



# St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was another busy month at St. Gregory Catholic School. Thank you to the entire community for your generous donations of food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We thank Mr. & Mrs. Dametto for their generous donations of pumpkins which our students and staff decorated for St. Joseph's Hospital.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten to grade two students, will be celebrating a Children's Liturgy at church at 9:00 a.m. and then a Mass will be held at 9:35 a.m. for grade three to eight students. As always, parents are invited to attend. As this is Remembrance Day, we will observe a minute of silence over the P.A. system.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you.

J. Pannozzo  
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  
NOVEMBER**

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

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**Student Awards  
Virtue of the Month**

**OCTOBER - GRATITUDE**

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENT		
Ms. Aceto	ELP	Dorette G.	Marcus B.	
Ms. Andreacchi	ELP	Laura C.	Sophia A.	Sara R.
Ms. Salmond	ELP	Madeline O.	Gab V.	Joseph B.
Ms. Maxwell/ Ms. Santelli	ELP	Madison M.	Ema M.	
Ms. Pappano	SK/1	Olivia G.		
Ms. Pitoscia	1	Tristan D.	Anthony F.	Anna Jane L.G.
Ms. Mulvihill	1	Noah D.S.	Juliana H.	
Mrs. Roy	1	Jacob N.	Sophia A.	
Ms. Alberton	2	Liana V.	Charlotte T.	
Mrs. Gentile	2	Nicolas L.	Elizabeth S.	
Mrs. Yetman	2	Max C.	Sienna F.	Sofia R.
Ms. Donatelli	3	Elias M.	Renee S.	
Ms. Brajuka	3	Rytas K.	Malachi N.	
Ms. Loughlin	3	Domenic B.	Wesley J.	
Mr. Zinko	4	Mya T.	Christian R.	
Ms. Henderson	4	Christian P.	Natalie S.	Joshua B.
Ms. Micallef	4/5	Patrick V.	Melissa M.	Lauren S.
Mrs. Hall	5	Natalie M.	Makayla M.	Matteo P.
Mrs. Quartarone	6	Lucas A.	Peter B.	Lily F.
Ms. Cicirelli	6/7	Hailey	Adam	Alex
Mr. Vennare	7	Mariana C.	Marc A.	Andrew H.
Mr. De Medeiros	7/8	Christopher W.	Kiera H.	
Ms. Dalmau	8	Joseph S.	Robert M.	Alea A.
Mme Abboud	5 Ext.Fr.	Olivia G.	Anton G.	Brenna R.
Mrs. Botelho	6 Ext.Fr.	Anya S.	Daniel D.	Paul B.
Mlle Carniel	7 Ext.Fr.	Adam McF.	Omelyana K.	
Ms. Silvestre	7 Ext.Fr.	David D.	Bridget M.	
Mme Bahsous	8 Ext.Fr.	Max D.	Nicole S.	Gabrielle F.

## BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be arriving soon!

### Book Fair Dates:

Monday, November 10 – Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and  
12:15 – 3:00 p.m.  
(closed lunch hours)

### Interviews / Family Evening

Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

3:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> - closed

Location: School Library,  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11, 2014. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on



**Thursday, November 13, 2014**

**from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

and on the morning of

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for picture re-takes, as well as any group photos of siblings. A form will be directed home ascertaining our 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.

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.



## **Calling All Swimmers from grades 3 to 8!**

St. Gregory Swim Team is starting early!

Registration forms to be distributed on November 5th and will also be available for download from the St. Gregory website. Forms are due no later than **November 14, 2014.**

Practices are mandatory and will begin on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

Please note, the TCDSSI 2015 Swim Meet will take place the weekend of March 7 and 8, 2015 at the Etobicoke Olympium.



## 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 35 students will be attending this year's City Finals at Earl Bales Park on October 28. Many thanks to the teachers who coached:

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

## SWIM TEAM

### **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2014-2015**

#### **Wards**

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### **Helpful tips to avoid the flu:**

- **Get your flu shot**
- **Wash your hands often**
- **Cover your cough/sneeze**
- **Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands**
- **Stay home if you're sick**

Visit [toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) to find a free flu clinic near you



# ***Free Online Homework Help in French***



**In 2050, the first spoken language in the world will be FRENCH**  
Can you help your child with French homework?  
**WE CAN. FOR FREE.** \*SOME CONDITIONS APPLY.  
*VoilaLearning.com*



***Watch the demo video @ [voilalearning.com](http://voilalearning.com)***

Dear Parents,

For the first time in Canada, Voilà Learning is excited to be able to extend the *Online Homework Help in French* free of charge to ALL students registered in the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Last year, this program provided live homework help to hundred of French Immersion and Extended French students.

This coming school year, and thanks to the generous contribution from the **Ministry of Education**, all students from the TCDSB (Toronto Catholic District School Board) can benefit from the help of a French teacher online **every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4pm to 8pm.**

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW**





## Monthly Update from the Toronto Catholic District School Board

### November 2014

#### Share Your Stories of Charity

TCDSB Wave of Charity will be showcased through monthly videos throughout the school year. Submit your stories and photos to [Robert.gallo@tcdsb.org](mailto:Robert.gallo@tcdsb.org). Visit our website for more information, or to view the video for October. <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearOfCharity/Pages/Heart-of-Charity.aspx>

Lift Up Your Hearts and Keep the Wave of Charity Moving Across the Board!

Share your stories via twitter @TCDSB #waveofcharity

#### Reminder: Education and Community Resource Fair

Helping parents of children with special needs link with resources within the TCDSB and the community

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre**

<http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/education-and-community-resources-fair-2014.aspx>

#### It's Flu Season

#### Toronto Public Health Tips for Avoiding the Spread of Flu and Other Viruses:

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands
- Stay home if you are sick

#### Reminder to Students About University Applications

**By the end of November 2014, students** will receive your Application Access Code Letter from your guidance counsellor with your school number, student number and temporary PIN. Keep this letter for your records. You will need this information to apply.

**January 14, 2015**--Deadline to submit your completed application to the OUAC.

#### Health Update—Ebola

In response to Ebola concerns, staff from the Board's Occupational Health and Safety Department and Facilities Department have been reviewing and auditing school cleaning, disinfection and infection control measures since September 2014. Staff and students are reminded to wash their hands frequently and cough into your sleeve. Staff are also working closely with Toronto Public Health on monitoring school absenteeism.

The Board has posted resource material from the medical authorities on Ebola.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/HealthandSafety/Pages/Default.aspx>

Parents are reminded to contact the school office if your child is returning from West Africa or any other location affected by the Ebola crisis."

## November Events/Observances

- November 1 All Saints Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2014/pages/all-saints-day.aspx>
- November 2 All Souls Day <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2014/pages/all-souls'-day.aspx>
- National Down Syndrome Awareness Week November 1-7, 2014  
<http://www.cdss.ca/>
- **November 5, 2014—Take Our Kids to Work Day**
- **November 11, 2014—Remembrance Day**
- **Angel Foundation Gala Royale November 14, 2014.** Mark Your Calendars!  
<http://www.tcdsb.org/news/newsreleases/pages/evening-to-feed-the-soul-gala-royale.aspx>
- **French Immersion Workshop for Parents Saturday, November 15th**  
8:30 am—3:30 pm at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East  
Visit our website for more information [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)
- **November 16-23—Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**
- **November 27—Caucus Meeting** (Swearing in of new Board of Trustees; election of Chair and Vice-Chair)

*Remember to follow @TCDSB on Twitter for all the latest news and important information throughout the year.*