



January 2019

The 'DRAGON'

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St. George-German School

Principal: T. Zebroski Vice Principal: Mr. V. Payne

Secretaries: Mrs. A. Birkett, Mrs. K. Rayner—519-448-1493

Message From The Principal

We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable holiday break and are looking forward to some engaging and positive events in this new year which will include basketball play and in school curling from the Student Leadership Team. We would also like to thank Shantel Clark for her work as VP and wish her the best in future endeavours and welcome Vern Payne as our new VP this January.

We are also asking as a reminder that if your child regularly takes the bus home to please call the school or send a note if there is a change of plans where they are taking a different way home and you are not picking them up. This helps us at the end of the day to check and know that everyone is accounted for and on a safe journey home. Thanks everyone and have a great month!

Mr. T. Zebroski, Principal

Important Dates to Remember

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| Jan 7 | - | Classes begin following Holiday Break |
| Jan 8, 9 | - | Dental Screening JK/SK & Gr. 2 |
| Jan 9 | - | Pizza Day |
| Jan 10 | - | Zumba classes in Gym |
| Jan 15 | - | School Council Meets 6:30 pm |
| Jan 16 | - | Pizza Day |
| Jan 21 | - | PD Day, no classes |
| Jan 23, 30 | - | Pizza Day |
| Jan 31 | - | Student Leadership Curling in Gym (also Feb 1) |

Kindergarten Registration Opens in January

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring teachers are with them every step of the way! Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2019 to enroll.

Contact St. George-German School at 519-448-1493 to set up an appointment and arrange a visit to the school and learn more about what you need to register. To obtain your copy of Grand Erie District School Board's Welcome to Kindergarten Guide, contact the Office.

A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...

A Fresh Start to the New Year

Each New Year brings with it New Year's resolutions and an opportunity to make positive changes in our lives. This year, think about how you can be a positive role model for your child and help them develop healthy attitudes and habits that will last a lifetime.

Focus on being active and eating well.

Add physical activity into your daily plans. Make it a family event and let your children choose the activities that they would like to try.

Encourage your children to turn off the TV and head outdoors to play instead.

Include your kids in planning, shopping for, preparing and serving meals; visit <https://www.cookspiration.com/> for tips.

Role model positive eating habits by eating meals together as a family. Visit www.unlockfood.ca for more tips on creating a positive home eating environment.

The Brant County Health Unit

Public School and Private School Property

Smoking and vaping is not allowed in public and private schools, including the grounds associated with the school, and public areas within 20 metres of any point on the perimeter of the grounds of the school. Where a private school is not the only occupant of the premises, then the grounds designated for the school and public areas within 20 metres of any point on the perimeter of those grounds are affected.

Access to Before and After School Care at St. George-German

We need to know if you're interested in accessing Before and After School Care at our school. This is your opportunity to tell us whether a program would meet the needs of your family. If enough parents show interest to run a viable program, a third-party provider will coordinate the service at our school for a fee in 2019-20. Submit your interest by completing this online survey before February 8, 2019.

<https://snap.granderie.ca/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=154695522222>

Results for schools will be available after March 31, 2019.

SLT NEWS

In December, some of our Student Leadership Team members accompanied Mrs. Healey's and Mrs. Leitch's classes to visit the seniors at Telfer Place in Paris. They brought Christmas gifts and home-made cards, helped with bingo and sang Christmas carols. Our SLT organized this event as part of our "Dragon Buddy Days" and we would like to thank all the families that helped by donating so generously.

We also celebrated some superstars for being excellent "buddies" and determined participants during our line dancing event. Way to go, Tyler K., Camryn D., Quinlynn B., Shelby L., Kate G., Dexter S., Adam F., Jackson S. and Mr. Haggith!

Our SLT is looking forward to putting together some more exciting events in the New Year. Here are some dates for your calendar:

Jan 31: Spirit day (Sports Day -- jerseys, hats, etc.)

Jan 31-Feb1: Rocks to Rings (each class will be treated to a clinic in the gym to learn some skills for the sport of curling!)

Feb 1-8: Valentinogram sales (a note and a sweet treat that you can mail to a friend in the school; more information and order forms will come home separately soon!)

School Council Newsletter for January 2019!

Things to look forward to coming up this year!

Back with great anticipation is the **Zumba A thon!**

New this year the School Council is excited to fund multiple warm up Zumba sessions leading up to the Zumba A thon in February. It's going to be a great way to get our students moving and grooving before the big day.

Calling all Parents...SAVE THE DATE

February 7th, 2019 at 6:30pm

We are hosting an evening with The Spotted Owl. Go to their website at www.thespottedowl.ca to sign up and come join us. Bring a group of friends, come meet some new ones, make a beautiful project with proceeds coming back to the school.

MABEL LABELS...our school has joined up with this great company. Get your labels and help your children's items from going missing. Make sure to link our schools name when you order to have the fundraising proceeds come back to our great school!!

School Council is excited to bring you another Hot Grilled Cheese lunch on February 8th. Ordering will be available on cashless.

Thank you for all your continued support in our fundraising efforts!

Our next School Council meeting will be **Tuesday January 15th at 6:30pm**, in the school staff room. Please come and join us and see how you can fit in with this great group of parents! All are welcome!!!