

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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NOVEMBER 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the virtue of peace in November, we mark the anniversary of the end of the First World War and dedicate our time and attention to learning from the past and thinking about how we can work towards creating peace among nations. We are currently working out details with Father Sean on a Liturgy for Remembrance Day on November 11th. This hopefully will take place at 10:45 a.m. with a moment of silence at 11 a.m. This will be a live stream from the church while our students and teachers will be in their classrooms.

The Progress Reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 17th. The Growing Success Progress Report provides teachers, parents and students with a timely assessment indicating whether students are progressing well or experiencing some difficulty. This allows students, teachers and parents to collaborate on determining learning goals and working on next steps for improvement and growth in learning in order to support student learning and achievement. The parent/teacher interviews will take place **virtually or by phone** on Tuesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 19th. We will provide you with more details as they become available. Friday, November 20th will be a P.A. Day and there is no school for students.

I want to thank all the parents for doing your part in signing the COVID – 19 Passport. Students are asked for their passport upon entry into the school building. Please make this one of the many priorities that you have in the morning. We appreciate all that you do to assist us. We continue to reinforce proper handwashing, physical distancing and wearing a mask daily with our students and we thank you for reminding them as well.

Finally, thank you to the Dametto Family for donating thirty pumpkins to our school so that each class can be involved in a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Thank you to our CSPC for coordinating this event and we thank them for all they do to support our school initiatives.

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

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.

Student Illness

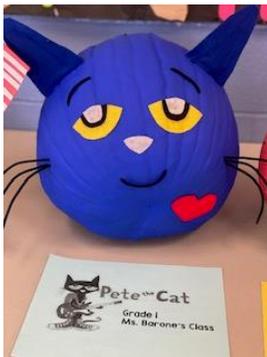
Children who are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or any other illness should stay home. COVID-19 passports must be signed daily for your child to enter the school.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS: HALLOWEEN AND TERRY FOX RUN



On Friday, October 30, 2020, the students at St. Gregory wore their Halloween costumes at school and many classes had their own celebrations in their classrooms during the day.

Our CSPC held a Pumpkin Decorating Contest encouraging each class to create a unique pumpkin submission. Congratulations to Ms. Messina, Ms. Micallef, and Ms. Hetmanczuk's classes on your winning designs. Honourable mentions go to Ms. Barone and Madame Pais's classes. Thank you to the Dametto Family for their faBOOlous contribution that made this event possible.



Terry Fox is recognized around the world as a hero but more importantly as a Canadian who inspired others with his faith in miracles and compassion for cancer patients. He continues to inspire the staff and students at St. Gregory. We were pleased to participate in the 40th Anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, while honouring the memory of Martina Carbonero, a former St. Gregory student who recently lost her battle with childhood cancer.

On October 1st, 2020 the sun was shining when the students and teachers enthusiastically took part in our school Run/Walk! Together, in the true spirit of "Terry Fox Generosity" we raised a grand total of **\$5695.00**. Thank you sincerely to everyone who donated online or brought in their "Toonies for Terry" and for keeping Terry and Martina's fighting spirits alive. The Terry Fox Foundation will be thrilled with the amount of money we collected. What an amazing accomplishment to be proud of! Well done and congratulations to us all. We look forward to doing it all again next September.

With thanks and appreciation,
The Terry Fox Committee,
Mr. Arduini, Ms. Caruana, Ms. Cicirelli, Ms. De Vincenzo, Ms. Hetmanczuk, Ms. Martino, Ms. Pais, Ms. Pires, Ms. Steponaitis, Ms. Taya, Ms. Yetman



ELEMENTARY PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD

The Provincial Report Card has been implemented throughout all elementary schools in the TCDSB. It is hoped that it will provide you with clear, detailed, straightforward information about how your child is achieving and progressing in school in relation to provincial curriculum expectations.

As Catholic schools, we use the form that acknowledges our commitment to Religious education throughout the curriculum. As well, the knowledge and skills of Religious education are reflected in a section titled "Religious and Family Life Education".

The Report Card reflects the vision of the learner by describing distinctive expectations that the Catholic community has for graduates of our schools.

These expectations are:

- A discerning believer formed in the Catholic faith community
- An effective communicator
- A reflective and creative thinker
- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner
- A collaborative contributor
- A caring family member
- A responsible citizen

Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Virtual/Phone Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 19.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK – NOVEMBER 4th

Take Our Kids to Work Day is an annual event that allows our Grade 9 Students to spend the day at the workplace of their parent, relative, friend or volunteer host to experience the world of work. **This year the event will take place on Wednesday November 4th** and run virtually, so students will remain in the school's respective day's cohort/schedule.



REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11th

On Remembrance Day, we honour the men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. More than two million Canadians have served, with many wounded and making the ultimate sacrifice during war and peacekeeping missions.

As Canadians, we remember the great contributions, sacrifices and efforts of all of the brave Canadians who served at home and abroad. The Canadians who went off to war believed that Canadian values were being threatened. They truly believed in the words of King George IV: "Without freedom, there can be no ensuring peace; and without peace no enduring freedom."

On November 11th, we remember their service and their sacrifice and recognize their enduring fight to preserve our freedom. We acknowledge their courage and the peace they fought so hard to achieve.

Toronto Public Health – Attestation/Return to School Form

If your child becomes ill during the school day, they will be sent home. All parents will be asked to complete the Return to School form and share this with their child's teachers and school principal when their child returns to school after being off ill. Please see the attachments below.

Attestation Form

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/9095-Attestation-for-Return-to-School.pdf>

New TCDSB Screening Passport

<file:///C:/Users/papadid/Downloads/tcdsb-covid-19-checklist%20oct%207.pdf>

CSPC NEWS

October was an exciting month for CSPC led initiatives. The budget committee met to get a 2020-21 budget into action, which was approved and finalized at the month end meeting. Thanks to the gracious donations made by the Dametto family we were able to hold the SPOOKTACULAR Pumpkin decorating contest that each class participated in with winning classes from each division receiving something from their class wish list. The kids also took part in dress down day and were able to show off their costumes; in a new and creative socially distant way - talk about squad ghouls.

November will lead us into some Christmas fun as we get ready for the holiday season with themed dress down days, contests and holiday surprises.

The fundraising team will be having a virtual meeting [on Tuesday November 3 at 7pm](#) to discuss goals and ideas to make this year a great one! Resources are always needed so any ideas and help are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in any CSPC driven initiative please reach out to us at cspc.stgregs@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great year!

PHOTO DAY NOVEMBER 4

Get ready for photo day on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Photos taken on this day will be for individual's only. Physical distancing will always be maintained. Students will stand in front of the backdrop instead of sitting on a stool which is normally done. All students should be wearing the school uniform.



ADVENT 2020

The liturgical season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy and hope that comes with the magic of the season.



ST. GREGORY'S PARISH

Information regarding registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2020/2021 will be coming soon.



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 call St. Gregory's Vice Principal Mrs. Papadimitriou 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.



Monthly Update from the Board

November 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19 Resources and Information

This is a reminder that the attestation form needs to be completed and returned to our child's school if they are returning after being ill. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/9095-Attestation-for-Return-to-School.pdf>.

As you are aware from the last communication you received, families will have the opportunity to switch learning models at each quadmester for secondary and at the end of term 1 for elementary. The next opportunity to switch learning models will take place during the January to February timeline.

For other updates and information relating to COVID-19, please see

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/back-to-school/pages/faq.aspx>
- **Resources:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/resources.aspx>
- **TCDSB Reopening Plan:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/reopening-plan.aspx>
- **Latest Updates:** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

For information specifically about the virtual school (St. Anne Catholic Academy) please refer to <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/virtual-school.aspx>

Sign Up for School Messenger for Absence Reporting and More

The student absence reporting system is also used to send critical and urgent messages from your school, and from the school Board. For more information <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

Get Updates on School Bus Service

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/Cancellations.aspx>

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 1st and enjoy the extra hour of your weekend.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Public Consultation: Policy S.P. 03, Age-appropriate Placement: Curriculum and Program Supports

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is in the process of creating a policy on Age-appropriate Placement: Curriculum and Program Supports, Policy S.P. 03. The TCDSB is committed to the learning of all students and provides a range of differentiated placements, programs, and interventions to support student success. While the TCDSB adopts the Ministry of Education mandate of placing students in age-appropriate settings ([Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12](#), p.52), it also commits to providing individualized accommodations to students with abilities/disabilities in order to enable them to have meaningful access to education services.

Details: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TCDSB-Community-Consultations/Pages/PolicySP03Age-appropriatePlacement.aspx>

This survey will be open until **Friday, December 4, 2020 at 3:00 PM** (please only submit one response). All responses will remain confidential.

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Annual Report

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Publications/Documents/cpic-annual-report-2019-2020.pdf>

Reminder: School Year Calendar for 2020-21 including PA Days

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Calendar/PAandExamDays/Documents/tcdsb-school-year-calendar-2020-2021.pdf>

Virtue of the Month for November—Peacemaking

Resources and information:

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Take Our Kids to Work Day (Virtual)

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, Canada's longest-running, highest-profile career exploration event is going virtual offering more options than ever before! <https://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Take-Our-Kids-to-Work-Day.aspx>

Ontario University Fair

Due to continued health concerns, this year's in person event has been cancelled. Application deadline is **January 15, 2020**.

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

Ontario College Information Fair

This year's information fair is happening virtually on November 4 from 4 PM to 8 PM and November 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM. <https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

Details: <https://jobs.toronto.ca/recreation/>

House of Commons Page Program

Each year, 40 students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs are selected from across Canada to participate in the page program. Pages are first-year undergraduate students registered at one of the four universities in the national capital region.

They work on a part-time basis for one year. The deadline to apply is **November 8, 2020**. For more information, visit

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/About/PageProgram/Index-e.html>.

Accelerated OYAP Applications are Now Available

Students should reach out to their co-op or guidance teacher, or the school office for application. Accelerated programs will run in Quad 3 & Quad 4. There continues to be modifications to location and training delivery models because of Covid-19 shifting restrictions, in comparison to previous year's programs. **Applications due Wednesday November 11th, 2020.**

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

November Observances

- November 1-7 Down Syndrome Awareness Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/down-syndrome-awareness-week.aspx>
- November 1 All Saints Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/all-saints-day.aspx>
- November 2 All Souls Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/all-souls-day.aspx>
- November 2-6 Treaties Recognition Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/treaties-recognition-week.aspx>
- November 11 Remembrance Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/remembrance-day.aspx>
- November 16 Louis Riel Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/schoolprogramsk12/firstnationsmetisandinuit/pages/louisrielday.aspx>
- November 16-20 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week <https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/safeschools/bullyingawarenessandprevention/pages/bullying-awareness-and-prevention.aspx>
- November 20 PA Day
- **December 1 Giving Tuesday**—Consider supporting TCDSB’s official charity, the Angel Foundation for Learning and help students and families who are struggling during these unprecedented times. Find out how you can help: https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/?page_id=10265

November Meetings

- November 4 Student Achievement Committee
- November 9 Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- November 10 Governance and Policy Committee
- November 12 Corporate Services Committee
- November 17 Nurturing our Catholic Community
- November 17 Audit
- November 18 Special Education Advisory Committee
- November 19 Board
- November 26 Caucus/Inaugural
- November 30 Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education

Agendas and Minutes: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/Pages/BoardMeeting.aspx>

Don't Miss Out on the Latest News and Information:

- Visit the Board’s website www.tcdsb.org
- Follow @TCDSB on twitter to get updates throughout the day

