

# ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## SEPTEMBER 2021

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):*

We would like to welcome all members of the St. Gregory school community to the 2021-2022 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.

J. Pannoza

### 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.

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 **Thursday, September 23, 2021.**

### 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.

## RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) recognizes that families are eager to know what they can expect for their child in September. Please be assured that the TCDSB is working with the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to ensure a safe return to school for everyone. We will continue to share the latest information and developments as it becomes available.

- **Latest Updates**  
View the [latest updates](#) including communications to parents, announcements and other critical information and developments related to school reopening.
- **Frequently Asked Questions**  
Find [answers to questions](#) about back to school, health and safety, transportation and much more.
- **School Reopening Action Plan**  
Learn what to expect and how we will continue to work together to support you for the [safe return to school](#).

## EVENTS AND INFORMATION

All resources for the month of September, and for the monthly virtues throughout the year can be found here: [Let's Live Our Virtues | Toronto Catholic District School Board \(tcdsb.org\)](#).

**Pastoral Plan: *Walking with Christ: with EYES of Faith and Hope, with HEARTS of Kindness and Love, with MINDS of Justice and Peace.*** Our new plan invites us to follow in Christ's footsteps, unified in our purpose and goal of providing excellence in Catholic education, inspired by Micah 6:8 – "***Act justly, walk tenderly, walk humbly with our God.***" Click [Walking with Christ: 2021-2024 Pastoral Plan](#) for resources for the year.

### September Events and Meetings

- September is [Ukrainian Heritage Month](#)
- City of Toronto declares September as [Bike Month](#).
- September 2, 7, 8: PA Days
- September 3:
- September 5: International Day of Charity
- September 6: Labour Day
- September 8:
- September 8: International Literacy Day
- September 9: First Instructional Day of School
- September 10:
- September 13: Grandparent's Day
- September 22: School Mass (virtual)/CSPC Meeting
- September 25: Rowan's Law Day
- September 30: Orange Shirt Day

Details about these and other events and meetings, visit [www.tcdsb.org](#)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

### Night School Registration

Registration for evening credit courses, Saturday language programs begins soon. Check [here](#) for details.

### International Languages After Hours Program Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 elementary IL After Hours Program continues this fall. Apply [online](#).

### Student Voice on the Board of Trustees

Student Trustees for 2021-2022 are [Keith Babybayon](#) and [Kathy Nguyen](#).

### City of Toronto Parks and Recreation is Hiring

A variety of [part-time positions](#) are available for students.

### Visit the Student Portal

To get information about scholarships, awards, bursaries, contests, employment and volunteer opportunities:  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/Pages/default.aspx>

## 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 and the school board to communicate to parents about important information throughout the year including cancellations, closures and other critical issues.

**If you require assistance updating your School Messenger information, please email our support staff who can assist:**

**Elementary:** [TrilliumElementary.AdminSupport@tcdsb.org](mailto:TrilliumElementary.AdminSupport@tcdsb.org)

**Secondary:** [Trillium.Secondary.Support@tcdsb.org](mailto:Trillium.Secondary.Support@tcdsb.org)

## STAY INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- Follow <https://www.facebook.com/Toronto.CatholicDSB/> on Facebook
- Follow [@torontocatholicdsb](#) on Instagram

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## 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

Parents/guardians are reminded to create their School Cash Online profile for 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](http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/schoolcashionline) 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 always be carried on the child 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 Gravol) 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.

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](http://www.insuremykids.com). TCDSB's Risk Management continues to strongly promote this product as an inexpensive form of dental, disability and life insurance.

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 acknowledgement of this policy.*

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 not be offering hot lunches at this time. We will let you know when this service resumes.

## MILK PROGRAM

The daily milk delivery program



operated by the Dairy Farmers of Canada will be suspended until further notice.

## 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. **Electronic devices such as tablets and laptop computers will be permitted for educational use this year and to prevent sharing of devices.** 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.

## HOW TO WEAR A CLOTH MASK

- ✓ Do wash your hands before putting it on and taking it off
  - ✓ Do make sure it fits comfortably over mouth and nose for easy breathing
  - ✓ Do wash your cloth mask after each use in the laundry
  - ✓ Do clean surfaces that a dirty mask touches.
  - ✗ Don't touch your face or mask while using it
  - ✗ Don't use masks on children under 2 or those who can't breathe with them on
  - ✗ Don't share your mask with others
  - ✗ Don't wear medical masks, keep them for health care workers
- You still need to:**  
Keep a 2m distance, (6 feet)  
Wash hands often  
**Visit [toronto.ca/COVID19](https://toronto.ca/COVID19)**

## TIPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD

The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed:

- Keep [two metres \(six feet\) distance](#) from others
- [Wear a mask or face covering](#) in indoor public spaces and when you can't keep physical distance
- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based (70-90 per cent) hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

This is just a reminder to parents that Toronto Student Transportation Group will be implementing a phased-in start for September 2021. From September 9 to September 14, 2021, only students with special education needs who ride in mini-buses, mini-vans, taxis, and wheelchair accessible vehicles, excluding those in the gifted program, will be provided with student transportation. Starting Wednesday September 15, 2021, all other eligible students will be provided with student transportation, unless there is a significant driver shortage or other unforeseen issues related to COVID-19. 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](http://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](mailto:support@torontoschoolbus.org) and staff will assist you with the registration of your account.

For updates on public transportation visit the Toronto Transit Commission website at <http://www.ttc.ca/>

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

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](mailto:stgregory@littleprintsdaycare.com)



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## STUDENT INFORMATION FORM 2021-2022

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents, please complete student information permission forms and return by **Thursday, September 23, 2021.**

### 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 2021-2022

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 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL – details to follow)**

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) for the 2021-2022 school year will be held during a virtual meeting (Zoom) on

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7 pm.**

**Please note the zoom link will be provided on the morning of Wednesday September 22, 2021.**

### **NOMINATIONS**

Parents/guardians of children attending St. Gregory Catholic School (or registered at St. Gregory but attending virtual school) that would like to stand for election for the positions of parent/guardian representative (CSPC council member) must complete and return the nomination form by Wednesday, September 15, 2021 (3:00 p.m.). Parents/guardians may also nominate other parents/guardians. A list of nominees will be made available on election night. We prefer that completed forms be emailed to [natasha\\_felicetti@hotmail.com](mailto:natasha_felicetti@hotmail.com). If email is not possible, a paper copy may be submitted to the office. 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 during the Zoom meeting. Parents/guardians of children attending or registered at St. Gregory Catholic School are eligible to vote in the election of CSPC parent/guardian representatives as long as they attend the election night meeting. No proxy votes are permitted. Voting will only occur if there are more than 20 nominees. If voting is required, the protocol will be discussed during the meeting. For more information regarding CSPC, including the CSPC Constitution & Bylaws, visit the school website at <https://stgregorycspc.ca/about-the-st-gregory-cspc/>

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CSPC?**

The St. Gregory's Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) is an elected group of parents and representatives from the school staff, parish, and community, who work together to support our school community and be involved in enriching each child's educational experience. CSPC advises and helps support the Catholic learning experience at our school while, at the same time, promoting a healthy, safe, and enjoyable environment for all students. CSPC is committed to working with the teachers and administration to build the school's community and nurture the connection between the home, the school, and the church.

### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF CSPC PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES?**

- Make every effort to attend ALL Council meetings and actively participate.
- Make every effort to be as representative of the school community as possible
- Perform duties as determined by Council, (Lead and participate in subcommittees, etc.)
- Conduct themselves consistent with our Catholic values and teachings
- Observe and uphold TCDSB Policies S.10 & St. Gregory Constitution/By-laws

**EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO CSPC MEETINGS** St. Gregory CSPC meetings are not limited to elected CSPC members. All St. Gregory community members are invited to attend any CSPC meeting.

**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS** about Nominations should be directed to Natasha Abramowitz, Chair of the St. Gregory CSPC Election Committee at [natasha\\_felicetti@hotmail.com](mailto:natasha_felicetti@hotmail.com)

## ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM (2021-2022)

Please complete Section A or B, and return to the school office by **Wednesday, September 15th (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. (place x)    \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Please include a brief biography of yourself (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 of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person nominated (Candidate)

Name of Student(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.  
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