



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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February 2013

TCDSB

FROM THE OFFICE



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin this month of February, we find the school year already half finished. It has been a busy five months, and the next five promise to be even busier.

Report cards will be directed home for the first term on February 12. Please ensure that you meet with your child's teacher at parent-teacher interviews on February 14th or 15th.

Father John has been a regular visitor to our classes and we thank him for his leadership and guidance at our monthly Masses. Our next mass is Ash Wednesday, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Parents are always welcome to attend.

Just a reminder to parents on the issue of parking and safety for our students. Parents are asked to please treat the U-shared parking lot as a kiss-and-ride when they are dropping off their children in the morning. Also, parents need to let their children out of the car on the side facing the school. If they get out on the other side, the children are navigating between cars that are moving. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

As we begin to prepare for Lent please keep the following in mind as standards to live by:

- The TRUST of Abraham
- The JOY of Sarah
- The WISDOM of Solomon
- The FAITHFULNESS of Ruth
- The VISION of Moses
- The COMPASSION of Mary
- The RELIABILITY of Joseph
- The CONVICTION of John the Baptist
- The PERSEVERANCE of Paul

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Benedek



If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels
But do not have love,
I am a noisy gong and a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers and understand
All mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have
All faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have
love,
I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over
my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I
gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or
boastful or arrogant or rude, It does not insist on its
own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not
rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It
bears all things, believes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

Virtue of the Month
LOVE

FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD, HE GAVE
IT HIS ONLY SON.

~ JOHN 3:16 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD SAYS WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE HAS LOVED US.
- JESUS SAID WE SHOULD LOVE OUR ENEMY.
- THE BIBLE SAYS THAT LOVE IS ALWAYS PATIENT AND KIND.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.



VALENTINE'S DAY



In an effort to build school and to celebrate Valentine's Day, the St. Gregory Student Council will be selling Valentine's cookies and juice. Cookies and juice boxes will be sold for \$1.00 each, every morning recess starting Friday, February 1 through to Thursday, February 14. (Afternoon sales will be held for the Kindergarten students.)

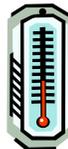
*All cookies are nut-free and meet requirements for school sale. Monies raised will support school initiatives, including the Grade Eight trip.

UPDATE
FAMILY INFORMATION



If there has been a change in address, phone number (home, business or cell), please inform us at the school. This information is vital to all of us as it pertains to the safety needs of your child.

TCDSB
GUIDELINES FOR
WEATHER CONDITIONS



In the interest of student and school performance, the TCDSB is in support of students being outdoors during recesses whenever possible. However, students will remain indoors during inclement weather. With a focus on winter conditions "students will remain indoors when the temperature or the temperature in conjunction with wind speed creates a wind chill factor that couple possibly lead to frostbite". Please know that we apprise ourselves of the weather conditions throughout the course of the day and base our decisions for recess on conditions and Board guidelines.

LOST AND FOUND

Our "lost and found" box is almost filled to overflowing. Please take a moment on the evening of February 14th and the morning of February 15th to check whether any items should be going home with you. As has been our practice, items will be set out on tables. Any unclaimed items will be gathered up and donated to charity.



PARENT
/TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences for the provincial report card will be held on the evening of Thursday, February 14 (5:00 to 8:00 p.m.) and the morning of Friday, February 15 (8:30-11:00 a.m.)

The report card will be directed home on Tuesday, February 12th. Please check your child's backpack for it.

BUSSING CONCERNS

The school is always amenable to sharing information that has been provided by the bus company regarding bus delays, when they arise.

We would ask, however, that requests for clarification be shared directly with the bus company



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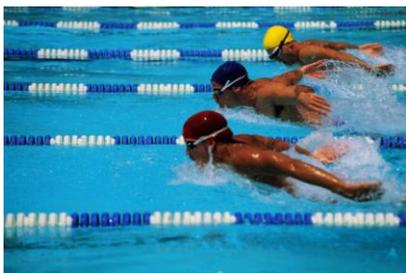
First Student:
(905) 629-8200

Please note that no students other than those noted on the bus lists provided to us by the board are allowed to ride the busses.

FUN SKATE



The Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) is sponsoring a Fun Skate for parents, students, and staff on Saturday, February 23rd from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. at the MasterCard Centre, Rink 1, located at 400 Kipling Ave, 416-251-5219. More information to follow.



SWIM TEAM

Information was sent home earlier in the month concerning the St. Gregory Swim Team. Any student from Grade 2-8 may join as long as they complete the minimum swim requirements. If you require more information please contact Jeanine Larmour at www.jeanine1224@gmail.com or Michelle Niedbala at mniedbala@sympatico.ca



CSAC MEETING

February's CSAC Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, February 20. CSAC Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Babysitting is provided. All parents are welcome.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

The cost for Dress Down Days is \$2.00. In February Dress Down Days are **February 1st and February 22nd**.



ME TO WE NEWS



We will be running a penny drive during the month of February. Each class will receive a container to collect pennies. This initiative will help provide fresh water in communities who are in desperate need. Thank you for your support.
The Me to We Team

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014

Labour Day - September 2, 2013
Thanksgiving Day - October 14, 2013
Christmas Break - December 23, 2013
January 3, 2014
Family Day - February 17, 2014
Winter Break - March 10-14, 2014
Good Friday - April 18, 2014
Easter Monday - April 21, 2014
Victoria Day - May 19, 2014

NO CHILD WITHOUT

“No Child Without” is an organization that provides medical alert bracelets to students free of charge. St. Gregory has requested that we be added to the list of schools taking part in this initiative. Arising from financial constraints we have been added to the wait list. For additional details, please contact:
www.medicalert.ca/studentsfirst



FUN FOOD FRIDAY

All the students in Grades 1-8 at St. Gregory will be participating in Fun Food Friday on a rotating basis. It is a day to have fun learning about and trying healthy foods that can be easily put together for a snack either at school or at home.

The presentation will be led by Mrs. Severino and Mrs. Giaquinto, as well as some other parents from our school community. Ms. Ceddia, Mrs. Alberton, Ms. Mulvihill and Mrs. Roy look forward to planning and working with our parent volunteers and the students from the Health Action Team to make the workshops fun and informative. It is hoped that these workshops will encourage students to try a new fruit or vegetable they may not have tried before while having some fun learning with their peers in the comfort of their school environment.

Our focus this year is to make students aware of the amount of sodium in the foods/snacks we eat. Introducing more fruits and vegetables into our day is always part of the focus. We hope that the students will come home and share their learning with their families.

The dates for this year's Fun Food Friday are as follows:

Feb 1.
Feb. 8
Feb.22
March 1
March 7 (Annual Big Crunch)

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2012-2013

Wards	
1. Peter Jakovic	416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk, Chair	416-512-3402
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6. Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406
7. John Del Grande	416-512-3407
8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9. Jo-Ann Davis	416-512-3409
10. Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11. Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
12. Nancy Crawford	416-512-3412
Andrew Walker, Student Trustee	416-512-3413

Student Awards
Virtue of the Month
JANUARY - COURAGE

Do Not be Afraid, I am with you.
Isaiah 41:10

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto / C. Tassone	JK	Manuele B.	Madeleine P.		
P. Santelli	JK	Jacob M.	Alex S.		
N. Rafferty	JK/SK	Tanner M.	Teresa G.		
K. Vieira	SK	Michael B.	Lindsay K.	Benjamin P.	Brenda S.
L. Pitoscia	SK/01	Blaise ON.	Noah L.	Mason E.	
C. Mulvihill	1	Joseph G.	Malachi O.		
T. Roy	1	Eric P.	Jeff V.		
M. Alberton	1/2	Stefanie G.	Tea P.		
M. Ceddia	2	Catherine D.A.	Bianca K.		
O. Gentile	2	Martina C.	Esrom A.		
N. Yetman	2/3	Vanessa C.	Christian S.		
A. Grella/M. Resendes	3	Carolin C.	Christian DeF.		
E. Brajuka	3	Brandon S.	Ivana C.		
A. Iwasykiw	3	Natalie M.	Robert G.		
J. Henderson	3/4	Julia D.M.	Isabelle P.	Kaitlyn D.	
K. Steponaitis	4	Gaizka P.O.	James S.		
M. Micallef	4	Jack M.	Alexander I.	Joelle S.	
P. Zinko	5	William M.	Vanessa M.		
N. Hall	5/6	Jake L.	Cameron L.		
J. Pires	6/7	Anthony A.	Jaeden M.	Andrej G.	
S. Peters	7	Anthony G.	Christine C.		
S. Suraj	8	Peter B.	Georgia M.		
A. Silvestre	8	Daniel M.	Monique N.	Anthony G.	
V. Andreacchi	5 FI	Tamara G.			
D. Abboud	5/6 FI	Adam McF.			
T. Botelho	5/6FI	Natalie P.			
M. Quartarone/P. Carniel	7 FI	Okie A.	Sarah K.	Justin R.	
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	8 FI	Annette Kowara	Marin S.	Sydney P.	