



St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2014

TCDSB

A Prayer for Autumn Days and Restless Hearts

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was great to see so many parents during our Curriculum Night which took place on Thursday, September 18th. Thank you to our staff and CSAC for coordinating this event. The evening included an opportunity to review school policies, routines, expectations and initiatives, as well as providing an opportunity to meet teachers and support staff. You are encouraged to maintain regular communication throughout the year with our school. We appreciate your support and we would encourage to contact our school at (416) 393-5262 if you have any concerns about your child. We are pleased to announce that St. Gregory Catholic school now has a twitter account. We encourage you to follow us on twitter for weekly updates on the happenings for the week. **Our account is St.GregoryCS.** This account is also posted on the school website. A reminder that we continue to have construction concerns on Kipling Ave. Please continue to use caution when driving to and from school. Parents are encouraged to view the newsletter on the school website. It is our goal to try to go paperless. Thank you for your cooperation. October will once again be a busy month at our school. Please review the attached calendar of events for this month.

J. Pannozzo
Principal



God of the season, there is a time for everything;
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green leaves,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have
their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of
mystery and wonder in our lives.
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie
within the season of surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know
what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried to the future.
We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may
your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to
choose life.

For all this, we are grateful.

Amen

October Virtue

THIS IS THE DAY,
THE LORD HAS MADE.
LET US REJOICE AND
BE GLAD.

~ PSALM 118:24 ~

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

GRATITUDE



GRATITUDE

October's virtue is GRATITUDE, how appropriate that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in just a few short days. Our quote for this month is "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" Psalm 118:24. "Thanks" is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. Although the world is currently experiencing economic challenges, and we may have difficulty saying thank you for some of our hardships, sometimes this can release us from that sense of entitlement that can prevent us from really seeing God's grace in our daily lives. The choice to be grateful is not always without effort.

The Virtue Award for the month of September goes to the student in each class that welcomes others to play and work, guided by the message of "whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me."

TEACHER	GRADE	STUDENT		
Ms. Aceto	ELP	Alessia	Patricia	Osajie
Ms. Andreacchi	ELP	Luka	Hunter	McKenzie
Ms. Salmond	ELP	Gina	Kristian	Jasmine
Ms. Maxwell/ Ms. Santelli	ELP	Stella	Veronica	
Ms. Pappano	SK/1	Jeremy		
Ms. Pitoscia	1	Katie	Sarah	
Ms. Mulvihill	1	Samuel	Paloma	
Mrs. Roy	1	Ernesto	Samantha	
Ms. Alberton	2	Analiene	Mariel	Sofia
Mrs. Gentile	2	Kayla	Joshua	
Mrs. Yetman	2	Mason	Maria	Chelsea
Ms. Steponaitis	3	David	Nicholas	
Ms. Brajuka	3	Skye	Milena	
Ms. Loughlin	3	Elias	Lucas	
Mr. Zinko	4	Carli	Jack	
Ms. Henderson	4	Rachel	Joey	Micaela
Ms. Micallef	4/5	Martina	Francesco	
Mrs. Hall	5	Ivana	Julieta	Lucas
Mrs. Quartarone	6	Sydney	Elizabeth	Isabella
Ms. Cicirelli	6/7	Julia	Meredith	Steven
Mr. Vennare	7	William	Vanessa	Samantha
Mr. De Medeiros	7/8	Victoria	Angelica	
Ms. Dalmau	8	Andrew	Camila	Dylan
Mme Abboud	5 Ext.Fr.	Sarah		
Mrs. Botelho	6 Ext.Fr.	Thomas	Adam	Leora
Mlle Carniel	7 Ext.Fr.	Erin	Joseph	
Ms. Silvestre	7 Ext.Fr.	Emily	William	
Mme Bahsous	8 Ext.Fr.	Nick	Emilia	

REPORTING

“Elementary Progress Report Card” will be directed home to you in mid-November (**November 12**) providing checklist and anecdotal information detailing your child’s progress to that time. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on:

Thursday, November 13, 2014
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday, November 14, 2014
8:30 – 11:00 am

Two “Provincial Report Cards” will complete the year. The first will be sent home **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**.

LOCKDOWN

As we do yearly, we will once again, be practising our lockdown procedures with all of our students. Our first drill will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014**. As with our fire drills, this practice allows all students and staff to become familiar with the expectations that have been set out for us.



If you have specific questions regarding our procedures, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

PEANUT/NUT-FREE SNACKS

A number of our students have been diagnosed as having a serious, life threatening allergy to peanuts and/or nuts, among other allergies.



We **strongly** recommend that treats brought into the classroom setting be **non-food items** (stickers, pencils, etc.).

We would remind all our students that peanuts, nuts and/or products containing peanuts or nuts are **not** to be brought to school.

For snacks, please note that **reading food labels remains a must** as companies may change their policies without notice.

Nutrition Facts	
Per 1 bar (35 g)	
Amount	% DV
Calories 130	
Fat 2.5 g	4%
Saturated 1 g	5%
+ Trans 0 g	
Cholesterol 0 mg	0%
Sodium 115 mg	5%
Potassium 135 mg	4%
Carbohydrate 26 g	9%
Fibre 6 g	24%
Sugars 7 g	
Starch 13 g	
Protein 2 g	

INGREDIENTS: WHOLE WHEAT, ROLLED OATS, MILLED CORN, RICE, ROLLED BARLEY, SUGAR, FANCY MOLASSES, VEGETABLE OIL, SALT, BARLEY MALT SYRUP, HONEY, VITAMINS (THIAMIN HYDROCHLORIDE, NIACINAMIDE, D-CALCIUM PANTOTHENATE, PYRIDOXINE HYDROCHLORIDE, FOLIC ACID), MINERALS (IRON, ZINC OXIDE), SOY LECITHIN, BHT. CONTAINS WHEAT AND SOY INGREDIENTS.

The results of the CAT/4 testing for our grade 2, 5 and 7 students (in 2013-2014) have been forwarded to the school, as well as to the individual students and their families.

In addition, our school’s EQAO results for 2013-2014 (grade 3 and grade 6) have also been published.

**2013 – 2014
CAT/4, EQAO RESULTS**

Our students have made a great effort. They have done themselves and this school community proud. As always, a huge “Thank You” must be extended to our staff and parents for the instruction, guidance and support that they provide.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER, CALENDARS, ETC. BEGINS AGAIN NOVEMBER 2014.

Parents/guardians will receive weekly updates of upcoming events and important notices by **TWITTER**. The monthly newsletter and calendar will also be posted on the school website to reduce the amount of photocopied paper used at the school. Paper copies of newsletters and calendars will be available in the office upon request.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE

Our dress-code policy at St. Gregory’s continues to be working extremely well. We are looking to see the compliance rate is 100%. Just a reminder to parents that the dress code consists of navy bottoms, and either navy or white tops.

Please be reminded that “The Navy Blue and White Dress Code” for St. Gregory will have the following requirements and restrictions:

- ✓ At all times clothing must be neat, modest, and suitable for a Catholic school environment
- ✓ Tops that do not have the St. Gregory Catholic School Crest must be plain and with no graphics, messages or slogans
- ✓ Tops are white or navy blue with no logos other than a St. Gregory crest
- ✓ Sweaters worn in the classroom must be navy blue or white with no logos.
- ✓ Shirts must have two sleeves
- ✓ Pants must be navy blue with no logos (no jeans)
- ✓ **Not** permitted- clothing that is revealing, including, but not limited to, halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, low cut tops, and

- midriff baring or suggestive attire
- ✓ Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands and other head attire may **not** be worn in school or in the classrooms and must be removed upon entry into the school.
 - ✓ During the winter months, your child will need shoes for indoor use only. The wearing of socks or boots is neither safe nor healthy. In the event of an evacuation there will not be time to put on shoes nor is it safe to travel through the building or on the stairs in socks.
 - ✓ Gym attire will also be navy blue and white and each classroom teacher will outline his/her requirements.
 - ✓ Proper footwear (gym shoes) is the minimum requirement in the gymnasium. Running shoes/athletic footwear/dress shoes are required for the classroom or school

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Did you know that OCTOBER is International Walk to School Month?

Children and youth between the ages of 5-17 need at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity every day. Walking to and from school can help children reach these levels. Unfortunately, only 31% of children walk to school on a regular basis in Toronto. Walking to and from school will not only help students meet the recommended daily amount of physical activity, but also improve community safety, promote

social interaction, reduce traffic congestion



on, and protect the environment.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

St. Gregory students will be invited to participate in “dress down” (civvies) days on the last Friday of each month. We are hoping that each student will donate \$2.00 as he/she participates. All monies raised will support the school’s Social Justice initiatives.

Monies raised during October will go to support the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This food drive will begin on Monday October 6th and end on Friday October 10th.

CSAC NEWS

CSAC held its Annual General Meeting this Wednesday past. As part of the Agenda, elections were held for the 2014-2015 council. Elected to the twenty voting positions are:

Edward Filippozzi, Marjorie Bridger, Diane Sitarz, Anne Mishko, Adam Grnak (**Chair**), Jessie Ward, Daniela Balsamo, Tanya Giaquinto (**Vice Chair**), Nadia Hoult, Vito Vaccarelli, Lori Tenuta, Angela Severino, Vince Arone, Sandy Gravina (**Secretary**), Phil Vokins (**Treasurer**), Celia Goncalves, Michael Desira.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

Don Bosco Catholic S. School
October 21, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Father John Redmond
October 23, 6:30 pm

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts – October 28, 2014 – 7:00pm

Michael Power/St. Joseph S. School
October 29, 2014, - 6:30 pm

Bishop Allen Catholic S. School
November 5 – 7:00 pm

See more at http://www.tcdsb.org/school/open_shouses/pages/default.aspx#sthash.w

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH

New vaccines added to the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

Effective July 1, 2014, three more vaccines have been added to the ISPA to protect students from vaccine-preventable diseases. The vaccines required for school attendance are:

- Measles, mumps, rubella
 - Diphtheria, tetanus, polio
- New vaccines
- Meningococcal-given in grade 7
 - Pertussis (whooping cough)
 - Varicella (chickenpox) – for children born on or after January 2010, entering JK.

Under the ISPA, parents are required to report their child’s immunization record to Toronto Public Health. We will continue to request updated immunization records from parents; however, we will not be suspending students this year.

THE ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

What does an Elementary Guidance Counsellor do?

The most important role of the elementary Counsellor is to be an advocate for students as they strive to meet the challenges and demands of their everyday school life.

At St. Gregory Catholic School, our guidance counsellor works to:

- Help with the personal and academic growth of all students.
- Develop educational and career decision-making skills among all students.
- Promote the development of interpersonal skills among all students.
- Provide services to the school community which will assist in the growth and learning of all students.

Our Counsellor can help students to...

- Do Better in School
- Get Along with Others
- Cope With Changes
- Feel Good About Themselves
- Feel Good about Themselves
- Make Decisions
- Understand Feelings

What else does our guidance counsellor do?

- Visits classrooms
- Teaches lessons about: respecting yourself and other, identifying your feelings, solving problems peacefully

- Making friends and getting along with others, and other such topics
- Meets with students individually and in a group for a variety of issues such as: family changes, grief/loss
- Anger/self-control, friendship/social skills, self-confidence, stress management, goal-setting
- Meets with parents, teachers and other school specialists
- Helps the grade eight students transition from elementary to high school

How does a student see the guidance counsellor?

- They request to speak to the guidance counsellor
- The teacher requests it
- The principal suggests it
- Mom or Dad requests it

Please remind your children that:

All children have the **right** to feel safe and happy at school; all children have the **responsibility** to ensure that their peers feel safe and happy at school!

Before and After Program

North York Little Prints Daycare is offering Extended Day Programs for kindergarten to age 12

Our motto is "A community of families growing together"
We are committed to providing high-quality children's programs in a safe, inspiring and nurturing environment. Our staff of Registered Early Childhood Educators and Specialized instructors lead active programs enriched with art, music, fitness and nature that motivate children to explore their talents and build friendships,
Our program is in operation school days from 7:30 to 8:30 am and 3:00

to 6:00 pm. On non – instructional days like P.A. Days, Winter Break and March Break the program runs from 7:30am – 6:00pm.

Please contact Pamela Taskinen, Centre Manager for further information at

416 236 8794

stgregorys@littleprintsdaycare.com

visit our website at

www.littleprintsdaycare.com

ST. GREGORY SWIM TEAM

The swim season is upon us and we are starting to plan for the TCDSB Swim Invitational Meet scheduled for the weekend of March 7 and 8, 2015 at the newly refurbished Etobicoke Olympium. Last year's effort was a tremendous success, a credit to the St Gregory school community that made it happen. For those who participated last year, we hope you will be back for this years' effort. Volunteers are always needed and new volunteers are welcomed!

A meeting to discuss this year's Swim Team is scheduled for **Thursday, October 16, 2014** in the Music Room at 7:00 p.m. Give some thought to where you can assist - coaching, administration, apparel, communications, and swim meet management assistance.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2014-2015

Wards	
1. Peter Jakovcic	416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3. Sal Piccininni	416-512-3403
4. Patrizia Bottoni	416-512-3404
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7. John Del Grande	416-512-3407
8. Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9. Jo-Ann Davis, Chair	416-512-3409
10. Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11. Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
12. Nancy Crawford, Vice-Chair	416-512-3412
Christopher MacDonald, Student Trustee	416-512-3413
Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee	416-512-3417



Monthly Update from the Board October 2014

Open Houses in High Schools

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to check out their high school options. TCDSB secondary schools host open houses in October and November. <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>

TCDSB's Project Reach to be Featured

At the 2014 Scotiabank Nuit Blanche Event Celebrating TCDSB's Year of Charity

All are invited to check out the artistic representations of the Year of Charity, as seen through the eyes of students and staff from all across the Toronto Catholic District School Board. The Project Reach art installation will make its debut at this year's Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, an international celebration of the Arts, beginning at dusk on Saturday October 4th and continuing until dawn on Sunday October 5th. The Project Reach installation will be presented at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, 81 St. Mary's Street.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearOfCharity/ProjectReach/Pages/default.aspx>

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. Visit our website for more information.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/YearOfCharity/Pages/Heart-of-Charity.aspx>

Life Up Your Hearts! And share your stories via twitter @TCDSB #waveofcharity

Municipal Election Reminder

Don't forget to vote on October 27th. For information, check out the board website at

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

Meet the Trustee Candidates in Your Ward

OAPCE Toronto hosts an evening with Trustee Candidates

October 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/OAPCE-Toronto/Pages/All-Candidates-Meeting.aspx>

CPIC Elections

The Catholic Parent Involvement Elections will take place on October 6 and 8. CPIC is the advisory body to the TCDSB on matters relating to parent engagement. Learn more

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

Principal of Excellence Award

OAPCE Toronto invites nominations for this year's award.

Deadline for application October 17th

<http://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/OAPCE-Toronto/Documents/2013-2014-TAPCE-POE-Nomination-Form.pdf>

Education and Community Resource Fair

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

November 8th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

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

Special Events

October 7th—Mass to End Women Abuse—St. Rose of Lima Parish, 7 p.m.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/News/2014-2015/Pages/End-Woman-Abuse-2014.aspx>

October 18th: 50th Anniversary, St. Ursula Catholic School Details: St. Ursula link

is: <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stursula/News/NewsArchives/2013-2014/Pages/St.-Ursula-50th-Anniversary.aspx>

October 24th : 25th Anniversary, Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Details:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/jeanvanier/alumni/pages/25th-anniversary-dinner-dance.aspx>

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>

Other Dates to Note:

October is...

Women's History Month

Autism Awareness Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month <http://www.tcdsb.org/Pages/Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx>

Walk to School Month <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/walk-to-school-month.aspx>

World Teachers' Day October 5

Rosary Day October 7 <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Rosary-Day.aspx>

Feed Tomorrow Week October 6-10

World Mental Health Day October 10

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/NewsEvents/Pages/World-Mental-Health-Day.aspx>

International Day of the Girl October 11

English as a Second Language Week October 12-18

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty October 17 <http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/international-day-for-eradication-of-poverty.aspx>

School Bus Safety Week October 20-24 (Bus Driver Appreciation Day October 22)

Take Me Outside Day October 29

Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Day October 29

Check out the board's website for details about these special days throughout the year www.tcdsb.org.

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