



September 16 - 20

Monday, September 16	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Bus Safety Presentation in Gym <p>9:20AM JK-Grade 1</p> <p>10:00AM – Grade 2-3</p> <p>11:50AM – Grade 4-6</p> <p>12:40PM – Grade 7-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Boys Slow Pitch
Tuesday, September 17	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Slow Pitch
Wednesday, September 18	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Volunteer Orientation in Staff Room Intermediate Girls Slow Pitch
Thursday, September 19	Day 3	
Friday, September 20	Day 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Day <p>No School</p>

Upcoming Events:

- Meet the Teacher: September 26**

****Burger Priest will be at the event for families ordering food. Cash/Debit accepted.*

5:00-5:30PM Teachers out on Blacktop Mingling with Community

5:30-7:00PM Classrooms Open for Parents

- Scholastic Book Fair – Week of September 23**
- Photo Day – October 1st**
- Terry Fox October 3rd Periods 4,5,6**

Important Updates

Terry Fox Run 2019

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place this year on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Pledge forms will be sent home the week of September 16th. Any donation of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt, and students can collect donations online, <http://www.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneyCreek> . For the first time this year, we will be offering students the opportunity to purchase their very own Terry Fox t-shirt. T-shirts will be sold on School Cash Online, and will arrive in time to wear on the day of the event. There will be a raffle at Meet the Teacher where we will raffle off a couple of Terry Fox t-shirts, and an opportunity to be Principal or Vice-principal for the day. We thank you in advance for your support of this very worthy event.



Mr. MacNab, Mrs. Nash

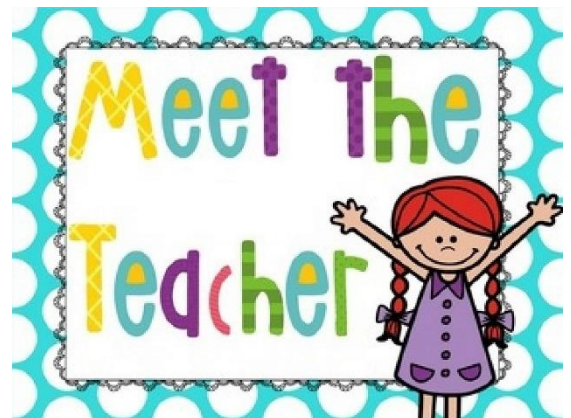
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our 1st School Council Meeting is **on Monday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.** All families are welcome. Please join us in the school library on the first floor. Nominations forms have been sent home with student Start Up Packages. If you are interested in participating on this year's school council please submit your council nomination form to the main office prior to the meeting on September 30. We are looking for members to volunteer for the following roles: **Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising.** There are many ways to be part of council. Please see our website, School Council Page, for further details.

MEET THE GATESTONE STAFF NIGHT!

Meet the Gatestone Staff event will take place on September 26, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Our staff is looking forward to connecting with all Gatestone families. Burger Priest food items and Frozen Yogurt will be for sale at the event. Classrooms will be open to families from 5:30PM – 7:00PM.

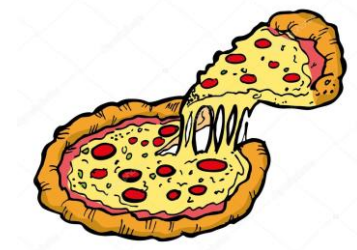


VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

We will be hosting a Volunteer Orientation on **Wednesday, September 18 at 9:00AM**. All parents/guardians interested in volunteering or already volunteer in our school are welcome to attend. We appreciate all of our parent volunteers and the difference you make for our school community.

PIZZA

Pizza Day will begin this Thursday. We have selected Famo Pizza as this company meets our nutrition policy standards. Pizza can be purchased through cash online. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice.



SCHOOL STORE

To support our school fundraising this year we will be organizing a school store opening on Tuesdays and Fridays during first nutrition break. All items will be sold for \$2.00. We will sell items that meet our nutrition policy standards. Thank you to Mr. Outhwaite's class for volunteering to help out with the school store this year! If anyone can think of a creative name for this store, besides "Gryphon Grub" as it sounds gross and so far that's all I got 😊, please send your ideas my way.

Previous Updates

STUDENTS ATTENDING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT GATESTONE (e.g., Umbrella, Scientist in School)

Please communicate with your child's homeroom teacher if your child is attending any after school programs at Gatestone. Please clarify the days as well. This will help ensure a smooth transition during our dismissal time. If your child is not attending school the same day they are scheduled to participate in an after school program at Gatestone, please make sure to also connect with the program coordinator of your child's absence.

GATESTONE ANNUAL TRAVEL PLAN

Please support our Gatestone Travel Plan. Gatestone boundaries indicate our community is within walking distance of the school. This means our population should arrive only by walking, bike/scooter. Our buses are only assigned for students in special circumstances. Our Transportation Brochure is posted on the website and available at our main office to review parking policies. Currently 38% of our families are still driving their child/children to school. Should you choose to drive your child to school, please do not use our school front drive way to drop your child off. This area is only permitted for our buses and school assigned taxis only. Please park on adjacent streets near the school. We prefer families **do not park right in front of the school** due to safety when crossing. We encourage families to use our cross walk areas with crossing guards when walking your child to the school. We will be closing

our school front drive way this year due to an increase in bus and taxi transportation. We appreciate your support and flexibility to ensure the safe arrival and departure of our Gatestone student community.

BUSING

Year 1 or Year 2 Kindergarten students that are assigned to a bus should be riding the bus to and from school. If your child is participating in morning or after school care with Umbrella Day Care, please notify transportation immediately of the times your child will be attending Umbrella. Transportation will then notify the school of the updated busing information for your child. Parents/guardians are still advised to also notify your child's homeroom teacher and main office of any changes to busing transportation. This provides the school with an accurate list of when your child should be riding the bus to and from school.

Busing is only provided for our Year 1 and Year 2 Kindergarten students.