

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2021

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 16th. 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 TCDSB will communicate further information regarding the Parent-Teacher interviews.

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. As well, the DeMaria family for donating pumpkins for the classrooms. 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

Staggered dismissal begins at 2:45 pm and ends at 3:00 pm. We are asking all parents to adhere to health and safety guidelines while on school property. Remember to:

1. Wear your mask.
2. Watch your distance.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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 sign out. 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



On Friday, October 29, 2021, 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. Savoie & Ms. Del Vecchio's class, Ms. Trinetti's class, Ms. Marinelli's class and Ms. Beltrano's class.

Many thanks to all staff you for all your creativity and collaborative efforts in participating in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. This was a great opportunity for our students to come together and celebrate St. Gregory school spirit.

Congratulations to all!!



GRADUATION PHOTOS AND PHOTO RE-TAKE

Get ready for photo re-take and SK and Grade 8 Graduation picture day on Friday November 12. For our Graduates, it is recommended to wear a white collared shirt for the best results. Don't forget to bring your best smile!!



TCDSB BULLYING AWARENESS & PREVENTION WEEK

Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week is the third week of November. Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Schools are encouraged to use this opportunity to explain the different forms bullying can take. These include:

- **Physical:** hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property
- **Verbal:** name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments
- **Social:** excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them
- **Electronic** (commonly known as cyberbullying): spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media.

Resources

- [Bullying Awareness and Prevention Q&As](#)
- [Bullying: We Can All Help to Stop It](#)

ST. GREGORY PARISH NEWS

Confirmation at St. Gregory's Church

St. Gregory's Parish

3 STEPS for Confirmation Preparation at St. Gregory's Parish 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 7, Grade 8 and Grade 9 Students looking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Due to the pandemic restrictions, this year's Confirmation Preparation classes will happen online via Zoom.

STEP 1:

Registrations for 2022 Confirmation forms and schedule for Confirmation Preparation for St Gregory's Church will be available from the Church office via email: plopes@archtoronto.org

STEP 2:

Once you have received a registration by email from the office, please read through the info package, complete and email the registration back to plopes@archtoronto.org.

STEP 3:

There will be a Confirmation Preparation meeting for you to attend via ZOOM on Sunday March 6 2022. Details will be found in your Confirmation information package.

Registrations for Confirmation close Tuesday December 7, 2021. Please register as early as possible. If you have questions, please contact the Church office by email plopes@archtoronto.org or phone 416 239-4831 .

In Christ,
Mr. Adam Kozak
Catechist
St. Gregory's Parish
122 Rathburn Road



ST. GREGORY PARISH NEWS

CALLING ALL KIDS!

St. Gregory's First Annual "World Day of the Poor" Drawing Contest

Open for ages 5 - 13

Theme: "The poor you will always have with you" Mk 14:7

Accepted mediums: Watercolours,
Acrylic, Oil, Pencil,
Ink, Markers, Crayons, Pastels.



Entries accepted 10/22 - 11/12

Turn in art and entry forms to St. Gregory's Catholic Church
by November 12th

Winners to be announced at Weekend Masses on November 20/21

Pickup the entru forms at the Parish Office

ADVENT 2021

The liturgical season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy and hope that comes with the magic of the season.



ELEMENTARY PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD

The Ontario Provincial Report Card is implemented throughout all elementary schools in the TCDSB. It is detailed, straightforward information about how your child is achieving and progressing in school in relation to provincial curriculum expectations.

The Progress Report Card is an opportunity to focus on the growth and the progress your students are making toward the overall expectations. The emphasis is on assessment for, and as, learning. Teachers will report student progress by checking one of the indicators that most accurately reflects student progress in relation to the overall curriculum expectations through the lens of the "achievement chart" categories. For example, the progress report card provides these indicators:

- Progressing with Difficulty
- Progressing Well
- Progressing Very Well

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

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK – NOVEMBER 3rd

Take Our Kids to Work Day is **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**. Take Our Kids to Work Day is an annual event aimed to help prepare Canada's next generation of innovators, problem solvers and change makers. This event is being held virtually and in-person.



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.

Return to School Attestation Form

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:94c617af-989b-49a6-ae20-b6f9bea59dc5>

November Screening Passport – please note the changes.

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:f27dd01f-e6d2-4896-b2d5-34242def426d>

CSPC NEWS

In the coming week, all parents/guardians will be receiving communication in regard to the **St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School Enrichment Program**. In light of the restrictions of the pandemic, the St. Gregory's CSPC will be implementing this program as a means of fundraising for the 2021/2022 school year. We will be asking parents to donate a one-time amount, that will replace traditional fundraising events. Money raised through fundraising is used to supplement and enrich our children's academic, athletic and spiritual school experience.

The CSPC has a new inbox!! If you have a question for the CSPC, please feel free to email us at: cspc.stgregory@tcdsb.org.

Our school trustee, Markus de Domenico, will be joining our November 17th CSPC meeting. If you have any questions for Markus, please forward to our CSPC info (cspc.stgregory@tcdsb.org).

We are very excited to announce that our St Greg's CSPC Instagram page is now live. Please follow us @stgregs_cspc.tcdsb. We will be sharing information such as: reminders of any calendar events, parish events, school events (i.e. pumpkin carving contest) & CSPC meeting dates.



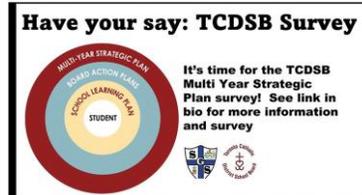
TCDSB

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Dear St. Gregory Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The TCDSB is seeking your valuable input and opinion on the development of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The TCDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) communicates the shared Catholic values and priorities of all stakeholders including students, parents/guardians and staff. It is a roadmap that informs our decisions and guides the allocation of resources and our collective actions.

This is an additional reminder to complete the survey by November 30, 2021. [Visit this link to access the MYSP Survey](#). The TCDSB is also encouraging student voice and participation. Please consider having your child(ren) complete the survey.



There is an information session and Q&A on the redevelopment of the TCDSB's MYSP being held on **November 2 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** During this session, you will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions related to the MYSP and to share comments. This session may also support you during the completion of the MYSP survey. Please see [the invitation](#) for more details.

Please visit the [MYSP site](#) for additional information and progress made to date.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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. Ginocchi 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 2021

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Survey

TCDSB is seeking your opinion on the development of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). The MYSP is the big picture plan that helps us improve. Deadline to complete the online survey is **November 30, 2021**.

Latin-Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month

Click the link above to watch this year's Latin-Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month celebration video.

Treaties Recognition Week

Treaties Recognition Week takes place from **November 1 to 7**, and was introduced in 2016 to honor the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Visit the above link for a list of events and resources.

National Indigenous Veterans Day - November 8

TCDSB is proud to honour and remember the lives, sacrifices and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Canada, by recognizing National Indigenous Veterans Day on **November 8**. Visit the link above to access resources and information.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The Transition to High School

TCDSB's Transition Guides for Parents/Guardians and Grade 8 Students may help with the transition to secondary school and identify the many opportunities available:

[2021-22 Transition Guide for Parents and Guardians](#)

[2021-22 After 8 Student Transition Guide](#)

STUDENTS

OSCA Logo Design Contest

Students are invited to design a logo for the Ontario School Cricket Association for a chance to win \$5,000.

HearNowON Student Mental Health Engagement Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in these upcoming School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action activities:

[Student Mental Health Engagement Survey](#)

Share your ideas and priorities when it comes to student mental health at school.

Student Mental Health Forums

Registration required. Each session virtually from 1 – 4 p.m.:

- Oct. 30: [Equity in Mental Health](#)
- Nov. 6: [Student Leadership Opportunities in Mental Health](#)
- Nov. 13: Knowing When to Reach out for Help (For you and your friends)

Ontario College Information Session

This year's information session will take place virtually **every Monday until November 29**. [Register](#) for details.

TCDSB IN THE NEWS

Beach Metro Community News: Neil McNeil's Senior boys cross country team makes school history with perfect score in recent race

The Toronto District Catholic (Colleges) Athletic Association (TDCAA) held its cross country championships at Boyd Park Conservation Area in Woodbridge earlier this month, and it was a successful meet for the boys from **Neil McNeil** at they won their 13th straight overall team title.

6ixbuzzTV: Dallas Mavericks' rookie Eugene Omoruyi sits down to discuss about his path to the NBA

Dallas Mavericks' rookie & **Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic School** grad, Eugene Omoruyi, credits support from his teachers for helping him achieve his NBA dreams. "Teacher's believed in me and helped me focus on my academics and allowed for me to continue to grow," said Omoruyi.

CityNews: [Toronto](#) Raptor Pascal Siakam helping young fans break barriers

Pascal Siakam's foundation donated \$100,000 worth of computer equipment to two schools in Toronto. One of the schools is **Our Lady of Victory Catholic School**.

Women's Executive Network (WXN) Newsroom: Top 100 Award Winners list was released by Women's Executive Network

A graduate of **St. Augustine Catholic School & St. Basil-the-Great College School**, Lena Azzou, Chief of Staff at Metrolinx, received the Mercedes-Benz Emerging Leaders Award for keeping the complicated worlds of \$80 billion in construction projects, the operations of GO Transit, UP Express and PRESTO, and corporate management in balance.

NOVEMBER IS...

Virtue of the Month: [Peacemaking](#)

Upcoming Observances

- **October 31:** [All Hallows Eve](#)
- **November 1:** [All Saints Day](#)
- **November 1-5:** [Treaties Recognition Week](#)
- **November 1-5:** [English as a Second Language Week](#)
- **November 1-7:** Holocaust Education Week
- **November 2:** [All Souls Day](#)

- **November 3:** [Take Our Kids to Work Day](#)
- **November 4:** Diwali
- **November 8:** [National Indigenous Veterans Day](#)
- **November 11:** [Remembrance Day](#)
- **November 16:** [Louis Riel Day](#)
- **November 20:** National Child Day
- **November 21:** Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- **November 21-27:** [Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week](#)
- **November 25:** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- **November 26:** [National Holodomor Memorial Day](#)
- **November 28:** [Advent Begins](#)
- **November 29:** Hanukkah (Judaism - Festival of Lights)