



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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MAY 2013

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

May has traditionally been the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Therefore, we encourage all to set time aside every day to pray the Rosary with your children. As Christians, our Church asks us to meditate on the saving acts of our Lord's life and his Paschal mystery. One way in which we can do this is by recognizing the importance of the Rosary as a means of helping us to reflect on these events continually and not just at Easter. Therefore, during this month, try to pray a little more to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are so many intentions for which to pray to Mary, our Mother, who will listen to us and present all our needs to her son, Jesus.

"Let the Rosary be habitually recited by all and in every home." (Pius IX) The Rosary is constantly promoted by the Popes and saints. The Rosary should be recited when we are discouraged, while fighting temptations or before making serious decisions. The Rosary is the common prayer of saints.

Sincerely,
G. Benedek
Principal



WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

When the Good Lord was creating mothers He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this order?"

She has to be completely washable but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts ... all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands. The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands No way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there? when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the one here in the front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you." without so much as uttering a word." "Lord", said the angel touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed, tomorrow..." "I can't, said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You, You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You're a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

- Erma Bombeck

JESUS SAW HER
WEEPING...HIS HEART
WAS TOUCHED, AND
HE WAS DEEPLY
MOVED.

~ JOHN 11:33 ~

- SHOW COMPASSION BY THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR WORDS MAKE PEOPLE FEEL.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR ACTIONS MAKE PEOPLE FEEL.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY UNDERSTANDING WHY SOMEONE IS ACTING THE WAY THEY DO.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY BEING CONSIDERATE TO OTHER PEOPLE.

COMPASSION



The Staff of St. Gregory Catholic School would like to extend our very best wishes to all mothers as they celebrate this special day. We thank you for your guidance,



patience and love.

Blessed are you, mother of my Lord, for you have believed the word of God.

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES

Dental Screening

– June 3 to June 6

Testing Week (EQAO)

-May 27 to May 31

Confirmation

Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.
and 2:00 p.m. at St. Gregory Church

First Communion

Saturday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m. and
Sunday June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at
St. Gregory Church

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT/ NEIGHBOURS YARDS



In the course of play over our recess periods, balls and other items of sports equipment often find their way into the backyards of the houses neighbouring the school. Please know that our students will not be given permission to leave the school yard during the course of the school day to retrieve items. We will be asking the homes

neighbouring the school to toss back items that make their way into their yards, and do invite you to accompany your child, either before or after school, to collect misplaced items. Your understanding in ensuring the ongoing safety of our students is much appreciated!

SAFETY – VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL



In order to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students, we would remind all parents (and other visitors to the school) to enter by the main front doors and make their way to the office so that staff might be of assistance.

Please also be reminded that teachers are involved in preparing materials, making final plans for the day, participating in meetings, and/or working with students, and may not be available to meet with you unexpectedly. Unless you have a scheduled appointment with your child's teacher, we would ask that you not make your way directly to the classroom immediately before and after school.

Parents collecting their children are reminded that our students are dismissed to their recess doors and are asked to wait for them outside. Your co-operation and support are much appreciated.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDER

With the advent of warmer weather, please keep the following school policy in mind.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Expected Behaviour

Students are expected to dress in a clean, neat and appropriate manner. Clothing with any slogans or pictures is not permitted. Hats, sports headbands and scarves are not to be worn in the school during the day.

For elementary students, **make-up and lipstick** are not appropriate. Aerosol containers (such as hairspray, body scents) are not permitted because of the school's commitment to the environment and scent sensitivities.

The **Guidelines** are:

No halter tops, spaghetti strap tops or tube tops, no low necklines, front or back, no half T-shirts or tops with cutouts, no cycling shorts, gym shorts or short-shorts ("arms" length for shorts and skirts is required). This is for all our students from JK to Grade 8.

REASONS FOR EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

School is a student's place of business where s/he is preoccupied with the work of learning. Students are expected to focus their energies and attention on learning. Students are expected to dress for a working environment and not a recreational setting.

As part of the school family, each student represents and is an ambassador for St. Gregory Catholic School at all times.

COLDS/FLU

Although winter has come and gone for another year, along with flu season, we are reminding parents not to send their child(ren) to school sick. If they have a bad cough or cold, please keep them at home, as it is not fair to the other

children. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

BINGO NIGHT

Our Bingo Night on April 11th was well attended and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all our Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) members who worked hard to make this event a success.

SWIM TEAM



Our swim team has been practicing hard throughout the winter, and the big tournament has finally arrived. Please drop by the Etobicoke Olympium on Saturday, May 4th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 5th from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon to cheer on the St. Gregory Swim Team. A special thank you to the coaches, Mrs. Niedbala and Mrs. Larmour.

GRADUATION DATES

Grade 8
Graduation will
take place on June
20th and Senior
Kindergarten
Graduation the next day, June 21st.
More information to follow.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day for classes is Thursday, June 27th. Dismissal will be at the regular time of 3:00 p.m.

CLASS LISTS

We will be commencing class lists for next September toward the middle of May. We take many factors into account when making these lists. These factors include: student learning style, distribution of males and females; equal weighting of classes regarding strengths, weaknesses, IEP's; exceptional circumstances; behavioural concerns; etc. Please do not call to request a specific teacher; we take a multitude of factors into account to produce the best possible learning environment for all our students.

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**Student Awards
Virtue of the Month**

APRIL - JUSTICE

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto	JK	Samantha L.	Madeleine P.		
P. Santelli	JK	Joseph G.	Paloma G.V.		
N. Rafferty	JK/SK	Manuela A.	Teresa G.		
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C. Mulvihill	1	Joseph A.	Alex S.	Elias G.	
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O. Gentile	2	Juliana V.	Julian B.		
N. Yetman	2/3	Elisa G.	Martina F.	Anton G.	Alex S.
M. Resendes	3	Chelsea W.	Jaidan T.		
E. Brajuka	3	Genevieve S.	Christopher W.		
A. Iwasykiw	3	Stephanie P.	Daniel P.		
J. Henderson	3/4	Natalia C.	Matthew Z.		
K. Steponaitis	4	Lucas A.	Francesca M.		
M. Micallef	4	Adam F.	Peter B.		
P. Zinko	5	Zev P.	Nicholas V.		
N. Hall	5/6	Ornela S.	Alyssa M.	Marley M.	
J. Pires	6/7	Joseph S.	Dylan S.	Angelica P.	Krestana M.
S. Peters	7	Maisey I.	Katie B.		
S. Suraj	8	Thomas F.	Declan G.		
A. Silvestre	8	Alessandro F.			
V. Andreacchi	5 FI	Katrina K.	Carlos P.	Kleidi B.	
D. Abboud	5FI	Mikela B.			
T. Botelho	5/6FI	Daniel A.	David A.	Brooke K.	
M. Quartarone/P. Carniel	7 FI	Kristen C.	Erica Mack	Sophia R.	
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	8 FI	Celia V.	Andriy S.	Sydney P.	Marin S.