



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter



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November 2013

TCDSB

From the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October was yet another productive and exciting month in the life of St. Gregory Catholic School. The month seems to have just sped by!

Amidst our first school Masses, Scientists in School visits, fire and lockdown drills, and Hallowe'en festivities (just to mention a few of our highlights!), our students continue to strive to do their best on a daily basis. Well done!

Many of the aforementioned events have seen a number of parent volunteers present to assist us. Your time and effort, as always, are much appreciated.

We very much look forward to moving "full steam ahead" into November.

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

The Virtue Award for the month of October goes to the student in each class that showed, through word and deed, how to be thankful.

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



TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENTS		
Ms. Aceto	JK/SK	Michael D.	Justin D.	
Ms. Santelli	JK	Cora S.	Veronica S.	
Ms. DeFranco	SK	Charlie M.	Samuel S.	
Ms. Pitoscia	1	Charlotte T.	Chelsea T.	
Ms. Mulvihill	1	Isaac B.	Joshua B.	
Mrs. Roy	1	Daniel S.	Mariel G.	
Ms. Alberton	2	Stefanie G.	Austen J.	
Mrs. Gentile	2	Isabella D	Nicholas G.	Domenic B.
Ms. Yetman	2	Francesco R.	Renee S.	
Ms. Ceddia	2/3	Lucas B.	Mark N.	
Ms. Steponaitis	3	Joseph M.	Madison V.H.	
Ms. Brajuka	3	Avree V.	Christian P.	
Ms. Loughlin	3	Tea P.	Victoria R.	
Ms. Henderson	4	Erica S.		
Mr. Zinko	4	Carolyn T.	Christopher W.	
Ms. Micallef	4	Matei L.	Francesca G.	Clara B.
Ms. Hall	5	Francesca M.	Adam D.S.	Graham H.
Ms. Andreacchi	5FI	Tiffany C.	Anya S.	Paul B.
Ms. Quartarone	5/6	Sydney P.	Matthew M.	Marisa C.
Mr. Bottoni	6	Thomas R.P.		
Mme Abboud	6FI	Matthew P.	David D.	
Ms. Botelho	6FI	Daniel P.	Erin H.	
Ms. Italiano/ Mlle Carniel	7FI	Nicole S.	Eric D.S.	
Ms. Italiano / Mlle Carniel	8FI	Catherine W.	Sean B.	
Mr. Natalino	7	Mark Anthony L.	Stephanie T.	
Ms. Dalmau	7/8	Christopher W.	Olivia S.	
Ms. Silvestre	8	Hailey S.	Talia R.	

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be arriving soon!



Book Fair Dates:

Wednesday, November 13 -
Wednesday, November 20th.
8:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m. and
12:35 - 3:00 p.m.
(closed lunch hours)

During Interviews

Thursday, November 14th
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 15th
8:30 - 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.

INTERIM REPORTING

Progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on



Thursday, November 14, 2013
from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

and on the morning of

Friday, November 15th
from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
(our Professional Activity Day)

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.

LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY LEAVES / INTERRUPTIONS



Important, exciting, interesting and serious learning occurs at St. Gregory. Staff try diligently to ensure that time is not wasted and that all students are involved in all possible ways every moment of the day. With this in mind, students who arrive late and/or leave early miss out on many valuable experiences. We would ask your assistance in the following:

Our morning begins at 8:30 a.m. All students are to be lined up in their appropriate schoolyard areas for our entry routines.

Whenever possible and appropriate, please try to schedule appointments, out of school activities, visits, etc. for before or after school hours. This way your child will not miss out on any aspect of the program we are attempting to provide for her/him.

If it is necessary for your child to leave school early for an appointment, please send a note to the teacher, indicating the time that you will pick him/her up. Staff will then try to ensure that your child is at the office, ready to be signed out and go when you arrive, and we will not have to interrupt classes to call your child to the office.

Students who leave early must do so only after they have been signed out (by a parent or guardian) from the office.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

The school photographer will be back at St. Gregory's on Tuesday, November 5th 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 written 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").

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.



Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Gentile, Mrs. Hall, Ms. Steponaitis, Ms. Mulvihill, Mrs. DeFranco and Mrs. Power, as well as those who assisted at the school in enabling teachers to be released.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Opportunities for professional development for members of the St. Gregory Catholic School staff occur regularly throughout the course of the school year during the school day.

Staff are encouraged to take part in opportunities that will serve to enhance the teaching and learning that occurs in the classroom setting.

Your support of the school's efforts to continue to be "a great place to be" are much appreciated.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Gregory Catholic School extends its appreciation to the student "Stop Starvation" team (Rachel P., Dante A., Nick I., Catherine W., Justin R., Tatyana K., Samantha S., Sophia R., Diana D., Sonya M.) that led this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Through their time, effort and dedication, the school was able to donate over 50 boxes of canned and dried food items to the Daily Bread Food Bank. In addition, a cheque in the amount of \$1590 (raised through our September and October "Civvies Days" donations) was directed to the food bank to provide fresh fruit and vegetables, yogurt and fresh milk to the food bank's clientele.

The "Stop Starvation" team will be visiting the food bank on November 14, volunteering their time and getting a first-hand glimpse of the inner workings of the food bank.

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Please also note that any concerns with a particular route are to be directed to First Student (905-629-8200). We at the school can only forward your concerns to First Student and/or the Board's Transportation Department.

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 30 students will be attending this year's City Finals at Earl Bales Park on October 29. Many thanks to the teachers who coached:

