



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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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 2014 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 2014 with renewed hope and expectation. A very Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Benedek
Principal

The Art of Giving

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the
heart,
Love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy,
tolerance, forgiveness.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the
mind,
Ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principles,
plans, projects, poetry.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the
spirit,
Prayer, vision, beauty, aspiration, guidance.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of
fellowship,
Commitment, companionship, honesty, belief.

Let us ask God as we pray to help us give of
ourselves to one another everyday of this new
year.

Amen



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 6th!**

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. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our grade 4-8 students collected 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 four parents Mrs. Antoniadis, Mrs. Donato, Mrs. Morrone and Mrs. O'Sullivan who transported the many boxes to Nativity of Our Lord Church Hall for final delivery to the families. Donations from December's "Civvies Day" also allowed us to provide a cheque in the amount of \$615.00 so that food vouchers and/or other items might be added.

SWEET READ

Our front hall tables were overflowing with books and chocolates donated to the Catholic Children's Aid Society prior to Christmas. Two of our student council members (Lucas D. and Mark S.) and three grade 6 helpers (Amy C. Sophia G. Lauren P.)



assisted Ms. Mulvihill and other staff in joyfully spending November's donations from "Civvies Day" at Chapters to purchase approximately 70 additional books and chocolates for our campaign. Thank you to our students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 for their generosity, and to Ms Mulvihill for co-ordinating this event.

BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to announce that our November 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.

ST. GREGORY BOOK CLUBS 2014!

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. 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 29th**, 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 will be extended to all grade 4-8 students. A reminder that space is limited and that spots may be filled on a first come basis. 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!

SKI DAY

Our grade 5-8 students will be shushing down the slopes at Mount St. Louis/Moonstone on January 23rd. We will be leaving the school parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. Snow Snakes – 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 Wednesday, January 15th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Your child is welcome to be present.

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 24, 2014
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting
(No school for students)

SWIM TEAM Members:

In preparation for the TCDSSI West Region Swim Meet on March 22 & 23 at Alderwood Pool from 8:00am to 12:00 p.m. the swim team practices will take place from Saturday, January 11th through to Saturday, March 1 5th at Memorial Pool (note: **there will be no practice on March 8th**)

The practice times are as follows:

Grade 6-8: 5:30 pm – 6:20 pm
Grade 2-5: 6:20 pm – 7:00 pm

Dear Parents/Guardians;

The TCDSB is proud to announce the launch of the Student Online Registration Form. It will be available for JK/SK registration which begins on January 8th, 2014. Parents will be able to complete an application for registration from the comfort of home, the office, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access! The online application offers access to translations in many different languages with built-in help functions and features. Parents are also able to schedule their appointment for registration with the elementary school online. Upon completion of the online registration form, parents will be informed of the original documentation that will be required by the elementary school at the time of their registration appointment.

If you have children that are eligible for JK/SK beginning September 2014, we encourage you to visit the following site and complete the application for registration online: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

This site will go live on January 8, 2014, at 12:01 a.m.

Please share this information with any parents/guardians with school aged children in your community. For general information please contact 416-222-8282 extension 5314 or visit our website at www.tcdsb.org

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Wards		
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Student Awards
Virtue of the Month
DECEMBER - CHARITY

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto /	JK/SK	Owen P.	Madeline O.	Marcus B.	Lola N.
P. Santelli	JK	Marquez S.	Julian M.		
L. DeFranco	SK	Samuel S.	Madeleine P.		
L. Pitoscia	1	Elizabeth S.	Christopher S.		
C. Mulvihill	1	Emma H.	Lara Y.	Brenda S.	
T. Roy	1	Mya C.	Alexander D.		
M. Alberton	2	Elias M.	Elliot B.		
O. Gentile	2	Melinda M.	Alexander S.		
N. Yetman	2	Lucas R.	Abrielle Z.G.		
M. Ceddia	2/3	Nicholas S.	Milena B.		
K. Steponaitis	3	Daniela U.A.	Julian B.		
E. Brajuka	3	Sofia T.	Alexander S.		
A. Loughlin	3	Ana C.	Samantha L.		
J. Henderson	4	Makayla McD.	Matteo R.		
P. Zinko	4	Lucas F.	Liliana S.		
M. Micallef	4	Michaela W.	Sarah S.		
N. Hall	5	John Cole P.	Brandon G.	Sophia B.	
V. Andreacchi	5FI	Isabella C.	Joelle S.		
M. Quartarone	5/6	Samantha B.	Hailey F.	Samantha D.	
R. Bottoni	6	Vanesa M.			
D. Abboud	6FI	Anastasia G.	Julia P.		
T. Botelho	6FI	Omelyana K.	Curtis P.		
D. Italiano/P. Carniel	7FI	Brianna D.F.	Luke W.		
D. Italiano/P. Carniel	8FI	Christian V.	Erika MK		
A. Natalino	7	Madeline M.	Dante A.		
C. Dalmau	7/8	Julian M.	Loren B.		
A. Silvestre	8	Nicholas A.	Christina M.		



Monthly Update from the Board January 2014

Registration for Night School and eClass

Registration will begin on January 15th. TCDSB students should register through the guidance office. Non-TCDSB students may register online. Visit the board website for details <http://www.tcdsb.org/continuinged>.

Free Adult ESL

Free English classes for adults will resume on January 6th. For information, call 416-397-6600 or 416-397-6593, email contact.adulted@tcdsb.org or visit us online at www.tcdsb.org/adulted.

Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for September 2014

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites families with children born in 2010, to register for Kindergarten beginning **Wednesday, January 8th, 2014**.

Schools will offer one evening during the month of January for **extended registration hours**. Please contact the school for the date and times for the extended registration evening.

New for 2014: parents can save time and complete their application via the Board's new Online Registration Website: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

The following documents are required for registration:

1. Child's Birth Certificate (Certificate of Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status)
2. Child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or other proof of Catholicity)
3. Child's Immunization Record
4. Proof of residency in Toronto

General information is available by telephone at 416-222-8282, ext. 5314 or via the board's website at www.tcdsb.org

Voices of Hope

View the latest edition of the Director of Education's Webcast

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/Default.aspx>

French Immersion and Extended French

Please visit the board's website at www.tcdsb.org for information about dates, times and locations for information meets regarding French Immersion starting at senior kindergarten and Extended French starting in grade 5.

PanAm Games 2015

Check out the Board's website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/toronto-2015-pan-am-and-parapan-am-games.aspx> for information about volunteer opportunities, employment opportunities and other ways to get involved with the upcoming games.

Winter is Here

And so is the winter weather. Get all the latest information about cancellations and closures throughout the winter months, and all year long by following @TCDSB on Twitter.

Thank You for Your Support

Our congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the students, staff and families who have participated in fundraising efforts for the Philippines. The Toonie Tuesday campaign has netted more than \$118,000, which with the matching funds from the Canadian Government, brings our collective contribution to almost a quarter of a million dollars. Thank you for your generosity!

To see a thank you letter from the Cardinal, visit our website

<http://www.tcdsb.org/News/othernews/2013/Documents/letter%20from%20the%20cardinal--philippine%20relief.pdf>

Family Literacy Day January 27th

Take time to read with your children, or encourage them to put away the electronics and spend some time engaged in a good book.