

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the weather warms up, St. Gregory will focus on enjoying the outdoor environment and greeting spring with numerous school and sports activities including chess tournaments, eco-club initiatives, field trips, visual arts and dance workshops, track and field practice which serve to enhance everyday classroom learning. The entire school is devoting time and imagination to prepare for the annual St. Gregory's celebration of the arts. Artucate will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the gym.

The students are enjoying the school's new water bottle filler and drinking fountains purchased by the St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council with fundraising monies. This month the CSPC is conducting a QSP fundraiser offering cookie dough and magazines for purchase to continue raising money to enhance learning activities at school.

We celebrate and place our focus on the virtue of justice during the month for April which guides our school's discipline approach as we aim to encourage positive conflict resolution skills and strategies for all students.

We would like to express our gratitude for the commitment and dedication of our administrative assistants, Ms. Grise, Ms. Pulcini and Ms. Shanahan to fostering a compassionate and welcoming environment in our school office and for their dedication to student safety and well-being. On behalf of the entire school community, we wish them a Happy Administrative Professional's Appreciation Day this month and thank them for their commitment to supporting our students in Catholic Education.

Holy Week will begin on Sunday, April 14 with Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday – April 20, 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all families and friends of St. Gregory School a Happy and Holy Easter.



May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

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.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

THE BIG CRUNCH



St. Gregory Catholic School participated in the Great Big Crunch which is part of a movement across Canada that impacts every community across the country. When our students took a great big bite of their apples, they participated in a celebration of healthy snacking and the important role of local food producers. Crunch time took place at 2:30pm on March 28th!



We would like to thank our parent volunteers for their work to ensure all students could participate in the Big Crunch by purchasing, sorting and hand washing over 740 apples for students to enjoy!



KIDS HELP PHONE

On Monday, March 25, 2019, Mr. Jameson of the Kids Help Phone educated the grade six, seven and eight students about mental health. He shared his personal experience of being bullied and the help he received as a boy from the Kids Help Phone. Mr. Jameson described the services provided by the Children's Help Phone and the students received bracelets and cards listing the contact information of Kids Help Phone. Thanks to the generosity of the St. Gregory School community, a donation totaling \$928.00 was presented to Kids Help Phone to support their important work.



Chess Club

Congratulations to the members of the St. Greg's Girls Chess Team who displayed great sportsmanship and skills at their chess tournament. We are proud to share that two of our students have advanced to the City's Chess Tournament which will take place on April 2nd.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

ME, MOI + CANADA CONTEST

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Official Languages Act, Historica Canada invites students to reflect on bilingualism and Canadian identity through the Me, Moi + Canada Contest. Students are encouraged to submit a video to explain the role bilingualism plays in everyday life. Students aged 6 years old and up are invited to participate. The deadline is November 1, 2019. For more information go to:

<https://historicacanada.wishpondpages.com/memoicanada/en>

Breakthrough Junior Challenge

Students aged 13 and up are invited to take part in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge by creating a short video to explain a big idea in one of these fields: Physics, Mathematics, or Life Sciences. The film can take any form: animation, documentary, dramatic reconstruction, etc. For more information go online:

<https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Meagan's Walk raises funds for paediatric brain tumour research. On Saturday May 11th, 2019, 18th Annual Meagan's Walk & Hug will take place. It begins with a 5km walk from Fort York to SickKids and finishes with a hug around the hospital.

Meagan's Walk is asking for volunteers to help out with the walk. Please go to;

volunteers@meaganswalk.com.

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>

TCDSB BUDGET CONSULTATION

All parents, staff, students and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation regarding the 2019-2020 budget. By identifying your priorities for consideration, the Trustees of the Board will be better able to make decisions that reflect the concerns and interests of TCDSB stakeholders. The budget website will be available as of **Wednesday, April 3rd**.

This website will include both video and printed materials outlining the budget, and the budget process, as well as a breakdown of the various ways that everyone can participate in the consultation process. An online survey will also be available through to May 3rd to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to share their views.

https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/budget_2019_2020.aspx

OAPCE TORONTO ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

"CELEBRATE the Past, APPRECIATE the Present, ADVOCATE for the Future"

OAPCE Toronto Annual Parent Conference

Reception at Montecassino Venue, Toronto -Friday April 5th (6:00-9:00pm)

Conference at Madonna Secondary School - Saturday April 6th (8:00am-4:30pm)

Mass with Cardinal Collins; Keynote Speaker: Greg Rogers; Parent Learning Workshops including Social Media Workshop with Paul Davis; Vendor Mall

Gala Dinner at Montecassino Venue 6:30pm

REGISTER AT: www.OAPCE.org

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure TCDSB has introduced a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- Using your **mobile device**, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store or from links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- **Use the Safe Arrival website**, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- Call the toll-free number 1 (833) 251-3286 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's Trillium account. In addition, schools will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up. Thank you for your support of student safety.

GUIDANCE CORNER

During this season of Lent, we are encouraged to help our children to live out their faith by finding ways to serve others. It is in recognizing the needs of others that we build empathy and strong relationships with those around us.

<https://www.allprodad.com/10-ways-to-serve-others-as-a-family/>

<http://www.mamaplusone.com/being-the-hands-and-feet-seven-ways-kids-can-serve-others/>

Future Planning: Creating Pathways to Success

Primary and Junior students have access to an electronic portfolio on <http://www.myblueprint.ca> called All About Me, and can record and reflect on aspects of self-awareness, goal-setting, experiential learning and classroom learning. Introducing students early in their school career to the process of developing a personal portfolio helps them reflect on their strengths and interests as learners as they prepare for transitions from grade to grade.

Intermediate students also have accounts on My Blueprint and can complete their Individual Pathways Plans.

Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools, Policy and Program Requirements, Kindergarten to Grade 12, 2013 describes a comprehensive education and career/life planning program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 designed to help students achieve their personal goals and become competent, successful, and contributing members of society. The foundation of this policy seeks to have schools and school boards provide opportunities for students to explore 4 foundation questions:

- Who Am I?
- What Are My Opportunities?
- Who Do I Want to Become?
- What Is My Plan for Achieving My Goals?

This policy also seeks to ensure that students develop the knowledge and skills they need to make informed education and career/life choices through the effective application of a four-step inquiry process; provide opportunities for this learning both in and outside the classroom; and engage parents and the broader community in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program, to support students in their learning. I have included a link to the MOE policy document: Creating Pathways to Success: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/cps/CreatingPathwaysSuccess.pdf>

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 March was forgiveness. The virtue of forgiveness is demonstrated when someone we care about hurts us- instead of holding on to anger, we can embrace forgiveness and move forward. The virtue stars this month have modeled forgiveness and embraced peace, hope, gratitude and joy.

GRADE	TEACHER/S	FORGIVENESS
ELP	Ms. Rosa/Ms. Cabral	Isabel, Denis, Alexis
ELP	Ms. Bellissimo/Ms. Del Vecchio	Edward, Brynn, Sienna
ELP	Ms. Andreacchi/Ms. Da Silva	Erik, Jordan, Elia
ELP	Ms. Martino/Ms. Selby	Anderson, Dante, Paige, Noah
SK/1	Mr. Fatigati	Jayden (SK), Dionne (Gr.1)
Gr.1	Ms. Botelho	Matthew D., Isabel Y.
Gr.1	Ms. Barone	Nathan, Bence
Gr.1	Ms. Ceddia	Cooper, Daria Maria
Gr.1/2	Ms. Martinez	Enzo, Clara
Gr. 2	Ms. Gentile	Gideon, Valentine
Gr. 2	Ms. Chiaravalotti	Owen, Jason
Gr. 2	Ms. Salmond	Frank C., Somto
Gr. 3	Ms. Caruana	Juan, Ethan
Gr.3	Ms. Steponaitis	Aras, Christian D.
Gr.3	Ms. Yetman	Stephany, Taylor
Gr. 3	Ms. Wiseman	Isabella, Artem
Gr.3/4	Ms. Visconti	Jayshaun, Manning
Gr.4	Ms. Micallef	Patricia, Tatjana, Marquez
Gr.4	Ms. De Vincenzo	Sofia A., Maureen, Nicole
Gr.4/5	Ms. Quartarone	Addison, Rafael
Gr. 5	Ms. Alfino	Matthew C., Lucas, Ernesto
Gr. 5 EF	Ms. Pallotta	Sara, Luca, Vanessa
Gr. 6	Ms. Cicirelli	Michela, Mason, Maria
Gr. 6	Ms. Trinetti	Luca, Joaquin, Jacob
Gr. 6 (EF)	Ms. Hetmanczuk	Laura, Solomiya
Gr. 7	Mr. Vennare	Michael, Nolawi, Alexis, Adam
Gr.7/8	Ms. Beltrano	Micaela, Noah, Francesco
Gr.8	Mr. De Medeiros	Domenico, Daniel, Santiago
Gr.7 (EF)	Ms. Bahsous	Krystian, Stephen, Eric
Gr. 8 (EF)	Ms. Brodziuk	Martina F., Thomas S., Jordan Z.

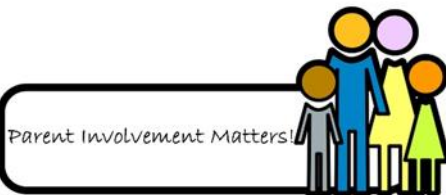
CSPC NEWS

Parents are encouraged to attend the next CSPC meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Staff Room.



FUNDRAISING

Please support our QSP Fundraising Drive this month!



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

For more information:
volunteersofstgregs@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND

Please note that our lost and found box is overflowing with useful items. We ask that you take the opportunity to look through the items as we need to make room and any unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul and/or Dr. Simone in early April.



THANK YOU CSPC



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we love our new
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