



# St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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TCDSB

## FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents,

Hard as it is to believe, we are working our way to year's end and look to your continued support in assisting us in helping your child achieve a strong finish to her/his school year. To this end we ask that you please review the following with your children:

1. Being responsible, meaning always properly prepared for class – homework completed to teacher expectations; pens, pencils, agendas, etc., at school – nothing forgotten. 
2. Being a true Christian – “The Golden Rule” – Treat others the way you want to be treated; such a simple rule, but so difficult to follow at times. 
3. Being polite and well-mannered. 
4. Being a good role model for all.
5. Showing day in and day out why we have a separate Catholic system; We're a system with a difference!

Let us continue working together towards our common goal – the spiritual, academic and social growth of your child.

Sincerely,

G. Benedek  
Principal



*He never taught in a classroom.*

*He used no subject outlines, kept no records, gave no grades, and His only text was ancient and well-worn.*

*His students were the poor, the lame, the deaf, the blind, the outcast, and His method was the same with all who came to hear and learn.*

*He opened ears with simple truth,  
And opened hearts with love, a love born of forgiveness.*

*A gentle man, a humble man, He asked and won no honors, no gold awards of tribute to His expertise or wisdom.*

*Yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee has fed the needs,  
fulfilled the hopes, and changed the lives of many millions.*

*For what He taught brought heaven to earth and God's heart to  
humanity.*

LET JUSTICE FLOW  
LIKE A STREAM,  
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS  
LIKE A RIVER THAT  
NEVER GOES DRY.

~ AMOS 5:24 ~

- THE FIRST STEP TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE IS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND STAND UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW GOD WANTS.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE (DEATH ON THE CROSS) JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH DIGNITY.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS ALWAYS AN INSTRUMENT OF JUSTICE IN HIS WORK WITH PEOPLE.



JUSTICE

## APRIL VIRTUE - JUSTICE

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month's quote, "Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry," Amos 5:24.



## SAFETY REMINDER

With the advent of more temperate weather, our students are reminded that rollerblades come off and skateboards/rib sticks/scooters are picked up once having arrived at school. Also, rollers that are in running shoes must be removed during school hours.



## FLYERS/DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

From time to time, the school will send home information from non-profit and for-profit organizations. We remind parents and guardians to exercise caution any time they participate in or enroll their child in an outside



organization's event after school hours. The school and the TCDSB are not liable for the quality of service these organizations provide or for the safety of the participants. We forward this information to keep our parent community informed of the wide variety of opportunities available within our local community.

## GRADE EIGHT EXCURSION

The date for the Grade Eight excursion to Quebec is fast approaching. Our students will be departing on May 7 and will be returning to St. Gregory on May 10 following a jam-packed 4 days touring: Old Quebec, the Citadelle, a Cabane a Sucre and the Canyon Sainte-Anne, to name just a few. We wish them a most enjoyable safe trip and know they will represent St. Gregory through impeccable behavior and exemplary manners.



## SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Spring Book Fair will be held in our school library in conjunction with Catholic Education Week. Save the dates!

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Specific details and a scholastic flyer with book previews will be sent home shortly. Any parent interested in volunteering, please return the form included with the flyer or contact Ms. Barone at [nancy.barone@tcdsb.org](mailto:nancy.barone@tcdsb.org)



## BOOK CLUBS

Our Book Club members, along with all of the primary students, are



enjoying great selections from this year's reading programs. Our Junior & Intermediate St. Gregory Book Club members have been eagerly reading over the last 3 months to meet their personal goals!

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.: Students will be having their final morning meeting. On this date, the Grade 4, 5 & 6 students will be voting for their favourite 'read' in both Fiction and Non-Fiction categories.

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.: Celebratory Breakfast! Official winning book titles will be announced. Further information to follow.

Ms. Barone, Ms. Resendes, Mrs. Botelho, Ms. Andreacchi, Ms. Iwasykiw, Mrs. Pires and Ms. Vieira would like to congratulate all of the avid readers that participated faithfully in this season's, before-school, Reading Clubs! Again, a special thanks to CSAC for supporting this important initiative.

## PIZZA DAYS

Pre-paid pizza slices can still be ordered from April to June. Please ask for an order form in the office or e-mail Daniela at [mecanooshee@live.ca](mailto:mecanooshee@live.ca)



The following dates are PIZZA days:

Thursday, April 4, 2013  
Thursday, April 18, 2013  
Thursday, May 16, 2013  
Thursday, May 30, 2013  
Thursday, June 13, 2013  
WEDNESDAY, June 26, 2013  
Grade 8 parents are asked to take note of dates that may conflict with the Ottawa trip and Graduation.



## THE KIDSENTIALS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Take a break from packing lunch! **Kidssentials is the fresh, hot lunch provider at our school.**

The Lunch Menu for April - June 2013 is now available to order online. To place an order, please log in or create your Family's account at [www.kidssentials.com](http://www.kidssentials.com).

**Lunch Cancellation Policy:** If your child is away on a Kidssentials lunch day (illness, field trip, etc.), Kidssentials must be notified directly **before 8am** and a credit will be applied to your account for future use – Kindly provide as much notice as possible for all cancellations.

Kidssentials may be reached at **905.855.1914** or via email at [mail@kidssentials.com](mailto:mail@kidssentials.com)

*Kidssentials is hiring! Work only while your child's at school – Perfect for any stay-at-home parent. Contact Kidssentials today for more info.*

**\*NEW\***

## ST. GREGORY T-SHIRTS COMING SOON!

New styles are coming to St. Gregory! Beginning in April, a new style of New Balance



Dri-fit t-shirts will be available to all students for \$10. These t-shirts are navy with the white St. Gregory logo and are compliant with the daily dress code. They're great for Phys. Ed. days, Fitness Club members, and day-to-day wear. Please note, these will be the new t-shirts for all Cross Country and Track and Field teams. Order forms will be sent home shortly!

### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2012-2013

#### Wards

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Andrew Walker, Student Trustee	416-512-3413

**Student Awards  
Virtue of the Month**

**MARCH - FORGIVENESS**

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto	JK	Leah S.	Noah D.S.		
P. Santelli	JK	Ryan D.	Emilio M.		
N. Rafferty	JK/SK	Daniele M.	Nikolas M.		
K. Vieira	SK	Deven D.	Giselle S.	Alex G.-S.	Curtis
L. Pitoscia	SK/01	Sophia D.A.	Elias M.	Austen J.	Rosanna S.
C. Mulvihill	1	Michael W.	Francesco R.	Jazmin T.	
T. Roy	1	Roisin McN.	Nate R.		
M. Alberton	1/2	Lucas H.	Blake R.		
M. Ceddia	2	Vince J.	Gabriel P.		
O. Gentile	2	Amanda B.	Oliver B.		
N. Yetman	2/3	Kiara I.	Sofia T.		
M. Resendes	3	Alexis D.P.	Liam F.		
E. Brajuka	3	Julia D.	Makayla McD.		
A. Iwasyskiw	3	Luca S.			
J. Henderson	3/4	Aidin H.	Kyle S.		
K. Steponaitis	4	Elijah C.	Kevin K.		
M. Micallef	4	Elizabeth B.	John P.	Angelynn M.	
P. Zinko	5	Thomas R.	Leticia R.		
N. Hall	5/6	Ante A.	Victoria K.		
J. Pires	6/7	Evan E.	Julian M.	William McN.	
S. Peters	7	Sophie McC.	Hailey S.		
S. Suraj	8	Karissa D.	Christopher McP.		
A. Silvestre	8	Alessandra V.	Cameron R.	Ava W.	
V. Andreacchi	5 FI	Sophia G.			
D. Abboud	5FI	Julia P.			
T. Botelho	5/6FI	Victoria G.			
M. Quartarone/P. Carniel	7 FI	Sean B.	Nathan C.	Catherine W.	
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	8 FI	Alison D.	Stephanie O.	Antonia P.	Siobhan G.