

St Gabriel Child Care Centres

Winter 2021

Message from our Executive Director

As we embark on the new year, I am excited about what we will accomplish together as we champion the children and families we serve. Please join me in looking forward with Grace, Gratitude and Hope.

One accomplishment of the past year, that I am incredibly proud of is the way our staff were able to maintain connection with our children even when they could not be together in the classroom. As you may know one of our core values is community. We understand the importance of belonging and connectedness and I feel they demonstrated this value when they went above and beyond to support our families and their children during the pandemic. The staff used Zoom calls and various platforms of social media including, HiMama, Sandbox and Instagram along with phone calls and emails. The staff did an incredible job as they stood by the families we serve.

The second accomplishment is the resiliency to rise above all the curves that have been thrown at us in this ever-changing climate.

As we prepared to gradually reopen, the staff were resilient in finding ways to connect with children while keeping their distance. They found new ways to present our program and they demonstrated ingenuity. Our Pandemic Pioneers as I called them, were the first ones back on the front lines with the children. They overcame apprehension and put forth an engaging program based on the interests and inquiries of the children in their care. They tackled difficult conversations and questions around heightened disinfecting processes and did it without causing alarm.

I am so proud of our team, they connected with our families during the pandemic and showed an abundance of resiliency and teamwork from start to finish.

In closing and with an abundance of gratitude...

To the parents, thank you for trusting us and for your cooperation, patience, transparency, understanding and compliance with the ever-changing guidelines.

This past year has brought much upheaval however our team of inspiring caregivers have risen above it all and have been and continue to be champions of the children and families in our care.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to each one of our incredible team at St. Gabriel Child Care Centres for their resilience, perseverance, and spirit they provide in the essential professional work that they do. Over the last seven months they have lived the theme of Rising Up! Thank you for rising to lead, to follow, to collaborate, to mentor, to inspire, to reflect, to persevere, to hope, to be resilient, to be ingenious, to be kind, to be a hero.

Thank you for being St. Gabriel's Champions and for always Rising Up!

I invite parents, board members and staff to continue to be grateful and hopeful and envision a brighter future. At this time, it is an ever-changing situation in which we will persevere and continue to champion the families we serve.

I look back at 2020 with immense gratitude and look forward with great hope.

In partnership with you,

Rosanna Lacalamita Masci

Toddler and Preschool Updates

Our Toddler and Preschool Rooms are constantly posting on Facebook and Instagram



Follow us for ongoing updates!

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/stgabrielchildcare/>

Instagram: Stgabrielchildcare

Welcome Back to Our School Age Program!

Before and After School Programs will resume on February 16th, 2021. We have missed you all so much and look forward to seeing your smiling faces again.

Fees

As you may be aware of, all Before and After School fee withdrawals have been paused as of January 29th, 2021 and will re-commence a minimum of two weeks after we reopen our programs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 905-850-3358 or email us at info@stgabrielchildcare.com.

March Break Registration is now open!

March Break Camp

MARCH 15-19, 2021

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JOIN US FOR A WEEK FILLED OF EXPLORATION,
INQUIRY, LEARNING, FRIENDSHIP AND MORE!
What's Happening!...

	Attending
Monday March 15, 2021 Getting to Know You Games! Campers will participate in drama games to make connections and kick off the week!	\$50
Tuesday March 16, 2021 Movers and Builders! Campers will test their skills with an obstacle course and a construction challenge!	\$59
Wednesday March 17, 2021 Green Day! Campers can wear green today! We will be participating in a virtual paint workshop and discover food and measurement with homemade mini pizzas!	\$59
Thursday March 18, 2021 D.I.Y Day! Campers will engage in a variety of do-it-yourself crafts and activities that can be used at home.	\$50
Friday March 19, 2021 A Day at the Drive In! We will finish the week with a movie day! Movie TBD	\$50

LEARN, SHARE, LAUGH, GROW

Full-Day (7AM-6PM)
licensed childcare for school-age children 4-12 years

Cost includes extended care, nutritious hot lunch and snacks and activities/field trip

Experienced RECE & ECA
Camp staff with CPR & First Aid Training

REGISTER NOW!!! SPOTS ARE LIMITED!!!

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Click [here](#) to register!

Updates on COVID- 19 Protocols

There have been some changes to our operational guidelines as provided by the Ministry of Education. All children in grade one and older will be required to wear a face mask. Masks will also be required while outdoors especially when social distancing is not possible. Screening guidelines have been revised. Our previous process was in line with these changes and therefore, there will be no changes to screening at this time. The Ministry of Education continues to encourage and recommend masks for children over two years of age, however at this time they are not mandatory. We remind all our families to provide online screening a half hour before arrival and ask that all parents wear masks when picking up or dropping off their children. If you wish to speak to your child's Early Childhood Educator, please do not hesitate to reach out to us so we can set up a time for a call.