



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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TCDSB

From the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my fervent hope that you celebrated a joyous and blessed Christmas. It is hard to believe that 2013 is already here! We have the opportunity, however, to reflect on the many blessings that we have been given as we look back on the year that has passed. Let us remember both our successes and frustrations, our joys and our tears as we look forward to 2013 with renewed hope and expectation. A very Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Benedek
Principal



SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you.
Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have
And it may never be enough.
Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.”

Mother Teresa



DO NOT BE AFRAID,
I AM WITH YOU.

~ ISAIAH 41:10 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD IS INSIDE EVERYONE.
- KNOW THAT SOMETIMES DOING THE RIGHT THING IS VERY TOUGH BUT WITH COURAGE YOU CAN DO THE RIGHT THING.
- STAND UP RESPECTFULLY WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING WRONG THAT IS BEING DONE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

COURAGE

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH COURAGE

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense, it is apt that the virtue for January is COURAGE. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, "*Do not be afraid; I am with You*". *Be not afraid!*" is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation (Lk 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen (Mt 28:5). Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles (Jn 6:20). It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith.



Back to school January 7th!

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

You are asked to be aware that principals, teachers and support staff of the TCDSB are not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day unless we have written authorization signed by you, the parent, and the prescribing physician. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated on a regular basis and are available from the school principal. The forms, once completed, are kept on file at the school.



Also, please be advised that staff in TCDSB schools will not dispense non-prescription medications to students. Should you require any additional information regarding this Board protocol or if you have any questions, please contact the school or the Special Services Department at 416-222-8282, ext. 2486.

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.

ST. GREGORY SWIM TEAM

Registration forms will soon be available for the St. Gregory Swim Team. This is open to students from grades 2 to 8 who can swim 25 meters or more. More information to follow.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Grade 4-8 students collected 144 hamper boxes for the St. Vincent de Paul Society just before Christmas. Thank you to all our students and parents for their generosity. A special thanks to Mrs. Henderson for coordinating this effort and the five parents, Mrs. Bogle, Mrs. Donato, Mrs. Morrone, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Shaw, who transported the many boxes to Nativity of Our Lord Church Hall for final delivery to the families.

SWEET READ

Our front hall tables were overflowing with books and chocolates donated to the Catholic Children's Aid Society prior to Christmas. Thank you to our students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 for their generosity, and to Mrs. Mulvihill for coordinating this event.

BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to announce that our recent Book Fair was a great success! Thanks to the support from our school community we were able to raise funds for future purchases of new literacy resources to enhance our school library. We would also like to acknowledge the many parents who gave of their time to volunteer at the fair.

STAFF NEWS

We are happy to have welcomed Ms. Meagen Resendes to St. Gregory School. She joined us in mid December in the Grade Three classroom as Ms. Grella continues her leave. We also welcome Mr. Roberto Michels who joins Ms. Krisciunas in the vocal music department. A warm "welcome back" is also extended to Mrs. Tina Aceto as she rejoins the JK classroom for the new year.

ST. GREGORY BOOK CLUBS 2013!

St. Gregory School, through the generous support of its C.S.A.C., is once again having Junior and Intermediate Book Clubs.

Junior and Intermediate students are able to join our *before-school* reading clubs. The Junior Book Club is for Gr. 4-6 children and the Intermediate Club is for Gr. 7 & 8 students. Members set personal reading goals and read independently during book club and

personal time. Students share their opinions and feelings about selected literature during weekly, casual "book talks" with their peers.

Both book clubs run WEDNESDAY mornings, from late January to mid-April, from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Both clubs will begin meeting on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23rd**, starting promptly at 8:00a.m.

Students are asked to arrive for 7:55 a.m., and meet outside of the library. An invitation to attend an information meeting and pick up a permission form was extended to all Gr. 4-8 students. A reminder that space is limited and that spots may be filled on a first come basis. Forms are to be returned before/by Wed. Jan. 9th. Due to the nature of the Clubs, students cannot join after the program has begun.

This reading initiative has been extremely successful in promoting increased interest in & enjoyment of literature. Congratulations to the St. Greg's community for their continued enthusiasm and commitment toward fostering literacy!

AUTHOR VISIT

On the afternoon of Wednesday January 9th, we will be welcoming **Michael Wade** to our school. Mr. Wade is the author of the best-selling, *And Then It Happened* series.

He will be speaking to our Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 students, as well as answering questions about his books and his experiences as an author.

Many of our students are already familiar with his well known series. The *And Then It Happened* books are very popular library book exchange choices. If you would like to learn more about Michael Wade, or read sample stories, visit www.boysbookshelf.com.

On the day of the presentation, signed copies of his books will be available for sale to staff and students. They will be available for the special price of \$5.00 per book. The complete set of 10 books can be purchased for \$35.00 (a \$70.00 value). Prices include tax.

We may also have the opportunity to purchase the **NEW RELEASE: *And Then It Happened Book #11*** – before it is available to the general public! If interested in



purchasing, please ensure *exact cash* or a cheque payable to **Books For Boys Inc.**, is sent in a labelled envelope/zip-bag.

Parents are welcome to attend the author visit.

We enthusiastically look forward to this Literacy event!

Ms. Barone

SKI DAY

Our Grade 6-8 students will be shushing down the slopes at Mount St. Louis/Moonstone on January 24th. We will be leaving the school parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. Mogul monsters – beware!

EXTENDED FRENCH

There will be a meeting for all Grade 4 parents interested in enrolling their child in the Extended French Program for Grade 5 on Tuesday, January 15th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

INDOOR SHOES

Now that the winter season is upon us, please send an extra pair of indoor shoes with your child. This pair will be kept at school, and ensures that students are not walking around in soggy socks all day.

P.A. DAYS

Friday, January 25, 2013
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

Friday, February 15, 2013
Parent/Teacher Conferences

(no school for students)

**Student Awards
Virtue of the Month**

December - CHARITY

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto / C. Tassone	JK	Sarah H.	Luca S.		
P. Santelli	JK	Adriana M.	Stefano M.		
N. Rafferty	JK/SK	Mya C.	Charlie M.		
K. Vieira	SK	Maria V.	Ethan B.	Sofia D'A.	Aidan C.
L. Pitoscia	SK/01	Mria C.	Jessica C.	Seamus C.	
C. Mulvihill	1	Joseph A.	Andrea H.		
T. Roy	1	Laila N.	Sarah S.		
M. Alberton	1/2	Andrew P.	Amanda D.		
M. Ceddia	2	Jack B.	Marina G.		
O. Gentile	2	Christian P.	Alyssa J.		
N. Yetman	2/3	Brian A.	Julian R.		
A. Grella/Ms. Resendes	3	Francesca G.	Katherine S.		
E. Brajuka	3	Matthew G.	Lucas B.		
A. Iwasykiw	3	Mairead H.			
J. Henderson	3/4	Paul B.	Isabella C.	Aiden H.	Kailyn C.
K. Steponaitis	4	Dante D.	Leora A.	Sophie B.	
M. Micallef	4	Daniel V.	Isabella D	Samantha B.	
P. Zinko	5	Ashley S.	Dylan B.		
N. Hall	5/6	Madeline McG.	Robert M.		
J. Pires	6/7	Catherine S.C.	Rory G	Mark Anthony L.	
S. Peters	7	Joshua A.	Jason M.		
S. Suraj	8	Michael A.	David P.		
A. Silvestre	8	Anthony C.	Charlotte H.	Emma T.	
V. Andreacchi	5 FI	Omelyana K.			
D. Abboud	5/6 FI	Nathan N.			
T. Botelho	5/6FI	Sara Shehu			
M. Quartarone/P. Carniel	7 FI	Jacklyn M.	Samantha S.	Mark S.	
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	8 FI	Siobhan G.	Alison D.	Stephanie O.	