donations to replenish the cupboards at the food bank. Please consider donating items such as boxed pasta, cereals, rice, soup, flour, sugar, etc.



School Council

Join us on Thursday October 23rd
at 6:30pm

In the Learning Commons at St.
Gabriel

[St Gabriel School Council Self
nomination form](#)



NEEDS YOU!

WHY JOIN?



Be a voice for parents and families



Help plan school events and fundraisers



Support teachers and student achievement



Stay informed and help shape school priorities

Safe Arrival App

We are excited to introduce **SafeArrival**, a new attendance management system being tested at our school starting Monday October 27th. SafeArrival is designed to make it easier, faster, and more convenient for families to report absences and late arrivals. More details will be sent by email on **Wednesday October 22nd** so please check your messenger account.

Photo Day will be on Friday October 24th 2025!

Retakes will now be on December 2nd.



ALL STAR Presentation

NBA All-Star Entertainer Q-MACK is ready to take over our gym to energize our students on October 28th! His 60 minute presentation highlights a positive message on becoming an "All-Star Student" with 7 winning traits: A... Attitude, L... Leadership, L... Love, S... Self Control, T... Teamwork, A... Accountability and R... Respect to prevent bullying and promote inclusion.

The presentation will be for all our students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 in the afternoon on October 28th.

Canada Super Spelling Bee

Celebrating excellence in academics! We invite students of all abilities grades 1-6 to join our Spelling Bee Club. We will meet (twice?) monthly during lunch recess to learn the words, find fun ways to study, and prepare for the competition. In the spring St. Gabriel's will host its first spelling bee! We will have prizes and certificates for competitors. The top three competitors will be invited to the Canada Super Spelling Bee in July to compete against top spellers from across Canada. The final competition is held in Ottawa and broadcast on CBC sports. Top prizes at the finals include cash and scholarships.

Canada Super Spelling Bee is a not-for-profit, and there is no cost to students to participate. At least one student from the primary grades will be selected, and online study resources will be made available. We will start with a mock bee for all interested! Questions and parent volunteers can email StGabrielspellingbee@gmail.com or check out www.canadaspellingbee.com

Safety Concerns at school

A Gentle Reminder Regarding School Property and Safety



We need your support in promoting a safe and respectful environment for all. We've observed students removing branches from trees during and after school hours. Please remind your child about respecting school property and that running with sticks and branches can be dangerous.

Additionally, large rocks are being moved from the small forest area (the grove) into the yard, creating a tripping hazard. If your child plays in the yard after school, please reinforce the importance of safety and respecting school property by leaving rocks in their designated areas.

Finally, for the safety of all, playing hide-and-seek between cars in the parking lot is not permitted and should be discouraged. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

CSPA (Catholics School Parents Association)

Click on the link below for upcoming events. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/ottawa-cspa-35352194143>

[Parent Experiences with IEPs and Transitions Between Modified and Accommodated Curriculum](#)

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Dear Saint Isidore Parishioners,

Please continue to join us, and invite others to join us, each weekend at one of our three Masses, either at 4:30PM on Saturdays or 9AM and 11AM on Sundays with our faith community. You can still pray with us if you are not with us in-person via our website at www.StIsidoreKanata.com or on our YouTube Channel under the "Saint Isidore Parish Kanata".

The parish office is open Tuesday to Friday from 10AM to 3PM. If you have any questions or you need to contact the parish please send an email to sacraments@stisidorekanata.com.

Extra-curricular Activities

[Ottawa Senators hockey program](#)

Looking for Volunteers for outdoor rink

I am currently looking for volunteers who might be interested in helping with the puddle rink at Keyrock Park (401 Brunskill Way). Please contact Brad McCallen if you are available to help.

Brad McCallen

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