

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We would like to welcome all members of the St. Gregory school community to the 2019-2020 academic year and extend a special welcome to students and families who are new to our school. We thank God for the gift of learning and ask His blessing for a successful year. We are grateful for the work of our office staff and custodial team in preparing for the school opening. Our staff members have made the classrooms ready for students and are waiting to welcome their classes.

We look forward to working with you to serve our students and hope to meet you at **Curriculum Night** on the evening of **Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.**

J. Pannozzo

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

We encourage you to read this entire newsletter as it includes important information for all students and request that the permission forms are completed and returned to your child's classroom teacher by **Monday, September 9, 2019.**

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.

Parents/Guardians must call the school at **416-393-5262** and leave a message on the answering machine (*Auto Attendant, Press #1*). Please state your child's name, teacher's name, grade and a reason for absence. **When a student arrives late for school, he/she must report to the office before going to class.**

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.

ST. GREGORY SCHOOL STAFF 2019-2020

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Gr. 2	Ms. Liotta (LTO)
Gr. 2	Ms. Gentile
Gr.2	Ms. Martinez
Gr.2 & 3	Ms. Yetman
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Gr.3 & 4	Ms. Trinetti
Gr. 4	Ms. De Vincenzo
Gr. 4	Ms. Micallef
Gr. 4 & 5	Ms. Alfino
Gr. 5	Ms. Quartarone
Gr. 5/6 (EF)	LTO (TBA)
Gr.5/6 (English)	Ms. Hetmanczuk
Gr. 5/6	Ms. Cicirelli
Gr. 6 & 7	Ms. Marinelli
Gr. 7	Ms. Beltrano
Gr.7/8	Mr. Vennare
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Principal	Mr. Pannoza
Vice Principal	Ms. Prete

STUDENT CLASS PLACEMENT

Student class placements are made carefully taking into account numerous factors including number of males and females, previous class placements (i.e., students who have been in combined grades) as well as student strengths and needs.

However, student enrolment often fluctuates during September and schools must ensure class size meets Ministry and TCDSB requirements by the end of the month. If enrolment numbers change, it may become necessary to restructure classes in September or early October. We will maintain ongoing communication to inform students and parents of any changes and endeavor to ensure that any restructuring is accomplished respectfully and co-operatively.

PARENT COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA

Parent/Guardians will be able to receive weekly updates regarding upcoming events as well as important reminders and notices via Twitter. The monthly newsletter and calendar will be posted on the school's website: <https://stgregorycspc.ca>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

TCDSB reminds parents/guardians that they are encouraged to use School Cash Online when paying for school events and activities. School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe and convenient way to pay for student activities and events. This system offers parents the option of paying online for school activities including school trips and sports-related fees using Visa or Mastercard.

Last year, St. Gregory implemented the school cash online system. Parents and guardians interested in this option are reminded to register at the TCDSB's School Cash Online website: <https://tcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> if they have not already done so.

Please select "Get Started Today" and complete the registration. You will receive email notifications as activities and/or items become available for purchase online. You can still pay for school activities by cheque or cash however cheque is the preferred option to help minimize cash in schools.

SPECIAL SERVICES

As part of the TCDSB's goal of Fostering Student Achievement and Well Being, the Special Services department aims to support our special education students in achieving academic excellence and meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations. The department offers a variety of supports to students based on their need(s) and/or identification(s). For further information please visit the Special Services department link:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Parents/caregivers are reminded that if they require support in accessing the Special Services department link, they may ask the school principal for assistance. Alternately, for families who require access to a computer to visit the site, they may access an electronic device through the Toronto Public Library.

STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS (ANAPHYLAXIS, DIABETES, ASTHMA)

For students with medical conditions (i.e., anaphylactic reactions, asthma, diabetes), it is imperative that parents inform the school and complete medical information forms to ensure staff are aware of the student's condition and know how to respond in case of emergency. If a child requires medication during the school day or in an emergency (ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION), the **TCDSB Permission to Administer Medication Form** must be completed by the child's doctor and parents prior to administration of any medication. Students with anaphylaxis should have two EPI-PENS at school: one EPI-PEN should be carried on the child at all times with a spare located in the main office.

ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

St. Gregory C.S. is an **allergen aware school** which aims to ensure the safety of students including those diagnosed with allergies to specific foods who are at risk of anaphylaxis when exposed to specific foods through: eating, smelling or touching the allergen. Please note contact with another child or item that has been exposed to the allergen can trigger an allergic reaction or anaphylaxis in individuals diagnosed with allergies. The best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to allergens is to avoid sending food products which may contain potential allergens in your child's snack or lunch, specifically **PEANUTS AND NUTS**. Please check product ingredients and look for peanut-free/nut-free labels on food items. As well, kindly remind your child not to share food with others.

Please do not send food treats for sharing on birthdays or special occasions. There are many alternatives such as stickers, pencils or erasers. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.

MEDICATION

Principals, teachers and support staff of the TCDSB are **NOT** permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day, unless they have written authorization signed by a parent, and the child's physician. The TCDSB forms regarding medication must be updated yearly. These forms are available from the school office.

The school is aware that there are times when students need to take a dose of prescription medication during school hours and ask that parents communicate this information to the school. This medication must be stored in the school office to ensure student safety. Students cannot keep medication in their desks or school bags. Parents can request that school staff supervise a child taking medication. It is extremely important that medication brought to school is:

1. Measured and put in single dose containers
2. Labelled clearly with the child's full name, time and amount to be taken, and whether refrigeration is required.

Please be advised that school staff will not administer non-prescription (commonly known as "over the counter medication" such as Tylenol or Graval) medications to students under any circumstances.

Please be reminded that children should stay at home until they have recovered from a minor illness (i.e., colds, flu).

Children do not learn well when they are ill and can spread viruses or germs to others. Students need a healthy body to ensure they have the stamina to participate fully in school activities. Students cannot stay indoors during recess and outdoor activities due to illness. If children are well enough to come to school, they should participate fully in all activities and routines which are part of the school day.

PEDICULOSIS

Outbreaks of pediculosis (head lice) are common among children. Lice can spread quickly in group settings. If you discover that your child has been infested with head lice, please advise the school office so that the necessary steps can be taken to prevent further cases.

Lice is spread by head-to-head contact with someone who already has head lice or by contact with clothing (i.e., hats) or personal items (i.e., combs) used by a person with a lice infestation.

For further information you can go to the Toronto Public Health website to download a Lice Fact Sheet found under the heading Communicable Disease Control.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The TCDSB does **not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents may occur resulting in injuries which are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

The insuremykids® Protection Plan for students is available through Reliable Life Insurance Company which offers a variety of plans and benefits. Benefits include:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- total and permanent disability or paralysis/loss of use
- special disability benefits
- death benefits

Activities or activities outside the school day, there is a plan tailored to your needs. All rates are one-time annual premiums. Family rates for 3 or more children are also offered. If you wish to subscribe you may apply 24/7 directly at: www.insuremykids.com

Any questions should be directed to Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at: 1-800-463-KIDS (5437)

STUDENT DRESS CODE

TOPS

SOLID WHITE OR NAVY BLUE

Short or long sleeves
without logos, patterns or designs
Polo Shirt, T-Shirt, Turtleneck,
Button Down Shirt, Blouse, Sweater

BOTTOMS

SOLID NAVY BLUE
without logos, patterns or designs



Dress Pants
Chino Pants
Walking Shorts
(knee length)
Capri Pants
Skirts (knee length)
Track Pants
Tunic Dress (knee length)

NOT ALLOWED: Denim and Leggings

If students are inappropriately dressed and/or do not adhere to these guidelines then parents will be contacted. Please sign the attached permission form in acknowledgment of this policy.

CIVVIES DAY

Dress down Civvies days will be held on the last Friday of each month. We request a contribution of \$2.00 per student for social justice initiatives and charitable organizations that we will supporting throughout the course of the year including the following:

Angel Foundation
Covenant House
Sharelife
Sick Kids Foundation
St. Vincent De Paul Society

The charity of the month will be identified on the school calendar.

SCHOOL POLICY -ELECTRONICS

We continue to encourage students to leave iPods, MP3 players, digital games or toys, cameras, cell phones, electronic devices and other personal belongings of value **at home**. If your child brings a cell phone to and from school, it **MUST** be **TURNED OFF** while on school property and remain out of sight everywhere on school property including classrooms, the washroom, parking lot and school yard.

Matters of urgency should be dealt with **through the office**. If your child needs to contact you, they are to seek permission to use the school phone. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. In addition, students who have their phones turned on while in school will be given one warning followed by a discipline report for any further infractions. Grades 4-8 students and their parents are required to acknowledge this policy by signing the attached form.

MILK PROGRAM

We are planning to run the daily milk delivery program operated by the Dairy Farmers of Canada for the 2019-2020 school year.

We will be sending out details about how to place your order when school starts in September and hope to start our milk delivery service in mid-September. For further information please contact:
milk.stgregs@yahoo.ca.



WASTE FREE LUNCH

St. Gregory supports environmental awareness through the act of aiming to be good stewards of God's creation. Along with reducing paper consumption and photocopying for communication purposes, we will continue with the "Waste Free Lunch Program". Students are asked to do the following: pack snacks and lunch in a re-usable container and then place any leftover food in their containers to be brought home or placed in the green bin. We hope that this practice will reinforce environmental awareness amongst our students. Thank you for your support.

HOT LUNCH

St. Gregory will be offering hot lunches provided by *Just Catering for Kids*. This is a catering service for kids which provides children with nutritious, healthy, and fresh homemade lunches. The company was started and continues to be run by a parent who recognized that children enjoy fresh healthy food. The service is fully compliant with the school food and beverage policy (PPM 150) and aims to promote healthy eating. The *Just Catering for Kids* lunch program provides lunch options that address food allergies, sensitivities and preferences and all the food is prepared in a nut free facility. Menu options include homemade pastas including lasagna and ravioli, chili, quesadilla, macaroni and cheese, shepherd's pie, veal sandwiches and hamburgers.

For more information please visit:
<https://www.justcateringforkids.com/>



BUS TRANSPORTATION

PARENT BUS INFORMATION PORTAL

Parents are encouraged to sign up on the transportation portal to receive important information and updates regarding school bus service-related issues including the student's bus route number, the approximate bus stop times, and the contact information of the company providing the service.

Please visit:

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

If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact transportation at: support@torontoschoolbus.org

Staff will be available to assist with the account registrations.

For general transportation inquiries please contact the transportation department at: transportation@torontoschoolbus.org.

Parents/guardians can also contact the Toronto Student Transportation Group at 416-394-4BUS (416-394-4287)

Students must be ready to board as soon as the buses arrive at the STOP or school as buses must stay on schedule. Students must behave appropriately in order to maintain safety at all times. Please note that inconsistent travel on the buses will make it difficult to maintain service for your child and may result in the bus space being assigned to another student.

BUS SAFETY & EXPECTATIONS ON THE BUS AND IN BUS LINES:

- Observe the instructions of the bus driver at all times.
- Remain seated and facing the front at all times until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Respect property and do not cause damage to the bus in any way
- Do not talk loudly, yell, throw objects or fight on the bus
- Keep your hands and head inside the bus, do not lean out the window, spit or throw objects out the window
- You are not allowed to board another bus for any reason (i.e. friend's birthday party, working on projects together)
- Do not eat or drink on the bus
- Always be respectful to the bus driver, student monitors and other passengers



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please note that our school buses take precedence over cars in our horseshoe parking lot on the south side of the school facing Rathburn Road. Please move when the bus is behind you. Be mindful of children walking through the parking lot. The drop off and pick-up area is a "Kiss and Ride". Please **DO NOT PARK** in this area.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ROUTINE

On days when the weather is inclement, students are asked to arrive at school just before the bell. Students present at the school will be permitted to enter the building at 8:15 in the morning. On such days, the recess periods will be held indoors and those students who stay for lunch will be supervised indoors.

Unless the weather conditions are particularly bad, cold weather alone does not warrant an early entry to the building or indoor recess. Students should always dress appropriately for the weather.

ACCIDENTS/EMERGENCIES

Please take some time to review street proofing and basic safety rules with your child to reinforce lessons taught at school. Despite constant reminders and attention given to issues regarding safety, occasional accidents do happen. In case of minor accidents, (cuts, scrapes, etc.), first aid will be administered by staff. If a child continues to be uncomfortable or is in distress, the school will notify the parent. In case of a serious accident, parents will be notified immediately. If attempts to contact you are unsuccessful, school staff will take the appropriate action as directed by TCDSB policy. It is absolutely imperative that the school has up-to-date contact and medical information.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event that the school must be closed or go into lockdown before regular dismissal due to an emergency situation, children will be evacuated to St. Gregory Church. Under such circumstances parents may call the Church rectory at 416-239-4831 to obtain information. If Church Hall is not available, our alternate location is Rosethorn Public School (416-394-6360).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAY CARE

North York Little Prints Daycare is a licensed daycare which offers a daily Before and After School Program for kindergarten and school age children at St Gregory Catholic School.

For more information regarding available space and fees, please contact the center manager: Pamela Taskinen at 416-236-8794 or go online to:

stgregory@littleprintsdaycare.com

CSPC NEWS

CSPC MEMBERSHIP

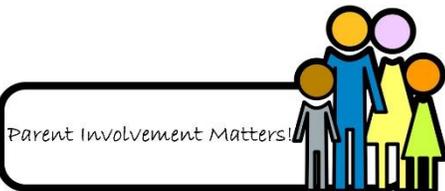
Parents are invited to consider becoming a member of the **St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC)**. Your participation is encouraged as parent council members work with the school to provide opportunities for students to engage in exciting activities and events in the school.

The first CPSC meeting for this school year is scheduled for

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019
at 7:00 p.m.**

All parents/guardians are invited to attend.

Parent Council Elections will take place at this meeting. Please see that attached form entitled Notice of Annual General Meeting and Election of Parent/Guardian Representatives included with the "form section" of the newsletter for detailed information regarding the election.



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

St. Gregory is in need of lunchtime supervisors. All applicants are required to submit the documents listed below to St. Gregory's administration. All documentation will then be forwarded to Toronto Catholic District School Board's HR Department for reviewal.

All applicants must submit the following documents:

- Lunchtime supervisor application form.
- TB test results (within 1 year).
- Pastoral Reference Letter (letter within 1 year).
- Voided cheque or direct deposit form (provided by bank).
- New hire banking form to complete (will be provided).
- Copy of Social Insurance Number card.
- Proof of birth date with photo id.
- Confidentiality Agreement (will be provided).
- New Hire Personal Data Sheet (will be provided).
- Criminal Offense Declaration (form will be provided).
- Certified cheque or money order to Toronto Police Services.
- Vulnerable sector Screening Police Check (form will be provided).

Please see St. Gregory's vice principal Ms. Prete if you are interested in becoming a lunchtime supervisor and would like further details.

Salary is \$15.04 per hour; this includes statutory holiday pay and vacation pay. Benefits are not available for lunchtime supervisors.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

St. Gregory CSPC hosts a number of different fundraising and social activities such as pizza lunches throughout the school year. We are constantly in need of parents who are willing to volunteer some of their time to help make each of these activities successful.

CSPC is asking individuals interested and/or able to volunteer on an ad hoc basis to send an e-mail to the following address:

volunteersofstgregs@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

Pizza Lunch and Subway Lunch are a tradition at St. Gregory. Volunteers are needed. For further information:
volunteersofstgregs@gmail.com.

TCDSB 2019-2020 Trustees

1. Joseph Martino
2. Markus de Domenico
3. Ida Li Preti
4. Teresa Lubinski

5. Maria Rizzo
6. Frank D'Amico
7. Michael Del Grande
8. Garry Tanuan

9. Norm Di Pasquale
10. Daniel Di Giorgio
11. Angela Kennedy
12. Nancy Crawford

Taylor Dallin, Student Trustee

Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee



September 2019

Monthly Update From the Board

Update on the School Crossing Guard Program for the 2019-2020 School Year

Please be advised that starting in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility of the School Crossing Guard Program. The locations of the school crossing guards have not changed. Each school can expect the same school crossing guard locations to be served. To view the citywide map and list of school crossing guard locations, please visit:

www.toronto.ca/schoolcrossingguard.

Important Reminder About Liability Insurance

All parents are reminded to consider checking the adequacy of their liability insurance through their homeowners'/tenants' insurance policy to cover claims arising out of injuries caused by their child at school. Student Accident Insurance application forms are forwarded to schools for distribution, and can also be purchased on-line at www.insuremykids.com. TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

Register Now: School Cash Online

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile, in order to receive updates and information on upcoming school activities, including pizza lunches, civvies days, field trips, and much more. Paying through School Cash Online offers a safe and convenient payment option that eliminates the need to send cash or cheques to school. For more information and to create your account visit www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline

Bus Transportation Information and Updates

Communications with parents regarding bus transportation for students is a priority. In order to stay informed, parents are encouraged to register on the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) portal today by visiting www.torontoschoolbus.org. This portal provides TCDSB parents with online access to their children's transportation information and up to the minute email notifications regarding school bus cancellations or delays. If you have any issues signing up on the portal, please contact support@torontoschoolbus.org and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

Safe Arrival

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the School Messenger app. This will allow parents and the school to stay in touch to report absences quickly and easily, and also for the school to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/newsandevents/pages/signupschoolmessenger.aspx>

September's Virtue is Hospitality

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found on our website at

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/VirtueoftheMonth/Pages/Default.aspx>

Pastoral Plan: This Year we Focus on “Rooted in Christ: we Believe”

In the second year of our pastoral plan, “Rooted in Christ, we Believe” our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community. Resources for the Year: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/rooted-in-christ/webelieve/Pages/weBelieveResources.aspx>

Consider who inspires you, who nurtures your faith, who acts as a mentor and role model of Catholic living.

Is it your school chaplain? A parent or other family member? Your pastor or other member of your parish? A teacher or other staff at your school? A colleague or friend?

Why not sit down to have a chat with them, and interview them about their experiences of living their faith. Write an article or create a video of your interview. Write a short story, a poem, or create a piece of artwork, music or video that pays tribute to those who guide you on your own journey of faith.

Share your stories on social media (@TCDSB #TCDSBelieves)

Send your submissions to ncc.team@tcdsb.org

Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs and eClass has begun. Please visit the website for details:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2020/pages/nightschool.aspx>

International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the elementary IL After Hours Program continues through to September 21st.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/InternationalLanguages/Pages/Saturday-School-Registration.aspx>

Open Houses

Students in grade 8 and their families are reminded that TCDSB secondary schools are hosting open houses this fall—a great way to meet staff and students, check out the school facilities and learn about the programs and services being offered at each location. The complete schedule will be available online: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

September Events and Meetings

- September is Ukrainian Heritage Month <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Ukrainian-Canadian-Heritage-Month/Pages/default.aspx>
 - September 1—Day of Prayer for Care of God's Creation
 - September 4—Open House for Parents of Elementary Students Identified as Gifted, 7-9 PM <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/news/pages/giftedopenhouse.aspx>
 - September 5--Student Achievement Committee Meeting, 7 PM
 - September 8--International Literacy Day
 - September 8--Grandparent's Day
 - September 9—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/fasd.aspx>
 - September 10--Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
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- September 12—Corporate Services Committee Meeting
 - September 14—Talking Faith—Hindu and Catholic Youth Event
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2019-2020/Pages/HinduCatholic.aspx>
 - September 16—Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
 - September 18—Special Education Advisory Committee
 - September 19—Board
- For details about these and other events and meetings, visit www.tcdsb.org

Student Leaders Invited to Help Build Accessible Country

The Government of Canada seeks youth leaders to help build a more accessible Canada. Apply online at https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html?utm_campaign=EnablingAccessibilityFund&utm_source=SocialMedia\Ddn\Banners&utm_medium=VanityUrl&utm_term=en&utm_content=canada-ca_accessibility-fund by **October 31, 2019**.

Congratulations to Kathy Nguyen, Student Trustee for 2019 - 2021

Kathy Nguyen, a student at Madonna Catholic Secondary School took her oath of office and seat in the horseshoe alongside the TCDSB Board of Trustees at their meeting held August 22, 2019. Elected by her peers, Kathy was declared the Student Trustee-elect at the CSLIT general assembly meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on April 30th.

Kathy often utilizes opportunities where she can network with like-minded leaders and make a difference in her community. She is a member of St. Jane Frances Parish in North York and is an active volunteer in her community. During her leisure time, she regularly volunteers at student leadership events.

As a Student Trustee, Kathy will represent the interests of all TCDSB students during deliberations of the Board and will communicate Board decisions to students. She joins Student Trustee Taylor Dallin who will act as her mentor during her second term of office. You can visit Kathy's student trustee page [here](#) and Taylor Dallin's page [here](#).

General Information To Note:

- The School Year Calendar for 2019-2020 is posted on the board's website at <https://www.tcdsb.org/calendar/pages/schoolyearcalendar.aspx>
- The remaining Board and Committee meetings for the 2019 calendar year are also on the website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2019/pages/board-meetings.aspx>
- For information specifically for students including scholarships, contests, job and community service opportunities, visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/default.aspx>
- For information specifically targeted for parents, including information about the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, see <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

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STUDENT INFORMATION FORM 2019 - 2020

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parents, please complete student information permission forms and return by Monday, September 9, 2019.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Lunch & Transportation

My child will be staying at school for lunch. **DAILY** _____ or **M T W TH F**

Children who remain at school for lunch are expected to remain each and every day, unless signed out by an adult at the office, notes will not be accepted.

My child takes the school bus to and from school A.M.: **M T W TH F**

P.M.: **M T W TH F**

Only eligible students may travel on the school bus. Students must travel on their assigned bus. Please do not ask for your child to travel on another bus or that non-bus students take a school bus.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

I give permission for my child to take part in supervised activities in the immediate vicinity of my child's school. This includes walking to the church, Thorncrest Plaza, West Deane Park, Public Library, community walks, etc.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

As part of on-going curriculum activities, samples of student work will be displayed or published within the school for public appreciation. Occasionally, student work and achievement is publicly acknowledged and shared through newsletters, newspapers, social media and assemblies. This is a valuable and enriching process.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDIA RELEASE

Throughout the year, the opportunity may arise for photographs / videos of your child to be taken so that it may appear in the newspaper, social media, yearbook, school displays, etc.

Please sign below to acknowledge your permission.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

DRESS CODE

With respect to the TCDSB Dress Code for Pupil Policy and the St. Gregory School Appropriate Dress Code, students are reminded to follow the school dress code guidelines outlined in detail below.

TOPS – Solid Navy Blue or White

Including dress shirts, blouses, t-shirts (with or without collar, long or short sleeve), turtlenecks, sweaters, vests, etc. All shirts must have sleeves.

BOTTOMS / DRESSES / JUMPERS – Solid Navy Blue (Denim/leggings /tights are not acceptable)

Including dress pants, chinos, skirts, skorts, shorts (Bermuda length), capris, active wear (i.e. wind pants, track pants).

- All attire must be free of any logo or graphics (i.e. Gap, Roots, Sports teams etc.), but may include St. Gregory Crest
- Appropriate Dress Code includes St. Gregory Phys. Ed. & Team attire. School spirit wear is permissible
- All attire worn inside the classroom (i.e. sweaters, hoodies) must adhere to Appropriate Dress Code guidelines

If students are inappropriately dressed and/or do not adhere to these guidelines then parents will be contacted to provide a change of appropriate attire. Your support in helping to ensure guidelines are followed is appreciated. Further information can be found in the school agenda, our school website and in our monthly newsletters.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

ACCEPTABLE USE of TECHNOLOGY POLICY – BYOD / Cell phone use for 2019-2020

The full version of the Toronto Catholic District School Board Acceptable Use Policy may be found at

<http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>

Please reference the complete 'Surf Right' internet policy found in your child's agenda. We require everyone's support of this policy. The above referenced policy is in place to ensure the safe use of all devices (i.e. cell phones, laptops, iPads, computers, tablets), the internet and apps. **Students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.**

During the school day:

- Students may have cell phones on their person **but MUST BE TURNED OFF**
- Any devices may be used for educational purposed ONLY if permitted and supervised by the teacher
- It is NOT permitted to use devices for social reasons, texting, listening to music, playing games, etc.
- Students are not permitted to use their cell phones to text or call parents
- Students and parents will contact each other through the main office

Violations to this policy:

- **Any device/cell phone not used appropriately will be turned into the main office to be retrieved after the instructional day, and parents will be contacted. Your support is appreciated.**

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____

St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (STAFF ROOM)

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 612/00 and TCDSB Policy S.10 (Revised June 2001), an election to fill the twenty (20) parent/guardian positions for the St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC, formerly known as CSAC) for 2019- 2020 term will be held on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7 pm** at St. Gregory School. Regulation 612/00 was passed by the provincial legislature in December 2000 and the revised TCDSB Policy S.10 was approved by the board in June 2002. Copies of these documents are available from the school office upon request or from the CSPC website

NOMINATIONS

Parents/guardians of children attending St. Gregory Catholic School that would like to stand for election for the positions of parent/guardian representative must complete and return the nomination form to the school office by **Friday, September 13, 2019 (3:00 p.m.)**.

Parents/guardians may also nominate other parents/guardians. A list of all nominees with names and biographies will be made available prior to election day.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on election day. Nominees from the floor will be asked to verbally present their biographies on election day.

For more information regarding CSPC, including the CSPC Constitution & Bylaws, visit the school website at <http://school.stgregorytoronto.com/cspc.html>

COUNCIL COMPOSITION FOR 2019-2020

Twenty (20) parent/guardian representatives

- to be elected by parents/guardians of students enrolled at St. Gregory School and must make up a majority of council membership

The Principal of St. Gregory Catholic School.

One (1) Teacher representative

- to be elected by teachers employed at St. Gregory Catholic School

One (1) Non-Teaching person who is employed at the St. Gregory Catholic School

- to be elected by persons employed at St. Gregory Catholic School, other than the principal, vice-principal or any other teacher employed at the school

One (1) Student Representative

- to be appointed by the principal after consultation with other members of the council

The Pastor of St. Gregory's Catholic Church or parish designate

One (1) Community Representative

- to be appointed by the St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council

One (1) person to represent the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

- to be appointed by the St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council
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ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM (2019-2020)

Please complete Section A or B, and return to the school office by Friday, September 13th (3:00p.m.)

SECTION A (PARENT/GUARDIAN SELF-NOMINATION)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the St. Gregory CSPC.

Candidate's Name (Print)

Home Telephone Number

Mobile Telephone Number

E-mail address

I am the parent/guardian of _____ who is currently registered at St. Gregory Catholic School.

I am an employee of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

YES

NO

Candidate's Signature

Date

Please include a brief biography of yourself on the back of this form or as an attachment.
You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

SECTION B (PARENT/GUARDIAN CANDIDATE NOMINATION)

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the St. Gregory CSPC.

Candidate's Name (Print)

Home Telephone Number

Mobile Telephone Number

E-mail address

_____ is the parent/guardian of _____

Candidate's Name

Student's Name/s

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

YES

NO

Nominator's Name (Print)

Home Telephone

Mobile Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

I am the parent/guardian of _____ who is currently registered at St. Gregory Catholic School.

Nominator's Signature

Date

Please include a brief biography of yourself on the back of this form or as an attachment.
You will be notified when your nomination has been received.