

# ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## FEBRUARY 2019

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

St. Gregory school thanks all the members of our school community for their patience and cooperation as we dealt school bus cancellations and indoor recesses due to January's cold and snow. We look forward to enjoying winter activities this month such as the CSPC Family Day Skate at the Mastercard Centre, the grade 5 to 8 ski trip and schoolyard snow fun.

As we celebrate the virtue of love in February, we are reminded that love is a spiritual practice and not something that just happens. Love is demonstrated when we treat all members of the community in a compassionate and respectful manner. St. Gregory will look at the virtue of love through the actions of accepting others and helping to ensure that all students are shown kindness and acceptance. Students will deepen their understanding of bullying prevention through presentations and activities.

The First Term Provincial Report Cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. This report card will reflect the student's achievement of curriculum expectations introduced and developed from September to January/February, as well as student progress in learning skills and work habits during this period. This is a good time for teachers, parents and students to plan learning goals and next steps for growth. The parent/teacher interviews will take place over two evenings – Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you. Please note that Friday, February 15, 2019 will be a P.A. Day.

Lord:

*In the midst of winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.*

*In the midst of winter, when days are short, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.*

*In the midst of winter, when the flowers lie hidden in the earth, and the world can seem bleak remind us that spring and your promise of renewal are but a short time away.* C. Wick



J. Pannozzo  
Principal

### SCHOOL HOURS/TIMES

8:30 a.m.	MORNING ENTRY
10:12-10:27 a.m.	A.M. RECESS
11:15-12:15 p.m.	LUNCH HOUR
12:15 p.m.	AFTERNOON ENTRY
1:40-1:55 p.m.	P.M. RECESS
3:00 p.m.	DISMISSAL

All visitors to the school including parents and guardians are expected to report to the office immediately upon arriving at the school.

A sign-in procedure is in place for every individual who enters the school.

### STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

**School Messenger has been implemented as the platform for reporting student late arrivals and absences. Parents/Guardians can reach School Messenger using the following options:**

**PHONE**  
1-833-251-3286

**ONLINE**  
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

**or SchoolMessenger Mobile App**

### Early Dismissal

Children who **must** leave before dismissal, **must** be signed out by their **parent/guardian** at the office. Please contact your child through the office, not by texting your child.



## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES



### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On December 19, 2018 Kara Spedding from the Catholic Children's Aid Society (CCAS) of Toronto arrived at St. Gregory to pick up the Advent Donations from the Primary Division. She was amazed at how much was collected. We filled her minivan two times!!! Each year the donations to the CCAS change based on the needs and requests from the society. This year's focus was on babies and young children. Wipes, diapers, creams and baby wash were collected for a two week period. The tables in our school foyer were overflowing. The CCAS, Ms. Ceddia, Ms. Dalmau and Ms. Salmond would like to thank the parents and the primary students for their very generous donations and for helping others to enjoy a Merry Christmas.



Practice Kindness.

Practice Makes Perfect.

### THE WE TEAM

Hey St. Greg's!

It's Me to We here! As Valentine's Day is fast approaching, we will be selling cookies from Terra Cotta Cookie Co., again. The cookies are individually wrapped, and you can have a choice of four different flavours, Vanilla Heart, Chocolate chip, Fudge Chip and White Chocolate Fudge. The cost is 1 for \$2.00 and 3 for \$5.00. Will be selling during the week of, February 12-14th, am and pm recesses, as well as, during parent-teacher interviews from 5:30-8:00 pm. All proceeds will go to our initiatives in Rural China. We hope to see you buying these delicious cookies! Thanks St. Greg's!

*Sincerely, the Me to We Team  
~ Written by: Rachel and Ola*



### AFRICAN CANADIAN PRESENTATION

Down to Earth Education will be assisting St. Gregory staff and students to experience the history, struggle and enduring spirit of the African heritage. This visual presentation will be presented from an African perspective and is designed to encourage respect for all peoples and our natural world, by providing awareness and promoting action, to build a better world. As well, this cross-curricular presentation has been created to spark curiosity, support critical thinking, promote respect and compassion, and inspire action.





**AFRICAN-CANADIAN HERITAGE**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board recognizes February as the month to celebrate African-Canadian Heritage and reminds us to continue to address the effects of discrimination against people of African descent and take steps to strengthen inclusive communities within our schools. The African Canadian Heritage Month Mass will take place at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10 am – 1:30 pm, and will feature guest speaker, and author Nadine Williams.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

**Radio Maria Contest**

Grade 7 and 8 students are invited to submit a two-page (500 word) proposal (in any format) about how they are ‘living their faith’ today! If selected, a student will be on air, at Radio Maria Canada for a 30 minute segment speaking about their faith during Catholic Education Week May 5-10, 2019! <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/rooted-in-christ/pages/radio-maria.aspx>

**We Belong**

In celebration of our pastoral plan, all schools are invited to share the ways they celebrate belonging through student artwork, written work, song, videos any other creative expressions of belonging to [ncc.team@tcdsb.org](mailto:ncc.team@tcdsb.org) by no later than Friday, March 22, 2019.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL**

*Latest Updates on Weather Related Cancellations or Closures*

To get the latest information about school bus transportation, please go to <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

Parents are encouraged to subscribe to the transportation portal to get real time information about any transportation issues:

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

Information is also shared via Twitter. Follow @TCDSB.

For more information:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/healthandsafety/pages/weather-related-safety-concerns.aspx>

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FAIR**

Parents, Educators, And Community Agencies Are Invited to the **TCDSB Special Education and Community Resources Fair 2019** hosted by TCDSB Special Services Department and Special Education Advisory Committee

**Date: February 2, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Location: Catholic Education Centre**

**80 Sheppard Ave. East, Toronto**

*Supervised Child Friendly Space Provided*

*Free underground parking/Elevator and accessible parking located on Level P1*

**Transition Planning Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism in Gr.7 & 8**

***Presented by: TCDSB Transition Team & School Support Program, Surrey Place Centre***

**Date: February 2, 2019 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Location: Catholic Education Centre 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**80 Sheppard Ave. East, Toronto**

Please RSVP to Franca Dellorso, [franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org](mailto:franca.dellorso@tcdsb.org) or (416) 222-8282 ext. 2799

**REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR’S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018**

*Check out some of the highlights of the past school year in the newly published edition of the Director’s Annual Report.*

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/annual-report-2017-2018.aspx>

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2017-2018**

*The audited financial statements for the past school year are available online:*

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BudgetandFinance/Documents/Audited-Financial-Statments-2017-18-TCDSB.pdf>



## FAMILY MATH NIGHT

St. Gregory staff and students enjoyed an evening of island hopping to tropical destinations featuring a variety of engaging math games and activities on

Thursday, January 17. Parents and children participated in jelly-bean estimate contests, Addition Bingo games, Paper Airplane Flight Measurement Activities, Tropical Pattern Sorts, Problem-Solving Storytime, Tangram Puzzles, Groups of

Ten activities and shopping at the Island Café. Participants explored the different strands of math and many concluded that “math is fun”. As well, student math was displayed throughout the school to demonstrate teaching and learning in mathematics and the connections across the curriculum.



Learning Math Skills through play is a great family activity.



## ECO TEAM

The month of February is TCDSB Energy Conservation Month. During this month the St. Greg Eco-Team we will be joining the TCDSB community to save on energy.

### ***Flip the Switch Friday - February 1***

Lights in select areas in the school will be turned off from 8:30-10:12 (first recess).

### ***National Sweater Day - February 8***

Our planet is getting hotter causing wildlife populations to decline. Rising global temperatures are pushing one in six species closer to extinction as they struggle to adapt to changing habitats. Canada's Arctic is warming at twice the average global rate, causing sea ice – the key to life for species such as polar bears and narwhal – to melt.

National Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about climate change and the importance of saving energy while inspiring us to use less heat. St. Greg's has registered for this Board-wide event. Facilities Services will turn down the heat by two degrees.

### ***Energy Education Day – February 14***

Students will design posters to share their knowledge and messages about the importance of conserving energy.

### ***Phantom Friday - February 22***

What is Phantom Power? Did you know that your home's devices, when plugged in, continue to draw power even when they are off? The Eco team will challenge the school to unplug unused devices.



## STUDENT MONTHLY RECOGNITION

Student monthly recognition for the 2018-2019 school year are based on the TCDSB Virtues of the Month which align with the Catholic Graduate Expectations as well as principles of Catholic Teaching. Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of Catholic students, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

The virtue for the month for December was Charity. The virtue of Charity means being generous with our presence, time, and money. It allows us to give freely without expecting anything in return.

The Virtue of the month for January is courage. Courage is the ability to act rightly in the face of opposition or discouragement. The virtue of courage helps us to take the initiative to make changes in our lives and/or to accept changes brought before us.

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TEACHER/S</b>	<b>CHARITY</b>	<b>COURAGE</b>
ELP	Ms. Rosa/Ms. Cabral	Julian, Claire, Sara	Maxim, Neto, Mary
ELP	Ms. Bellissimo/Ms. Del Vecchio	Aidan, Katrina, Emmanuel	Jack, Analia, Josiah
ELP	Ms. Andreacchi/Ms. Da Silva	Owen, Peter	Marcello, Jacob, Emma, Santina
ELP	Ms. Martino/Ms. Selby	Michael, Ava S., Mikael	David, Victoria
SK/1	Mr. Fatigati	Owen (Gr.1), Eva (SK)	Alexander (SK), Shamar (Gr.1)
Gr.1	Ms. Botelho	Mason, Ava M.	Nicole, Noah
Gr.1	Ms. Barone	Juliana G., Matteo C.	Remy, Charlotte
Gr.1	Ms. Ceddia	Sofia, Payton	Luciano, Gianluca
Gr.1/2	Ms. Martinez	Bria, Thomas	Brynn, Elise
Gr. 2	Ms. Gentile	Jacob, Marisa	Agustin, Melina
Gr. 2	Ms. Dalmau	Katrina, Bronwyn	Kamsi, Joseph
Gr. 2	Ms. Salmond	Thiago, Christian	Mia, Alexander
Gr. 3	Ms. Caruana	Julia, David	Connor, Lena, Naomi
Gr.3	Ms. Steponaitis	Cristian D., Sara R.	Kiara, Anthony
Gr. 3	Ms. Wiseman	Michael, Sebastian	Noah, Stefan
Gr.3	Ms. Yetman	Treasure, Anna Jane	Silina, Vincent
Gr.3/4	Ms. Visconti	Emma, Stella F., Adrienne	Stella, Gerard
Gr.4	Ms. Micallef	Philip, Chiara, Jack	Micaela, Lola
Gr.4	Ms. De Vincenzo	Matteo, Daniel, Victoria	Joshua, Sophia C., Hailey
Gr.4/5	Ms. Quartarone	Marios, Jeremy, Michael P.	Madeleine, Jeovhana, Nicholas
Gr. 5	Ms. Alfino	Andrea, Stefano	Hunter, Samantha, Oliver
Gr. 5 EF	Ms. Pallotta	Jenny, Ava K., Owen	Olivia, Manuele, Daniel, Natalya
Gr. 6	Ms. Cicirelli	Jack, Lucas	Max, Sofia D., Pamella
Gr. 6	Ms. Trinetti	Ethan, Joshua, Zoe	Martez, Chengzu, Sophia
Gr. 6 (EF)	Ms. Hetmanczuk	Aiden, Lara	Chelsea, Charlotte, Olivia
Gr. 7	Mr. Vennare	Ante, Jack, Renee	Malachi, Nathaniel, Sarah
Gr.7/8	Ms. Beltrano	Alexander, Emma, Dominic	Maria, Tessa, Luca
Gr.8	Mr. De Medeiros	Ola, Samantha C.	Jace, Maja
Gr.7 (EF)	Ms. Bahsous	Van, Summer, Victoria	Renee, Charles, Lucas H.
Gr. 8 (EF)	Ms. Brodziuk	Zoey, Victoria, Patrick	Samantha, Oliver, Vanda

## CSPC NEWS

Parents are encouraged to attend the next CSPC meeting scheduled for

**Date: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Staff Room.**



### CSPC INVITES YOU TO OUR FAMILY FUN SKATE

**PAINT THE RINK PINK**

**on February 18  
from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
at the Mastercard Centre  
located at 400 Kipling Ave.  
in Etobicoke**

**Pizza Lunch and Subway Lunch are a tradition at St. Gregory. Volunteers are needed.**

For more information:  
volunteersofstgregs@gmail.com

## ANTI-BULLYING

February will be a month of fun activities and presentations focused on promoting inclusion, respecting diversity and performing acts of kindness with a special emphasis on developing an understanding of having a positive outlook to promote mental health.

There will be a weekly positive message read over the announcements along with suggested acts of kindness.

We will be joined by Coby the Anti-Bullying magician, Hamilton Ticat Courtney Stephen, TNT Fitness Owner Steve McCollum and Kids Help Phone representatives.

CSPC is also excited to partner with Mastercard Center to bring you a special edition of the Family Fun Skate called Paint the Rink Pink on February 18! All proceeds from this event and our two civvies days will go towards supporting the Kids Help Phone.

Finally, we will be having a Decorate the Class competition where classes will decorate their classes with an Anti-Bullying theme. The top class will win a pizza lunch!



## TCDSB JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### TCDSB Is Hiring!

**Join the dynamic team at the Toronto Catholic District School Board where academic success and well-being go hand in hand with nurturing Catholic faith and values.**

**TCDSB is currently seeking:**

- **Supply Secretary**
- **Supply Educational Assistant**
- **Occasional Designated Early Childhood Educator**
- **Occasional Library Technician (certified and uncertified)**
- **Supply Caretaker**
- **Occasional Teacher**
- **Occasional French Teacher (certified and uncertified)**
- **Occasional Music Teacher (certified and uncertified)**

**Interested in exploring a career at TCDSB?**

Visit [www.tcdsb.org/careers](http://www.tcdsb.org/careers)  
or contact  
[hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org](mailto:hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org).

**Applications are being received at**  
[www.applytoeducation.com](http://www.applytoeducation.com).

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