



# St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to Spring! I cannot believe that we are already beginning the month of April.

Please note that there will be no school on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> due to Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Our next school Mass will take place Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 a.m. at St. Gregory Catholic Church. This will be our Easter Mass and as usual all parents and guardians are most welcome to attend.

Our Next CSAC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Music room. Be sure to come out and join council members at our next meeting, so that you too, may see the good work that is being done for the betterment of our children's education.

Finally, we are beginning to plan for next year. Please inform Mrs. Vieira if your child will not be returning to St. Gregory in September, 2015.

Happy Easter,  
J. Pannozzo



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



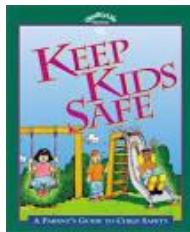
## APRIL VIRTUE – JUSTICE



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.



## 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 Balsamo at [mcanooshee@live.ca](mailto:mcanooshee@live.ca)



The following dates are PIZZA days:

Thursday, March 26, 2015  
Thursday, April 2, 2015  
Thursday, April 16, 2015  
Thursday, April 30, 2015  
Thursday, May 14, 2015  
Thursday, May 28, 2015 (Grade 8's Grad Trip)  
Thursday, June 11, 2015  
Thursday, June 18, 2015

Grade 8 parents are asked to take note of dates that may conflict with the Montreal trip.



## THE KIDSENTENTIALS 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 2014 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 8:00 a.m. and a credit will be applied to your account for future use – Kindly provide as much notice as possible for all cancellation.

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.*

## 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.

## SWIM TEAM

A big congratulations goes out to all the 100 St. Gregory swimmers that competed in the TCDSB Swim Invitational on March 7 and 8, 2015 at the Etobicoke Olympium. All of our swimmers did an amazing job of swimming their very best and representing our school with great sportsmanship! Our school placed 8<sup>th</sup> among 30 schools, making it our personal best standing.

St. Gregory is very thankful to the many parent volunteers and coaches that have dedicated their time, energy and skills while working on the Swim Team Committee.

Until next year, go Greg's, go!!!

**PARENTS AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER FOR  
A COMMON GOAL**

Please visit St. Gregory School Website at:  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/StGregory.asp>, to view our  
School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP):



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**Effective Assessment Practices**  
**Using Descriptive Feedback**

Assessment for learning is used in making decisions that affect teaching and learning in the short term future.

Students receive descriptive feedback about their achievement of the learning goals and expectations based on the success criteria.

Descriptive feedback is ongoing, timely, and continuous and guides students' further learning or practice. It highlights what has been done well and prompts further thought. Through comments and questions, it models the use of the language of the outcomes and if used in assessment for learning, provides opportunities for students to improve their work.



**SUGAR –**  
**YES, YOU ARE SWEET**  
**ENOUGH!**

On April 10th, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> all students will be participating in Fun Food Fridays! We will be discussing and learning about Natural Sugars and Added Sugars in our foods and the role they play in our health. We will be learning how much added sugar we are consuming, ways to lower the amount of added sugar and reading labels. There will be visuals, presentations and a healthy snack will be provided for the students. These tasty snacks will be made by the students themselves. Happy Fun Food Friday!

**LENTEN FOOD BOXES**

During the week of March 23-27 St. Gregory held a Lenten Food Box drive for the Canadian Food for Children (CFFC). Student Leaders promoted the importance of the Lenten Boxes for this Easter Holy Week. Many families depend on such donations to help celebrated the most sacred event of our faith, the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Parents and students were very generous and the front foyer of our school was filled with boxes containing non-perishable food items as well many pairs of new socks and underwear. An Easter prayer was also included in the box. Thank you to all individuals who helped to make this event such a success.



**TORONTO CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
TRUSTEES 2014-2015**

**Wards**

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| 1. Joseph Martino                         | 416-512-3401 |
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**Student Awards**  
**Virtue of the Month**  
**MARCH - FORGIVENESS**

<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>STUDENTS</b>		
<b>Ms. Aceto</b>	<b>ELP</b>	<b>Christian F.</b>	<b>Luke W.</b>	<b>Carolina L.G.</b>
<b>Ms. Andreacchi</b>	<b>ELP</b>	<b>Sophie C.</b>	<b>Adrienne M.</b>	<b>Vivienne V.</b>
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<b>Ms. Maxwell</b> <b>Ms. Santelli</b>	<b>ELP</b>	<b>Alexander V.</b>	<b>Ava. T.</b>	<b>Benjamin B.</b>
<b>Ms. Pappano</b>	<b>SK/1</b>	<b>Adam D.</b>	<b>Ruby D.B.</b>	
<b>Ms. Pitoscia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Vanessa R.</b>	<b>Paulinho S.</b>	
<b>Ms. Mulvihill</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Troy D.C.</b>	<b>Dante D.B.</b>	
<b>Mrs. Roy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Matthew C.</b>	<b>Daniele M.</b>	
<b>Ms. Alberton</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Alexander D.</b>	<b>Jack L.</b>	
<b>Mrs. Gentile</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Alex G.S.</b>	<b>Alyssa D.</b>	
<b>Mrs. Yetman</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Aden A.</b>	<b>Gabriel R.</b>	
<b>Ms. Donatelli</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Aaron A.</b>	<b>Van H.</b>	
<b>Ms. Brajuka</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Paul Bosyj</b>	<b>Elliott B.</b>	<b>Sarah B.</b>
<b>Ms. Aguanno</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Francesco R.</b>	<b>Alexander S.</b>	
<b>Mr. Zinko</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Noah S.</b>	<b>Maja M.</b>	<b>Domenico S.</b>
<b>Ms. Henderson</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Carson D.</b>	<b>Nicholas S.</b>	
<b>Ms. Micallef</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>Tessa D.</b>	<b>Kaitlyn D.</b>	
<b>Mrs. Hall</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Patrick W.</b>	<b>Chelsea W.</b>	<b>Robert G.</b>
<b>Ms. Quartarone</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Alexander I.</b>	<b>Dominic F.</b>	<b>Michael D.</b>
<b>Ms. Cicirelli</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>Sophie</b>	<b>Sarah</b>	<b>Danielle</b>
<b>Mr. Vennare</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Justin C.</b>	<b>Isabella M.</b>	<b>Dylan N.</b>
<b>Mr. DeMedeiros</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>Jack Q.</b>	<b>Arthur K.</b>	<b>Christopher W.</b>
<b>Ms. Dalmau</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Nikki M.</b>	<b>Anthony O.</b>	<b>Jacob L</b>
<b>Mme Abboud</b>	<b>5 Ext.Fr.</b>	<b>Serena T.</b>	<b>Riley M.</b>	
<b>Ms. Botelho</b>	<b>6 Ext.Fr.</b>	<b>Jonathan C.</b>	<b>Nicola G.</b>	<b>Daniel V.</b>
<b>Mlle Carniel</b>	<b>7 Ext.Fr.</b>	<b>Stephanie D'O.</b>	<b>Kleidi B.</b>	
<b>Ms. Silvestre</b>	<b>7 Ext.Fr.</b>	<b>Anastasia G.</b>	<b>Megan R.</b>	
<b>Mme Bahsous</b>	<b>8 Ext.Fr</b>	<b>Daniel A.</b>	<b>Meagan P.</b>	<b>Brooke K.</b>





## Monthly Update from the Board April 2015

### Second Phase of Budget Consultation

TCDSB thanks the many parents, students, staff and community members who participated in the first phase of the budget consultation and provided feedback through the virtual Townhall, the online survey and in person through delegations at board and committee meetings. The second phase of consultation will include further opportunities for feedback. Visit our website for all the details. <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/budgetandfinance/budgetconsultation/pages/default.aspx>

### New Legislation Aims to Prevent On-Line Cyberbullying and Exploitation

On March 9, 2015, new legislation has come into effect to protect all ages of Canadians from on-line cyberbullying and exploitation on the internet. Named the "Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act", the new law stands up for victims and helps law enforcement officials better protect our students.

A website has been created by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection to help youth who are being exploited by providing guidance in how to deal with online blackmail. We encourage you to share this site with your students: [www.needhelpnow.ca](http://www.needhelpnow.ca)

### School Year Calendar

The school year calendar for 2015-2016 has been approved. This includes the professional activity days for elementary. The PA days for secondary school should be approved soon. Check here for information

<https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/FutureSchoolYearCalendar.aspx>.

### Interactive Family Literacy Event

All are welcome to participate in the PRO Partnership Interactive Family Literacy Event. This will be hosted by 15 elementary schools.

**Location: Senator O'Connor College School, 60 Rowena Drive, North York**

**Date: April 8, 2015**

**Time: Registration begins at 5:45pm and the program starts at 6:15pm.**

This event is a "jump start" to Literacy for grades JK - 3 and will feature workshops by Young People's Theatre as well as interactive activities that will assist parents to work with their children at home to improve academic achievement in school.

To register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PROLiteracy>

### Launch of New Three-Year Pastoral Plan

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

*"Together With One Voice--Harmonizing Faith in our Families, Parishes and Schools"*

The event with Cardinal Thomas Collins will be webcast live through the board's website.

Further information will be posted here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2014-2015/pages/launch-of-new-pastoral-plan-2015-2018.aspx>

## **Mark Your Calendars and Prepare to Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 3-8, 2015**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- **April is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month**
- **April 1<sup>st</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Awareness Evening** at the Catholic Education Centre starting at 5:30 p.m. <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/autism-awareness-evening.aspx>
- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Autism Awareness Day.** Raise the flag and wear blue to show your support.
- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>: St. John Paul II Day**—declared by the Government of Ontario <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/pope-john-paul-ii-day.aspx>
- **April 9<sup>th</sup>: Student Job Fair**, Metro Toronto Convention Centre <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Job-Fair.aspx>
- **April 12-15<sup>th</sup>: National Volunteer Week** <http://volunteer.ca/nvw2015>
- **April 13<sup>th</sup>--St. John Paul II Day** (as declared by the Board)
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Earth Month School and Community Clean Up Days** <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/default.aspx>
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>: Student Trustee Election** <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Student-Trustee-Elections-2015.aspx>
- **April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Administrative Assistants' Day** (Secretaries' Day)

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