



ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Gregory Families: It certainly has been a very unique school year, one that I hope we never experience again. When we hear the word school, we conjure up images and sounds of children learning, smiling, laughing and playing. Unfortunately, our hallways, classrooms and school yard have been devoid of these typical sights and sounds since mid-March. Given these unusual and unprecedented times, I want to commend all of our wonderful students. With the assistance of our teachers and parents, our students have managed to continue to work hard and complete their schoolwork so that they can properly transition to the next grade level. Years from now, people will still be reading and talking about this school year. We can tell them all about it because we were part of history.

Congratulations to Mrs. Prete on being promoted to Principal at St. Edmund Campion. It has been a pleasure working with her this year and her new school is fortunate to have an exemplary administrator. We also want to congratulate Mr. Vlasschaert in his new position as Vice Principal at Our Lady of Victory. We welcome Mr. Ruocco as our new Vice Principal.

Best of luck to our grade 8 students who will be in high school in September and to any families who will not be returning to St. Gregory in September. We wish you a safe and peaceful journey as you embark on your next pathway to learning. Thank you to our Parent Council who continue to work on behalf of our students, parents and staff. Have a safe, restful and wonderful summer holiday.

The first day of school is tentatively set as Tuesday, September 8th.

Report Cards have been sent home electronically.

Christ, Teacher and Lord,

We give thanks for our students and staff who have contributed to this year of learning and growth.

We remember wonderful moments: the excitement of learning, creativity, laughter and a sense of belonging to the St. Gregory School community.

We reflect on the challenges: too little time, constant change, misunderstandings and give these to You for transformation, so they can become seeds which find fertile soil.

As we leave for our summer holiday, we take with us the understanding that You will keep us in Your embrace so that we may rest and be restored, In order to continue on the journey of lifelong learning. Amen.

Thank you
J. Pannozzo

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

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURE

School resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

Please monitor your e-mails as we get closer to the start of the school year. The TCDSB will be providing updates throughout the summer.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Please note that much time and thought has been put into the creation of classes with respect to students' learning style, social skills and academic needs. If your child is in a combined grade, please be aware that schools organize these classes to meet student learning needs and/or to balance class size as well as following Ministry of Education expectations. All classes are composed of students with a range of skills and abilities and combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. Our school strives to create classroom environments that will support the needs of all students. Teachers use a variety of strategies to teach students to achieve their learning goals.

Changes to class organization, teacher assignments and the placement of children, may need to be made due to any changes in student enrolment. Parents will be informed of any changes during/by the end of September or early October.

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2020-2021

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	7
Number of Exam Days (Secondary Only)	10
First Two Days of the School Year (Staff Only)	September 2 and 3, 2020
Labour Day	September 7, 2020
First Day of Classes for Students	September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2020
Christmas Break	December 21, 2020–January 1, 2021
Start of Second Semester for Secondary Schools	February 1, 2021
Family Day	February 15, 2021
Mid-Winter Break	March 15-19, 2021
Good Friday	April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	May 24, 2021
Last Day of Classes for Elementary Students	June 29, 2021
Last Day of School Year (Staff Only)	June 30, 2021

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Get Updates on School Bus Service: Register for the Toronto Student Transportation Group Parent Portal to receive real-time notifications about school bus cancellations or delays. The parent portal will be updated and re-open in mid-August for sign up.

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/Account/Register/>

GOOD LUCK GRADUATES!

The staff of St. Gregory Catholic School would like to extend our congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020! This school year has been far from ordinary, and, although we experienced many challenges, we faced them together as a strong and united Catholic school community. We are confident that your time spent at St. Gregory has prepared you for the next chapter of your lives.

As you begin your high school journey, always cherish the memories that you have created here. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and are confident that you will continue to make us proud. Stay positive and be safe. Remember that God is always with you to guide you through any obstacles that may come your way.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!



Farewell from Mrs. Prete

During this past year as St. Gregory's Vice Principal, I have been fortunate to experience a truly safe and caring school climate that provides each student with opportunities to acquire the academic and social skills that are needed for students to reach their full potential. The staff and parent community at St. Gregory truly believes that each child is unique and has their own special gifts. They work tirelessly in order to help our students achieve confidence and success. It has been my privilege to witness the many ways that St. Gregory's numerous extra-curricular activities promote inclusivity and school spirit. It is truly a reflection of the dedication and commitment that our staff and parent community have to our students. St. Gregory is an example of a well-rounded education that includes both academic and co-curricular activities, which help to provide our students with opportunities to apply practical knowledge and further develop their social skills. The students at St. Gregory have worked very hard this year. I have watched them collaborate with one another, develop their leadership skills, take initiative and make a difference within the school community. Although my time at St. Gregory's has sadly come to an end, I will take with me all of the wonderful memories that I have made this year. I will truly miss each and every member of the St. Gregory community. It has been a privilege to serve you as Vice Principal. I wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable summer. All the best in the new school year.

Ms. Prete

Vice Principal



June Virtue: Faithfulness

"For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you." (Psalm 26.3)

Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Discerning Believer

- Words synonymous with faithfulness are: loyal, true and constant. These adjectives mean adhering firmly and devotedly to someone or something, such as a person, cause, or duty that elicits or demands one's fidelity.
- In the broad scope of spiritual life, we see faith not as something you have but as something you are in — a relationship. Practicing faith, then, is like developing any relationship. You have to give it time and attention. It requires you to see, hear, feel, and constantly remember your partner--God.
- Faithfulness and devotion are not ideally something that should be "practiced" only once a week, just on religious holidays, or only in response to a particular event in your life. Faithfulness needs to be part of your daily routine.

A faithful life is one lived in the presence of God. It involves an awareness of God's presence in our everyday experiences.

