

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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MAY 2021

Principal's Message

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Nurturing Hope."

We are asked to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contributions in our church and in our society. The theme for the Catholic Education Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of over 170 years of Catholic Education in the province of Ontario. It is an invitation for all of us involved in Catholic Education to rededicate ourselves to the task of preserving and enhancing the quality of our Catholic school system. There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week: Preparing the Earth, Sowing Seeds of Gratitude, Cultivating Relationships, Harvesting New Fruit and Marvelling in Wonder.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - COMPASSION

For the month of May, we will be focussing on the virtue of COMPASSION. Our quote is from John's Gospel, "Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved." John 11:33

True compassion is not always easy to practice. This is all the more reason to show our compassion for those who cannot share in the light. For this month, St. Gregory Catholic School will be showing compassion by:

- *thinking about how words make people feel.*
- *thinking about how actions make people feel.*
- *understanding why someone is acting the way they do.*
- *being considerate to other people.*

Thank you to all parents and students for your patience and cooperation as we have transitioned back to Distance Learning. Please continue to reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns as we move forward.

With appreciation,
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.

EARTH DAY – APRIL 22

St. Gregory's students recognize their responsibility to care for our Earth.



Earth Day

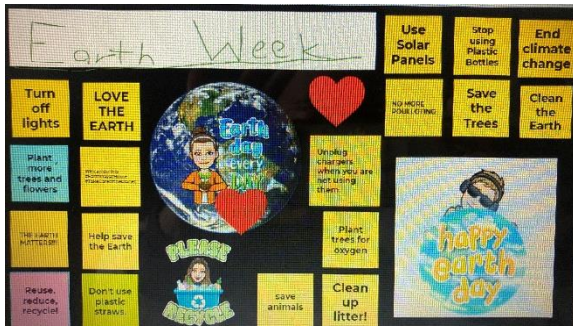
Students in Ms. Gentile's Grade 2 Class studied Water Conservation in Science and created Media Literacy posters about saving water.



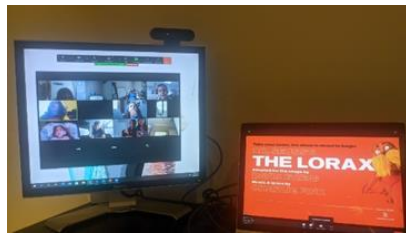
Is Every Day



Our Grade 5 Extended French students discussed being Stewards of Creation and how they can take care of our planet.



Ms. Martino's Grade 2 Class watched a live presentation of the Lorax from the Old Vic Theatre in London, Ontario.



Ms. Rosa and Ms. Kennedy's FDK Class made Earth Day crowns.



EASTER LITURGY – APRIL 1

On April 1 Father Sean led us in prayer in preparation for Easter. Our virtual celebration reminded us of the love that God has for us. He gave his only Son for us so that we may live in heaven.



MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 9

We pray that all our Mothers, and women who care for the children in our community have a blessed Mother's Day.



Dear Lord, we approach you to give thanks to all mothers who so generously and freely give love, comfort, and guidance to their children every day. We ask you, Lord, to give them strength to carry on doing their work. Give them patience and let them see that they are loved, appreciated, and respected. We thank you for the sacrifice each mother makes every day. And we pray you bless them and touch them with your Grace. We pray this is your mighty name. Amen.

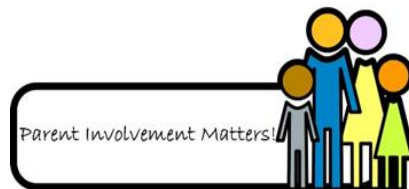
MONTH OF MARY – PRAY THE ROSARY

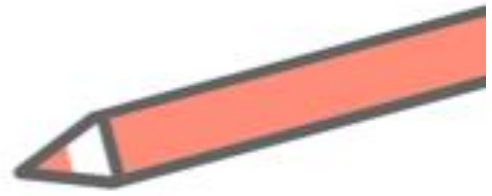
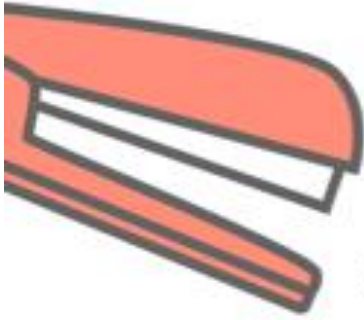


All are welcome to participate – students, staff, parents, and friends – on our [NCC YouTube Channel](#).

CSPC NEWS

Our next CSPC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 At 7:00 p.m. via Zoom





ST. GREGORY'S CSPC

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St. Gregory's CSPC team at
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Monthly Update from the Board

May 2021

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Information and Resources for the 2020-2021 School Year

- [Virtual Learning Resources](#)
- [Equity Student and Family Community Resources](#)
- [Supporting Students' Mental Health During a Pandemic \(COVID-19\)](#)

Catholic Education Week: May 2 – 7, 2021

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 is Nurturing Hope. For information on events and resources, visit the [CEW website](#).

Children's Mental Health Week: May 2 – 7, 2021

This important week is about:

- Increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems
- Decreasing stigma
- Understanding that help is available and it works!

Visit TCDSB's Mental Health webpage for resources and activities for the week:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/specialeducation/mhs/news/mhw/pages/childrens-mental-health-awareness-week.aspx>

Live Province-Wide Catholic Education Mass: May 5, 2021

Students, families, staff and the broader Catholic community are invited to view the province-wide virtual Mass with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST. Visit <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live> to view the Mass.

FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Jean Augustine Centre: Spring After-School Programs (Online)

A variety of FREE after-school programs for girls ages 7-17 living in South Etobicoke.

Register now for Spring Session 2: May 24 - June 25, 2021!

<https://jeanaugustinecentre.ca/programs/online-programs/>

EarlyON Centres ONLINE Programs

TCDSB Early ON Child & Family Centres - located at 19 TCDSB schools - are currently offering ONLINE programs & services to families, including interactive fun, stimulating early learning activities to do at home, provided by qualified ECEs.

Contact your nearest EarlyON Centre for details:

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

Mental Health Resources

- CMHO: [Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)
- City of Toronto: [COVID-19: Mental Health Resources: It's OK not to feel OK](#)
- Ontario: [Mental health services for children and youth](#)

Sign Up for School Cash Online

Schol Cash Online is an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas and yearbooks. Register for School Cash Online by visiting the [TCDSB's School Cash Online website](#), selecting "Get Started Today" and completing the three registration steps.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

Focus On Youth: Student Summer Employment

Opportunities for students from July 5th – August 13th, 2021 in the following placement areas:

- Training: June 28-June 30
- In-person placement: July 5th – August 13th (depending on restrictions: custodial, counsellor)
- Placement Virtual Camp: July 5th – August 13th (sports, art, leadership or STEAM camps)

Deadline: Students must apply by Friday, May 7, 2021.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/StudentsArchives/FocusOnYouth/Pages/employmentApplication.aspx>

2021 AFL Bursaries & Awards: Submit Your Applications!

The Angel Foundation for Learning strives to provide the opportunity for all students to pursue their post-secondary educational dreams through eight bursaries. AFL also offers four awards annually that aim to enhance school literacy programs. **Deadline to apply is May 14, 2021.**

<https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/bursaries-awards/>

Polish Heritage Month Poster Competition: Entries Due MAY 16

The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto is calling for entries for the "Painting the History of Poland: May 3 Constitution" Poster Competition. Submit your entry by May 16th!

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/polish-canadian-heritage/Pages/PolishHeritagePosterCompetition1.aspx>

"Way to Go! Pinoy" Video Competition

The Filipino Heritage Council of Canada (FHCC) is calling for entries for its video competition. Only the first 1000 entries qualify or until **May 30, 2021** (whichever comes first).

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/FilipinoHeritageMonth/Pages/essay-video-competition.aspx>

Need someone to talk to?

- **Kids Help Phone** is there for you with 24/7 confidential support. Counsellors can be reached by phone at 1-800-668-6868 or by texting CONNECT to 686868. <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- **LGBT YouthLine** offers confidential and non-judgemental LGBTQ+ peer support through telephone, text and chat services. <https://www.youthline.ca>

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

May is...

Speech, Language and Hearing Month

[Asian Canadian Heritage Month](#)

[Polish Canadian Heritage Month](#)

[Virtue of the Month: Compassion](#)

Important Dates in May

May 1: **World Principals' Day**

May 3 - 7: [Catholic Education Week](#)

May 3 - 7: [Children's Mental Health Week/CMHA Mental Health Week](#)

May 3: [TCDSB Polish Canadian Heritage Day](#)

May 3: [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

May 3: [TCDSB Awards Announced](#)

May 9: **Mother's Day**

May 9 - 15: [Respect for Life Week](#)

May 9 - 15: [ShareLife Week](#)

May 13: **Ascension Day**

May 13: **World Catholic Education Day**

May 12: [Day of Action on Litter](#)

May 14: **ShareLife Wear Green Day**

May 15: [UN International Day of Families](#)

May 16: **Toronto Newcomer Day**

May 23: [Pentecost](#)

May 24: **Victoria Day**

May 24 - 28: [Digital Literacy Week](#)

May 27: [Brain Cancer Awareness Grey Day](#)

May 30: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May Meetings

May 4: **Governance & Policy**

May 6: **Student Achievement & Well-Being**

May 13: Corporate Services

May 17: Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

May 19: Special Education Advisory Committee

May 20: Regular Board Meeting

May 26: Audit Committee

May 27: Student Achievement & Well-Being

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

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