

Weekly News-January 5, 2026

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, January 5	Welcome Mrs. McKenna!
Tuesday, January 6	Pizza Day
Wednesday, January 7	Popcorn day
Thursday, January 8	Term 2 Subway Day
Friday, January 9	

LOOKING AHEAD

January 15 - United in Black Day

January 15 - School Council Virtual Meeting at 7 pm

January 16- Term 2 - Popcorn orders - available to order on [Schoolcashonline](#)

February 3 - **deadline** for popcorn orders

February 10 - Mount Pakenham ski day (grades 4-6)

February 11 - Popcorn Day

February 12- Term 2 - Pizza orders - available to order on [Schoolcash online](#)

February 16 - Family day

February 19 - Grade 6 grad photo

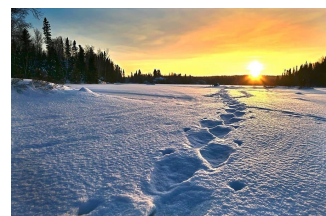
March 4 - **deadline** for pizza orders

March 10 - Pizza Day

Prayer for a New Year

God, please let us live each day in the most loving ways. Let us serve all who are in need, remembering that we are all God's Children. May this year be filled with peace, health and love. May your blessings be many for all of your Creation.

Amen



I am writing to you today to introduce myself as the new Principal of St. Gabriel. It is an honor to join this vibrant community, and I am eager to begin working alongside our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our incredible students. My goal is to continue fostering a nurturing and challenging environment where every student feels seen, valued, and inspired to reach their full potential. Also, I wanted to let you all know that our *Weekly News* will now be coming out on Fridays as a *TGIF Parent Update* - this will give you a head start to the week to make Monday mornings calmer.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks and partnering with you to make this school year a resounding success.



Mrs. McKenna

Kindergarten registration

Explore the wonderful world of Kindergarten at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. Where children learn through play, curiosity is encouraged and amplified through a Deep Learning Framework. Deep Learning harnesses the power of imagination and promotes student's voices and positive actions.

Official registration for junior kindergarten begins today. All registrations will be done online, please see link below.

Junior Kindergarten students are those children who will be four years old by December 31, 2026.

We invite you to enjoy a virtual 3D tour of the Kindergarten classrooms from the comfort of your home. It's a wonderful way to get a feel for the environment where your child will learn, grow and thrive!

For more information please visit the Ottawa Catholic School Board Registration page: <https://www.ocsb.ca/our-programs/kindergarten/>

Thank you!

We are so grateful to the St. Gabriel community! Thanks to your generous donations to our Christmas Market and Advent Project, we raised more than \$1,000. Your support allows us to provide a wonderful Christmas for families

in our community and at St. John the Apostle School. Thank you Ms Hart for coordinating this initiative and to the parent volunteers who helped us wrap the presents.

LATE ARRIVALS

We are concerned with the number of students coming in late on a regular basis. The process of education requires instruction that is based on skill building, class participation, learning experiences and study. **Frequent late arrivals affect not only your child but the whole classroom environment** as instruction and activities are interrupted when students come in late.

Supervision on the yard begins at 8:45 am, the school bell rings at 9:00 am and if your child is **not in the schoolyard when the bell rings, they are considered late and must be signed in at the office and get a late slip.** This rule is in place to ensure the children's safety.

We work very hard to instill strong learning skills and work habits such as responsibility, organization and collaboration. We want to provide the best education possible and we know that you share our concern regarding missed instruction.

St Gabriel Spelling Bee

Welcome to everyone who came to the Spelling Bee Club! It is time to start studying! Word lists are available for download below, or by emailing "stgabrielspellingbee@gmail.com" Please make sure to choose the list for your grade; grades 4-6, and grades 1-3 are divided. To keep the contest accessible to first grade students, we will begin with three and four-letter words for their initial contest rounds.



Catholics School Parents Association

For details on upcoming events and registration, visit Eventbrite: <http://OttawaCSPA.eventbrite.com>.



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.

For students in Grade 6 parents/students, preparation for Confirmation will begin in February. The Parent Information Meeting will be held at St. Isidore Parish on January 21, 2026. [Link to the letter](#) from the Parish.

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Extra-curricular Activities

News from MASC

2026 MASC YOUNG AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS FESTIVAL

Venue: Canada Science and Technology Museum

Dates: May 5-6, 2026 — attend one or both days

Calling all young artists in Grades 4-8: this is your chance to dive into one or two unforgettable days of imagination, discovery, and hands-on creativity.

Join us for Master classes, author readings, book signings, and so much more. Work side-by-side with a professional author or illustrator, learn insider tips and techniques, unleash your storytelling or artistic voice in interactive workshops, and proudly celebrate your creations in a supportive, energizing space. Registrations are now open!

Don't wait! Spaces are limited, so sign up early to make sure you get your first-choice artist Master class! Deadline to register: February 27th
[LINK TO REGISTER](#)



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