



## ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. We will continue to use a system with our parent community called *Safe Arrival*. It allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently.

SafeArrival has been well received by our families and St. Gabriel continues to use this system for all of our student absence reporting.

In order to register for this application, we are asking our new parents to do the following:

1. Use the **SafeArrival website**, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up to create your account using your email address. Select Attendance to Report an Absence.** NOTE: Once you are logged in, please ensure that you update your message preferences.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app**  from the **Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>)**. Use your new login information to access your account. Select **Attendance to Report an Absence.**
3. Call the toll-free number **833-275-6703** to report an absence using the automated phone system starting **Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.**

This version is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

We will continue to use our automated notification system to contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will continue to follow up. By reporting your child absent in advance using the Safe Arrival toll free number or Safe Arrival Portal website/app, you will NOT receive a call.

We ask that all absences be placed into Safe Arrival. Please do not call the school to report an absence. You can also report late arrivals and early pick-ups through the app. Please continue to notify your child's teacher through the agenda/communication book if you will be picking your child(ren) early in order to avoid disruptions to the class.

Thank you for your cooperation to better ensure the safety of all our children.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Condari  
Principal

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