



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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From the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

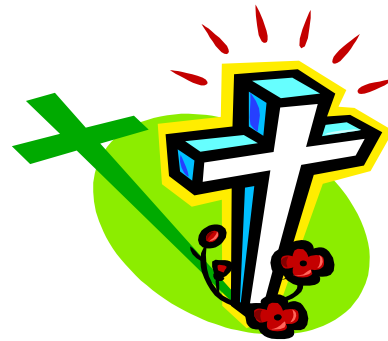
St. Gregory is looking forward to celebrating another successful Halloween Dance for all our students on Wednesday, October 31st. We expect ghosts and ghouls and witches to be prowling our halls and populating our classes! I would urge all our ghosts and goblins to practise "safe" trick-or-treating on October 31st. Wear fluorescent clothing, keep masks off, stay with a parent and eat only pre-packaged goods after mom and dad have inspected everything.



Progress Reports will go home November 13th and parent-teacher interviews will take place November 15th and 16th. Please plan to attend. Ms. Barone's Book Fair will also take place during interview times. This is a great way to do some early Christmas shopping.



Sincerely,
Gabrielle Benedek
Principal



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lieutenant Colonel
John McCrae
1872-1918

Virtue of the Month
PEACEMAKING

PEACE I LEAVE YOU,
 MY PEACE
 I GIVE TO YOU.

~ JOHN 14:27 ~

- BY OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD, WE FEEL PEACE WITHIN US.
- EVERY PERSON CAN WORK FOR PEACE BY CAREFULLY CONSIDERING HOW THEIR WORDS AND ACTIONS MAKE OTHERS FEEL.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- BE GUIDED BY THE WORDS OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS - "THE PEACE THAT CHRIST GIVES IS TO GUIDE YOU IN THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE."
- PEACE AMONG NATIONS STARTS WITH PEACE AMONG US.

PEACE



CSAC

Our new Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) was elected September 26th. We have 20 voting members, and the executive consists of Adam Grnak (Chair), Tanya Giaquinto, (Vice-Chair), Domenic Ruso (Treasurer) and Alessia Ribeiro (Secretary). The next meeting will be **November 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Music Room. All parents are welcome. Babysitting will be provided at no cost.



Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving soon!



Book Fair Dates:

Thursday, November 15 -
 Wednesday, November 21st.
 (8:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
 12:35 - 3:00 p.m.
 (closed lunch hours)

During interviews

Thursday, November 15th
 5:00- 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, November 16th
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Location: School Library,
 2nd floor, Room 202

Take advantage of this opportunity to pick up some great books for Christmas gifts! Your support of this event is key to obtaining new resources to maintain and enhance our school library. A Scholastic flyer with book previews will be sent home shortly. **Any parent interested in volunteering, please return the form included with the flyer.**



Parent Parking

Parking often gets very congested around 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We would ask parents to please respect the following regulations:

- a) The horseshoe parking lot is strictly "Kiss and Ride". If you wish to stop for more than 30 seconds, please find a parking spot in the allocated areas.
- b) **No** parent parking in the teachers' parking lot.
- c) Please respect the "Kiss and Ride" area in the Church parking lot. If you park for more than 30 seconds please do so in the middle of the parking lot, not along the fence.

Supervision Times

In the morning, our busses arrive shortly after 8:00 a.m. with both bus and yard supervision from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. At the end of the day dismissal, we have bus supervision until 3:10 p.m. We ask that you do not drop your child off before 8:00 a.m. and that all students are picked up no later than 3:10 p.m. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

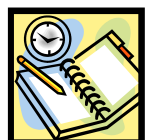


High School

Our grade 8 students will soon be choosing a Catholic High School to attend next September. A list of Open Houses for parents and students is available on the Board's portal. More information will be coming when the application forms arrive.

Late for School

Each morning a number of



students are late for school. Once O'Canada comes on at 8:35a.m., students are considered late. Punctuality is an excellent habit to instill in your child; it helps them get off to a better start to the school day.

Picture Re-Take Day



The school photographer will be back here at St. Gregory's on Wednesday, November 14th for picture re-takes, as well as any group photos of siblings. A form will be directed home ascertaining your request for re-takes and/or sibling photos. Please note that we will **not** proceed without your express request.

Distribution of Material from Outside Organizations

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.

Dress Code

We continue to work toward 100% compliance



with our "navy and white" dress code. Your support as parents is critical.

I would remind you that jeans (in any form, including leggings) are not allowed and tops must be plain (no pictures, logos, etc.). Please also note that our dress code is in full effect on excursions (save if those coincide with "Civvies Day").

St. Gregory's CWL

St. Gregory's CWL Christmas Craft Show and Sale returns November 17/18, 2011, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in St. Gregory's Parish Hall.

Spaces are available for local artisans and crafters. This year's vendors will offer jewelry, needlework, knitting, ceramics, hand-crafted greeting cards, stained glass, jams and jellies, Christmas cakes and much more.

If you would like to sell your art, crafts or gourmet foods, don't miss this opportunity. Hundreds of shoppers visit this annual sale. On the second day, the sale is continued for parishioners after each Sunday Mass.

Tables are \$40. Panels (4' x 8') are available at most spaces for use as backboards. For more information and to reserve a table, please contact Jane O'Brien at mjobrien@rogers.com or [416-239-0450](tel:416-239-0450).

Bus Safety

Our school buses are operated by First Student. They have asked that students



be reminded to follow the rules listed below:

- Sit properly in seat;
- No eating or drinking;
- Keep aisle clear;
- Keep noise level down;
- Wait for driver to signal before crossing in front of bus - just to ensure all traffic has come to a stop.

Cross Country

This year was a terrific success for the St. Gregory Cross Country team! Well over 100 students participated and trained hard, running around the block and nearby field. St. Gregory was wonderfully represented at the two meets at Centennial Park, and over 20 students will be attending this year's City Finals at Earl Bales Park on Oct. 29. Many thanks to the teachers who coached: Mrs. Brajuka, Ms. Ceddia, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Gentile, Mrs. Hall, Ms. Iwaszykiw, Mrs. Pires, and Ms. Steponaitis, and Ms. Grella for assisting in supervision.

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The Virtue Award for the month of **October** goes to the student(s) in each class that acknowledges and thanks others for the things that are done for and given to him/her.

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS			
T. Aceto / C. Tassone	JK	Sophia A.	Jacob N.		
P. Santelli	JK	Hunter P.	Colin S.		
N. Rafferty	JK/SK	Lisa B.	Lucas L.		
K. Vieira	SK	Sienna F.	Joshua S.	Charlotte Q.	Alexander D.
L. Pitoscia	SK/01	Mary P.	Myles S.	Austen J.	
C. Mulvihill	1	Michael D.	Melinda M.		
T. Roy	1	Nicholas G.	Kelly F.		
M. Alberton	1/2	Renee P.	Micaela V.		
M. Ceddia	2	Joshua M.	Julia B.	Gianfranco E.	
O. Gentile	2	Joshua B.	Samantha L.		
N. Yetman	2/3	Carson D.	Victoria R.	Keira L.	
A. Grella	3	Anthony C.	Steven W.	Serena T.	
E. Brajuka	3	Veronica R.	Sophia C.		
A. Iwasykiw	3	Kate A.	Michaela W.	Ricardo A.	
J. Henderson	3/4	Paul B.	Tyler D.	Nicola G.	Lauren R.
K. Steponaitis	4	Meredith M.	Matthew L.		
M. Micallef	4	Christian S.	Lauren O.	Samantha B.	
P. Zinko	5	Peter P.	Amanda M.		
N. Hall	5/6	Olivia S.	Arianne D.		
J. Pires	6/7	William B.	Adam P.	Vole V.	
S. Peters	7	Luka S.	Sean M.		
S. Suraj	8	Paulina C.	Nicholas R.		
A. Silvestre	8	Matthew D.	Rebecca R.	Godfrey S.	
V. Andreacchi	5 FI	Matthew P.	Isabel R.	Emily A.	
D. Abboud/T. Botelho	5 FI	William O.			
D. Abboud/T. Botelho	6 FI	Ben R.			
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	7 FI	Okie A.	Christian V.	Daniella M.	
P. Carniel/M. Quartarone	8 FI	Jaqueline M.	Isabel C.P.	Alana P.	