



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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JUNE 2013

TCDSB

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that the final days of this school year are almost upon us!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the St. Gregory Catholic School community – students, parents and staff – for ensuring a wonderful year for all. Your support and assistance throughout the course of the school year have guaranteed that the many initiatives and events that make our school such a special place continue to flourish and grow.

St. Gregory School is a very special place! The tremendous school spirit and enthusiasm evidenced by all are testament to it!

G. Benedek
Principal



SEPTEMBER 2013

If you are leaving our fine community and are not returning for September 2013 and have not yet had the opportunity to inform us, please call and let us know. We are beginning class reviews and student placements, and this information would be very helpful.



PRAYER AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to keep silent, and a time to speak.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-7)

At the end of this school year,
as we reflect upon the past ten months,
we are grateful for the many blessings we have experienced
as a school.
We thank you, God, for the time that we have spent together.

We ask pardon for all of the wrongs we have done,
and for any good we have neglected to do.
We ask for your continued care and guidance
throughout the summer months.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN,
YET STILL BELIEVE.

~ JOHN 20:29 ~

- BEING A CATHOLIC IS FOUNDED IN FAITH - FAITH IN THE LORD.
- REMEMBER THAT IT IS THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT OUR FAITH BECOMES EVIDENT.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE CENTURION'S WORDS TO JESUS, "LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED."
- IT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD THAT BRINGS COMFORT TO OUR LIVES.



FAITHFULNESS

GRADE 8 GRADUATION



Our Grade 8 students will be recognized at our Graduation Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013. Please join us to acknowledge our graduating class. After the Mass, the presentation of the diplomas, certificates and awards will take place in the church. The students will return to the school gym for refreshments and the powerpoint presentation.

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be coming home on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. Please try to return the final page of the report to us for Thursday, June 27, 2013.



Sun Safety

BE SUN SAFE

With the warmer weather here, many of us enjoy spending time outside. However, the sun can be damaging. We all need protection but children are at an increased risk. To be sun safe you can:

- Look for shaded areas or create your own.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim.
- Wear clothing to protect as much skin as possible.
- Wear sunglasses that are UV protective.
- Use a waterproof sunscreen with SPF (sun protection factor) 15 or higher. Don't forget lips, ears and nose.

For more information call the Toronto Health Connection at: 416-338-7600 or visit:

www.city.toronto.on.ca/health/sun/index/html

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2013-2014

Please find attached the TCDSB School Year Calendar for 2013-2014. Please do keep this for your reference for next year.

SEPTEMBER 2013 STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Staff have begun the process of determining student placements for September 2013. When generating class lists, some of the criteria include: academic ability (specifically in the areas of English and Mathematics, as well as overall achievement), individual work habits and student skills, maturity and social factors. We look to create classes that have a balance of gender and ability, as well as other needs.

Should there be specific information that you wish to share with us (recent assessment results, medical concerns, etc.), please provide this information in writing to the office.

Our decisions are made only after careful consideration of all the information and are based on the needs of each child balanced with the common good of the entire school community.

We are looking to minimize disruptions but, as always, look to your understanding and flexibility should the need arise to address classroom changes. Our staffing is tentative and changes can take place between our tentative class placements and the first day of school (and sometimes even thereafter!).

NURTURING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THROUGH WORD

FAITHFULNESS

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are focusing this month on the virtue of Faithfulness. As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation and our graduates off into the wider world, we have faith that they will return to us safely to begin another year. The quote from John's gospel reminds us "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe." John 20:29

We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the Kingdom of God and build a more humane world.



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations go out to those of our Grade 8 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 18. They have chosen to enter more fully into their faith life and our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as they continue to mature and grow.

FIRST COMMUNION



Our Grade 2 students will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, June 1 at and Sunday June 2 at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to having you join us in celebrating this milestone with our students.

PA DAY

Friday June 7, 2013.
(No school for students)

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION



Senior Kindergarten Graduation will take place on **Friday, June 21st**, in our school gymnasium, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** Our afternoon S.K. students are asked to arrive for the start of the morning (8:30 a.m.) for this date in order to take part. We look forward to welcoming moms and dads as our little people take that next step to Grade One.

BBQ FUN NIGHT



Please plan to attend our annual barbecue on June 6th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There will be raffles, games, hamburgers and hotdogs, kids activities, face painting, cake walks and much more. So plan to come out and join the fun!

BRICKS

It's BRICKS time again! Every June, St. Gregory's CSAC awards the BRICKS Awards to deserving members of our community.
(deadline: May 31, 2013)

PIZZA LUNCH



Our final pizza lunch will be June 26th. A huge "Thank You" goes to Daniela Balsamo for all her hard work in co-ordinating the pizza lunches this year, as well as all our parental helpers.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day for students to attend school in this school year is Thursday, June 27th. Dismissal is at the regular time of 3:00 p.m. The first day of school next year is Tuesday, September 3rd.



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2012-2013

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**Student Awards
Virtue of the Month**

MAY - COMPASSION

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto	JK	Manuele B.	Gabriel F.	Lucas M.	
P. Santelli	JK	Adriana M.	Stefano M.		
N. Rafferty	JK/SK	Rory N.	Owen S.		
K. Vieira	SK	Elizabeth S.	Maria V.	Mason C.	Erin I.
L. Pitoscia	SK/01	Renee S.	David GR.	Lucas R.	Elliott B.
C. Mulvihill	1	Krystian G.	Charlie V.		
T. Roy	1	Nahom A.	Adrian L.	Daniel G.	Isabella F.
M. Alberton	1/2	Rytas K.	Maja M.		
M. Ceddia	2	Rafael L.			
O. Gentile	2	Tessa D.	Samantha C.	Avree V.	
N. Yetman	2/3	Carson D.	Alex S.		
M. Resendes	3	Sydney N.	Matteo P.	Vince F.	
E. Brajuka	3	Veronica R.	Olivia G.		
A. Iwasykiw	3	Sophia B.	Michaela W.		
J. Henderson	3/4	Filip S.	Lauren R.		
K. Steponaitis	4	Michael D.	Alexa S.		
M. Micallef	4	Ben R.	Christina B.	Alexander R.	
P. Zinko	5	Marc A.	Amanda M.		
N. Hall	5/6	Stephen M.	Olivia S.	Riley R.	Christopher W.
J. Pires	6/7	William T.	Vincent S.		
S. Peters	7	Talia R.	Monica Z.		
S. Suraj	8	Cameron L.			
A. Silvestre	8	Sophia K.			
V. Andreacchi	5 FI	Curtis P.	Kadia B.	Amy C.	
D. Abboud	5FI	Tommy S.	Daniel P.	Alexandra A.	
T. Botelho	5/6FI	Eric D.S.	Kiera H.		
M. Quartarone/P. Carniel	7 FI	Christopher P.	Rachel P.	Diana D.	
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	8 FI	Alana P.	Rebecca P.	Cristina F.	



Monthly Update from the Board June 2013

CSAC Appreciation Liturgy

At TCDSB we value and recognize the contribution of parents through their dedication and commitment as members of the Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC). It is with pleasure that CSAC Chairs, Co-Chairs and CSAC members, along with the school principal, are invited to the First Annual Toronto District School Board CSAC Appreciation and Recognition Liturgy.

This celebration will be held on **Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre**, situated at 80 Sheppard Ave. East.

We look forward to celebrating with each and every one of you! We hope that every school CSAC and principal will be able to attend this special celebration.

Details:  [CSAC_Appreciation_Liturgy_June-5-2013.pdf](#)

Heritage Month Celebrations

Did you know that during June the Board celebrates:

- National Aboriginal History Month, with National Aboriginal Day celebrated on June 21st?
- Italian Canadian Heritage Month?
- Portuguese Canadian Heritage Month?

Visit our website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/Pages/default.aspx> for information about these celebrations.

Registration for Summer School

Registration for secondary credit courses has already begun, including registration for eClass. The deadline to register is June 28, 2013. For information and link to online registration site, visit:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/programsservices/continuingeducation/secondarycreditcourses/summerschool/pages/secondarysummerschoolregistration.aspx>

Attention Graduating Students!

Are you a Grade 12 student of TCDSB? Visit our alumni site for valuable information on navigating your way through the world of work or post-secondary education. Register on-line and win a chance to receive a \$500 scholarship: <http://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/Alumni/Pages/default.aspx>

Cardinal Thomas Collins Releases Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Toronto *Spiritual roadmap will chart course for Canada's largest Catholic community*

The Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, under the spiritual leadership of Cardinal Thomas Collins, released its pastoral plan earlier this year, providing a spiritual roadmap that will help chart the course for 225 parishes and 1.8 million Catholics throughout the Greater Toronto Area for years to come. The product of extensive consultation over the last several years, the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan identifies five key priorities for Canada's largest diocese: Parish Life, Vocations, Catholic Outreach, Evangelization and St. Michael's Cathedral as sign of the church's mission. The vision also recognizes restoration and redevelopment opportunities for the Cathedral Block, in the heart of downtown Toronto.

An online webpage, www.archtoronto.org/pastoral, has been created to include: translations of the summary version in 30 languages; the full plan in seven languages; as well as helpful resources to assist the Catholic community in additional reflection, prayer and implementation of the plan.

TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2013-2014

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 2, 2013
First Instructional Day	September 3, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2013
Christmas Break	December 23, 2013–January 3, 2014
Family Day	February 17, 2014
Mid-Winter Break	March 10–14, 2014
Good Friday	April 18, 2014
Easter Monday	April 21, 2014
Victoria Day	May 19, 2014
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2014

Details: <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/Default.aspx>

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