



Weekly News-November 10, 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.

How to reach us

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School Website:

Gab.ocsb.ca

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What's happening at our school this week?

Monday, November 10	
Tuesday, November 11	Pizza Day Remembrance Day ceremony @10:45
Wednesday, November 12	Spelling Bee Information (gr. 1-6)
Thursday, November 13	Subway Day Boys volleyball tournament Progress Report and K Initial Observations on COMPASS
Friday, November 14	

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LOOKING AHEAD

- November 17-21 - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 18 - Deadline to sign up for Parent/Teacher interviews
- November 19 - Popcorn Day
- November 20 - Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-8pm
- November 21 - Girls volleyball tournament
- December 1 - Boys floorball tournament
- December 2 - Photo retakes
- December 3 - Popcorn Day
- December 4 - Magic show (K-6)
- December 5 - PD Day - no school for students
- December 10 - Girls floorball tournament
- December 17 - Advent Liturgy with Fr. Kevin
- December 22-Jan 2- Christmas break
- January 5 - First day back after the break

Donations for poppies



On November 11th, we will observe a moment of silence to honor the courage, valor and sacrifice of the heroes who have served – and continue to serve – Canada during times of war and conflict.

Students are invited to wear red and white or their Sparks, Brownie, Cub or Scouts uniform. We would like to extend a special invitation to any parents, grandparents who are presently serving or have served in our military, or work as a first responder. We would be honored if you could attend our ceremony.

Students will receive their poppy for the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11.

We are requesting that each student donate an amount of their choice. As of November 3rd you can donate through [school cash online](#). Students also have the option to bring in a donation to the school.

Thank you for your support.

Fall Progress Reports

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Thursday November 13th**, the Progress Reports and Kindergarten Initials Observations will be shared on the **Parent Portal**. The Elementary Progress Reports and Kindergarten Observations are designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations.

"Progressing Well" means that your child is consistent in demonstrating progress as he/she works towards learning goals for the first reporting period (February 2025). Teachers have been gathering evidence of your child's learning since the beginning of the school year and will be indicating "Progressing Well" if this evidence demonstrates consistent progress towards learning goals. It is important to note that "Progressing Well" does not necessarily mean that his/her performance is a level 3 (letter grade: B) or 4 (letter grade: A). Level 2 (letter grade C) work is approaching the provincial standard. If there is evidence that the student is moving towards the standard then he/she is "Progressing Well". Teacher comments tell you how your child is progressing to date, towards meeting the curriculum expectations of the subjects. They identify significant strengths and next steps for improvement.

Attendance has been shown to be linked to academic success. Please review your child's attendance and I encourage you to work with your child to minimize days away from school. Each day away from school results in a loss of opportunity to engage with the curriculum and places a challenge on your child to try and catch up when they return. Certainly if your child is ill you should be keeping him or her home; however,

wherever possible you are encouraged to schedule other appointments at a time that will minimize loss of classroom instruction.

Teachers are responsible for the specific comments and assessments on your child's report card. If you have any questions related to the comments or assessments please contact the classroom teacher directly.

We will be holding parent/teacher interviews on Thursday, November 20th from 4pm-8pm.

The link to the sign up will be available on Friday, November 14th at 9:00 am. On Friday, please go to the school website (gab.ocsb.ca), under Parents tab (top right hand corner) and look for the link for the 'Parent Teacher Interviews' to reserve your time.

Thank you for being involved in your child's education. You can continue to support your child in a number of ways including:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home including time spent reading
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and school events
- Reviewing with your child their use of social media
- Encouraging your child to get an appropriate amount of sleep and if they have a smartphone consider keeping the smartphone out of their bedroom when they go to sleep

Sincerely,

Christine Pépin
School Principal

Lost and found items

We have many items in our lost and found. If you are **visiting the school or attending Parent/Teacher interviews** please feel free to look for any missing items. The items are located in the Kinder hallway near the green doors exit. In a few weeks, all of our lost and found items will be donated.



St Gabriel's Scare Away Hunger Canned Food Drive



We want to extend a big thank you for your incredible generosity and support during our annual **Scare Away Hunger** food drive!

Thanks to your enthusiastic participation, our campaign was a tremendous success. We are thrilled to announce that we collected over 300 non-perishable food items!

Your donations will go directly to the Kanata Food Cupboard to help provide much-needed meals for families in our community. It's inspiring to see our students not only learning the importance of empathy and

community service, but actively **building bridges** of support between our school and local families.

Winter Weather and Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure that you send your child to school with the appropriate clothing for the weather. Students spend a minimum of 70 minutes playing outdoors and their comfort during that time is highly dependent on the type of outdoor clothing they wear. It is also important for them to have an extra pair of mitts and socks in their backpack. We strongly encourage you to label the sweaters, and outerwear so they can be returned to the rightful owner when misplaced.

Girls' and Boys' Cross Country runners

What an amazing display of commitment from our Cross Country runners! Despite the frustration of having meets cancelled multiple times by the weather, you never stopped working. Thank you for showing up for practice again and again—that level of dedication is truly inspiring. Thank you to your coach Mrs Salinas.

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

Message from OSTA

Decline Transportation

Are you eligible for transportation but not planning to use it? Complete OSTA's [Transportation Issues Form](#) to notify us of your decision to decline transportation. Whether you decline transportation for the current school year and/or the



next, keeping OSTA informed is important. This allows us to ensure better use of available transportation services.

It is important to contact the school with any address changes (home/daycare) to keep OSTA's records up to date.

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CSPA (Catholics School Parents Association)

Click on the link below for upcoming

events. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/ottawa-cspa-3535219>



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.

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Extra-curricular Activities

[Junior Athletes Kids' Sports Program](#)

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