



# St. Gregory Catholic School Newsletter

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TCDSB

## From the Office

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

A warm welcome to both parents and students as we begin another exciting new school year at St. Gregory, as well as a special welcome to all new students and their families joining us this year. We hope your summer was a happy and enjoyable experience!

We at St. Gregory look forward to working with all of you and your children. We strive to provide our students with a year filled with interesting educational experiences and activities to challenge and stimulate them on their journey. However, we need your help in inspiring your children to continually aim to do their very best. Together we can make a positive difference in your child's life, one that they will cherish forever.

To make back-to-school a positive experience for all, we would ask that you review the school routines, practices, and requirements noted in this newsletter. Please do take the time to familiarize yourself with what is new and what has remained the same. Please also keep this information for your future reference and please return all signed documents to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

Wishing all a great start to this year.

Sincerely,  
G. Benedek  
Principal



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## Prayer For A New School Year

*Loving God,  
Extend Your blessing over our families  
This new school year.  
May our school be filled with love, joy  
and hope.*

*Let trespasses be forgiven,  
Let wounds be healed,  
Let conflict melt into harmony.*

*May our children grow in knowledge,  
Understanding and wisdom;  
May they be strong in mind, body and  
Spirit;  
May they have the courage to follow  
Your ways.*

*Finally dear God,  
May home, parish and school work  
together  
To create a world where our children  
Can help build a civilization of love.*

*Amen.*

## Entrance and Dismissal

8:30 a.m. Morning entry  
10:15 a.m. Morning recess  
11:05 a.m. Morning Kindergarten  
Dismissal  
11:35 a.m. Lunch Hour  
12:35 p.m. Afternoon entry  
1:40 p.m. Afternoon recess  
3:00 p.m. Dismissal

## Student Absence/Lateness

Parents/Guardians must call and leave a message on the answering machine (Auto Attendant, Press #1). Include your child's name, teacher's name, grade and a reason for absence. **When a student arrives late for school, he or she must report to the office before going to class.**

## Early Dismissal

Children who **must** leave before dismissal, must be signed out by parent/guardian at the office.

## Inclement Weather

On days when the weather is inclement, students are asked to arrive to school for **just before bell**. Those students present at school will be permitted to enter the building at 8:15 in the morning. On such days, the recess periods will be held indoors and those students who stay for lunch will be supervised in the building. Unless the weather conditions are particularly bad, cold weather alone does not warrant an early entry to the building or indoor recess. Appropriate dress is a requirement on such days.

## STUDENT AGENDAS

Student Agendas will be distributed shortly. The teachers will be using this organizer to help students learn to plan their work and study time. The agendas have been designed with pages reflecting our Catholic values and traditions. The agenda is a valuable tool to assist with student achievement. It allows the students to record daily homework, assists in time management skills and is a good way to communicate between home and school. If you did not pre-order, you are strongly encouraged to purchase an agenda for your child now. The cost is \$7.50

### BBQ CURRICULUM NIGHT

Tuesday, September 24

We welcome parents to our BBQ/ Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 24th. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to see the classroom learning environment and to receive an overview of the curriculum for the year. More information will be provided soon.

### Before and After School Program

The number for our Before and After School Program is 416-236-8794 if you are interested.

### QSP Reader's Digest Magazine Subscription

Again this year, one of our major fundraisers will be the QSP Reader's Digest magazine subscription sale. Your child will receive more information and a catalogue with the magazine choices in the near future. Please consider a magazine subscription or two for yourself or as a gift for a friend or family member. The school receives a portion of the total sales and you get a year of reading!

## TCDSB Appropriate Dress Code

### Guidelines:

#### **Top-Solid Navy Blue or White**

Including: dress shirts, blouses, t-shirts (with or without collar, long or short sleeve), turtle necks, sweaters, vests, etc. All shirts must have sleeves

#### **Bottom-Solid Navy Blue**

Including: Dress pant, chinos, skirts, skorts, shorts (Bermuda length), active wear (wind pants, yoga pants, track pants), capris, tights, leggings, etc. **No Denim**

#### **Dresses/Jumpers-Solid Navy Blue**

**\*All attire is free of any logo or graphics (i.e. Gap, Roots, Polo, etc), but may include St. Gregory school crest**

**\*Appropriate Dress Code includes Phys. Ed. Attire/ school team training**

**\*Navy and white school spirit wear (ie 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, swim team) permissible**

**\*All attire worn inside the classroom (ie sweaters, hoodies) must adhere to Appropriate Dress Code guidelines**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (CSAC)

#### ELECTIONS AND COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 25th

Music Room  
7 P.M.

We invite all parents to consider becoming a member of the Catholic School Advisory Council. Your active participation can only serve to enhance all the wonderful things that happen in our school. You will find a nomination form attached to this newsletter, for either yourself or for someone else. Consider joining CSAC and as always, **all parents/guardians** are invited to attend. Please return the nomination form by Monday, September 23, 2013.

## Anaphylaxis

As we begin a new school year, we would like to inform you that St. Gregory Elementary School is an **allergen aware** school. There are children in attendance who suffer from **severe and life threatening** allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and nut products. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe life threatening reactions. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, exercise and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems.

We at St. Gregory would appreciate the co-operation of the entire school community in NOT sending any lunches or snack that contain peanuts or nuts, which could potentially harm a child. Other restrictions may apply on a class by class basis. Please make sure that all of your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. **Please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.**

There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff.

We look forward to your co-operation in making this a safe year for all our students



## SEPTEMBER

WHATSOEVER YOU DO  
TO THE LEAST OF MY  
PEOPLE, THAT YOU DO  
UNTO ME.

~ MATTHEW 25:40 ~

- REMEMBER THAT GOD WELCOMES US ALL TO HIS TABLE; WE SHOULD DO THE SAME.
- BE GUIDED BY THE MESSAGE OF "WHATSOEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE, THAT YOU DO UNTO ME."
- IF YOU WANT TO FEEL WELCOMED, MAKE SURE YOU ARE WELCOMING OTHERS.
- HOSPITALITY SHOULD BE EVIDENT IN YOUR HOME, SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH.

# HOSPITALITY



### School Mass

Our first School Mass with Father John will be Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. As always, parents are more than welcome to attend.



## Hospitality

As we welcome our students back to school in September it seems fitting that this month's virtue is HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources, supplies and putting up bulletin boards that will invite the students back into a welcoming environment. But hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. Our quote for the month is from Matthew 25:40, "*Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me*". According to Henri Nouwen, "*the German word for hospitality is Gastfreundschaft which means friendship for the guest... It means the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.*" In our school community and in our homes we can discuss the concept of the least of our people or the stranger who needs our hospitality, be it the newly arrived to Canada or the new student at our school. Today hospitality is more important than ever and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we can transform our communities.

### Disclaimer

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 enrol 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.

## Electronic Devices and Cell Phones

We continue to encourage students to leave iPods, MP3 players, digital games or toys, cameras, cell phones, other electronic devices and other personal belongings of value at home. If your child brings a cell phone to and from school, it **MUST** be turned off while on school property and remain out of sight everywhere on school property including classrooms, the washroom, the parking lot and school yard. Matters of urgency should be dealt with through the office. If your child needs to contact you, they are to seek permission to use the school phone. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. In addition, students who have their phones on in school will be given one warning followed by a discipline report for any further infractions.

### Visitors to School

All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school. A sign-in procedure is in place for anyone visiting the school at any time.



## Bus Safety



Please note that inconsistent travel on the buses will make it difficult to maintain service for your child. If you request transportation and your child does not use the bus on a regular basis, the space will be taken away. Students must be ready to board as soon as the buses arrive at the STOP or school. Buses will not wait since they must keep to schedule, have various runs, and serve other schools. Students must behave appropriately in order to maintain bussing service. Please ensure that you and your child know the bus number of your route. If buses are late, please call the bus company directly for up-to-the-minute information on what is occurring. The school does not have any control over the whereabouts of the buses. Please find out from your child during the first week of school his/her bus line colour and make note of the route number and phone number for use during the school year.

## Student Safety and Expectations on the Bus and in Bus Lines

- Observe the instructions of the bus driver at all times.
- Remain seated and facing the front at all times until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Respect others' property and do not cause damage to the bus in any way.
- Do not talk loudly, yell, throw objects or fight on the bus.
- Keep your hands and head inside the bus, do not lean out the window, spit or throw objects out the window.

- You are not allowed to board another bus for any reason e.g. friend's birthday party.
- Unless a note is provided or a telephone call is made to the school with pickup instruction, you will always go home on the assigned bus.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Show respect to the bus driver, student monitors and fellow passengers at all times.

## BUS COMPANY

**FIRST STUDENT - 905-629-8200**

### A.M. ROUTES (before school)

Route PFE0477	Blue/Brown
Route PFE0479	Green/Grey
Route CFE0455	Pink/Purple
Route CFE0819	Red
Route CFE0478	Yellow
Route CFE0802	Orange

### NOON ROUTES

#### AM Kindergarten pick up from school

Route CFE3401	(Bus 1) Denise
Route CFE3408	(Bus 2) Lynn

#### PM Kindergarten drop off at school

Route CFE3401	(Bus 1) Denise
Route CFE3408	(Bus 2) Lynn

### P.M. ROUTES (after school)

Route CFE0423	Red
Route CEF0424	Blue
Route CEF0425	Pink
Route CFE0426	Brown
Route CFE0433	Grey
Route CFE0478	Yellow
Route CFE0479	Green
Route PFE0802	Orange
Route PFE0819	Purple



## Parking Lot



Just a reminder that our buses take precedence over cars, in our horseshoe parking lot on the south side of the school, Please move when the bus is behind you. Also, the drop off and pick up area is a Kiss and Ride. Please do not try to park in this area.

## Paperless Newsletters, Calendars, etc.

Parents/guardians will receive weekly updates of upcoming events and important notices by email as a blind carbon copy (Bcc). The monthly newsletter and calendar will be posted in the school's website [www.school.stgregorytoronto.com](http://www.school.stgregorytoronto.com) to reduce the amount of photocopied paper used at the school. Most pertinent, or urgent messages or reminders will also be sent to you by email.



## Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation is done through the Parish. Specifics regarding sacramental preparation will be provided when they have been made available to us through the parish.

## Dress Down Days

Dress down/Civvies days will be held monthly. We would request a contribution of \$2.00 per student for ShareLife/Social Justice initiatives that will be taking place throughout the course of the year. Please look for specifics in upcoming newsletters /communication.

## Security, Safety and Accidents

Please take a few minutes to review street proofing and basic safety and security rules with your child. This will reinforce the lessons taught at school during the school year. Despite the constant reminders and attention given to issues regarding safety, occasional accidents do happen. In case of minor accidents, (cuts, scrapes, etc.), first aid will be administered by staff. If the child continues to be uncomfortable or is in distress, the school will notify the parent. In the case of a serious accident, parents will be notified. If attempts to contact you are unsuccessful, school staff will take the appropriate action as directed by TCDSB policy. In case of an emergency, it is absolutely imperative that we have, at all times, up-to-date information.

## Student Insurance Forms

All students will be given an insurance form to bring home. If you choose to purchase insurance please contact the company directly.

## Registrations

All Registrations require the following documents:

- A. Birth Certificate
- B. Baptismal Certificate
- C. Health Card
- D. Immunization Record
- E. Proof of Permanent Address
- F. Telephone numbers for home, work and emergency contact

## SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014

Labour Day	September 2, 2013
School Starts	September 3, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2013
Christmas Break (inclusive)	December 23, 2013 to January 3, 2014
Family Day	February 17, 2014
Mid-Winter Break (inclusive)	March 10-14, 2014
Good Friday	April 18, 2014
Easter Monday	April 21, 2014
Victoria Day	May 19, 2014
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 27, 2014

### Six Professional Development Days:

Designated by the Ministry	October 11, 2013
Faith Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews the evening of November 14, 2013)	November 15, 2013
Designated by the Ministry	December 20, 2013
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	January 24, 2014
Designated by the Ministry	March 7, 2014
Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting	June 6, 2014

## Class Placement

Please be mindful that current student class placements are tentative until September 30<sup>th</sup> (and on occasion, into early October). Student enrolment does fluctuate during the month of September and all class sizes must meet Ministry and TCDSB requirements by the end of the month. It may yet become necessary to restructure our classes. We thank all families who may be impacted in advance for their understanding and co-operation.

## Waste Free Lunches



The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to the environment and continues to look for innovative ways to promote conservation through energy and waste reduction initiatives.

We are asking parents to fully participate with your child in a "Waste Free Lunch Program" at our school. Be part of helping us become leaders in this environmentally friendly waste reduction program. It involves the following three steps:

1. Lunches and snacks should be packed in a re-usable container, not in disposable bags.
2. In order to avoid spills, we ask you to use containers that are re-sealable.
3. Leftover food which can be disposed of in the green bin program available at your home will be brought back home in their containers by your child.

Our hope is that this practice at school and at home will teach all children to carry this awareness and behaviour with them as they grow into young adults.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our school's environmental efforts.

## Pediculosis

If you discover that your child has been infected with head lice, please advise the office in order that classes can be checked to avoid further spreading. Outbreaks of pediculosis are common among school children and are not considered a health problem, but more of a nuisance. Any person, however clean, may become infested by exposure to other infected persons or their belongings, particularly hats, coats, blankets, combs, brushes, etc. Schools usually notice an increase of instances after holidays where students have gone to camps, etc. Parents are advised to check for lice on a regular basis. The eggs (nits) are attached near the base of the individual hairs, usually along the hairline at the back and sides of the head.

## Medication

Principals, teachers and support staff of the TCDSB are not permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day, unless they have written authorization signed by you, the parent, and the prescribing physician. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated yearly and on a regular basis; these are available from the school office. Also, please be advised that staff in TCDSB schools will not dispense non-prescription medications to students.

At times, students need to take medication during regular school hours. Please note that any medication brought to school must be stored in the office. Students cannot keep medication in their desks or school bags. Although school staff cannot administer

medication, we can supervise your children while they are taking it. It is extremely important that medication which is brought to school be:

1. Measured and put in single dose containers
2. Labelled clearly with your child's full name, time and amount to be taken, and whether refrigeration is required.

**When your children are ill, please keep them at home.** Sick children do not learn well; they can spread germs to others and cannot be supervised indoors during outdoor activities. If children are well enough to come to school, they should be outside getting their exercise and fresh air during recesses and other outdoor activities

## TCDSB Three-Year Pastoral Plan

The TCDSB continues with its three-year pastoral plan of Faith, Hope and Charity, which builds on the Word, Worship and Witness focus of the previous pastoral plan. The goal is to strengthen the faith life of our schools and to raise the public profile of Catholic education in Toronto. We ask for God's blessing on each and everyone of us as we embark on a new school year.

## KIDSENTIALS

*Take a much-needed break from making lunches!*

*Kidssentials is the fresh, hot lunch provider at our school.*

**ORDER ONLINE TODAY at [www.kidssentials.com](http://www.kidssentials.com)**

Kid tested and approved, Kidssentials lunches are generously portioned, using the freshest ingredients. They are nutritious, delicious, and are assembled and served fresh at the school; forget pre-packaged soggy burger buns or mushy pasta dishes, Kidssentials provides fresh, high quality home-style meals.

Always 100% peanut and tree-nut free, the rotating menu lists over 30 entrée choices, including: burgers, pastas, burritos, salads, wraps, vegetarian, and allergen-free options (free

of gluten, soy, dairy, egg, sesame, and seafood). Entrées are available for \$4.95 each and healthy sides may be added for as little as \$1.00 each.

Kidssentials is also eco-friendly, and uses only compostable and recyclable packaging and cutlery. In partnership with our school, and to encourage a paperless environment, there are NO PAPER FORMS.

**Take a break from making lunch, and place your order ONLINE today!** Visit [www.kidssentials.com](http://www.kidssentials.com), and log in or create an account. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, or credit-card-free by mailing a cheque.

If you have any questions, or need help accessing your account, contact Kidssentials directly at 905.855.1914 or [mail@kidssentials.com](mailto:mail@kidssentials.com). Bon appétit!

## New Faces, New Names

The faces of our school staff have changed. We are happy to welcome

Ms. Resendes - Phys. Ed.  
Ms. DeFranco - S.K.  
Ms. Italiano - E.F. 7,8 (Eng.)  
Ms. Dalmau - Gr.7/8  
Ms. Sala - Gr.7  
Ms. Loughlin - Gr.3  
Mrs. Van Dinter - VP  
Mrs. Power -VP

I know you will join me in welcoming them to our school community.

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## Monthly Update from the Board

September 2013

### TCDSB Appoints New Director of Education:

The Board of Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is pleased to announce that Angela Gauthier has been appointed as the new Director of Education. Ms. Gauthier, formerly the Board's Associate Director of Academic Affairs, replaced Bruce Rodrigues who has been selected as the Chief Executive Officer of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) for the Province of Ontario.

A highly respected and experienced educator with an extensive record of achievement, Ms. Gauthier brings a wealth of leadership experience to the position, having served as the TCDSB's Associate Director of Academic Affairs since 2008. During her tenure, she has focused on the Board's 21st Century Learning strategy and improving access to technology for both students and teachers. As a graduate of the TCDSB (when it was known as the Metropolitan Separate School Board), Ms. Gauthier has a clear understanding of the gains already made by this Board and is very passionate about how we can better support the academic achievement and well-being of our students.

The search for the new Director was based on a selection process that took into consideration both the internal needs of our Board moving forward and the firm commitment on the part of the Board of Trustees to ensure operational continuity through careful succession planning.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to moving ahead together with Ms. Gauthier and the senior administrative team to introduce innovative, new ideas that support learning and deal with the challenges ahead.

### TCDSB SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2013-2014

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 2, 2013
First Instructional Day	September 3, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2013
Christmas Break	December 23, 2013–January 3, 2014
Family Day	February 17, 2014
Mid-Winter Break	March 10–14, 2014
Good Friday	April 18, 2014
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### The Year of Hope

2013-2014 is the Year of Hope, the second year of our three year pastoral plan focusing on Faith, Hope and Charity. Resources and information relating to the Year of Hope, the virtues of the month and other information supporting the spiritual development of TCDSB students and staff is available on our Nurturing our Catholic Community website:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

### Registration for TCDSB Night School and Saturday Credit Courses

Registration for the Toronto Catholic District School Board's evening credit courses, Saturday programs and online courses (eClass) continues through until October 11<sup>th</sup> for night school and October 26<sup>th</sup> for Saturday International Languages programs.

Students may register for a maximum of two courses. They can consist of eClass, Saturday or evening courses. TCDSB will accept students up to Friday, October 11th, if space is available.

For registration information, visit:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/NightSchool/nsregistration/Pages/default.aspx>

Classes begin: September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> for night school; October 7<sup>th</sup> for eClass and September 21<sup>st</sup> for Saturday classes

Please note that for eClass, in person support sessions will be held on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Education Centre. For more information please visit:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/BoardServices/eClass/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Continuing Education Department**

*Night School and Saturday Programs 416-222-8282 Ext. 2428*

*EClass 416-222-8282 Ext. 2063*

### **TCDSB Adult Education Program Free ESL Classes**

Registration for free adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes begins in **September**. Adults can register for full-time, part-time, daytime, evening, or weekend English classes at over 35 locations in Toronto.

The Adult Education Program offers Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC), adult ESL classes, Academic Preparation, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Conversation, Citizenship, and Language Upgrading for Professionals. Childcare services are also available at many locations.

Daytime classes begin the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>; evening classes begin the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday classes begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Interested adults should go to their preferred location in person on the first day of class to register. Two pieces of identification that show status in Canada and proof of residence (one with a picture; no photocopies) are required.

A recent survey of adult learners at the TCDSB Adult Education Program showed that ESL classes were essential for:

1. Getting a job
2. Getting a promotion
3. Returning to school
4. Passing the Canadian Citizenship Test
5. Integrating to Canadian Society i.e. socializing, helping kids with schoolwork

To learn more about the English classes and where they are located, visit the Adult Education Program website at [www.tcdsb.org/adulted](http://www.tcdsb.org/adulted) or email [contact.adulted@tcdsb.org](mailto:contact.adulted@tcdsb.org)

### **Secondary School Open Houses**

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education. Most open houses begin at 7:00 p.m. For a complete list of dates and locations, visit: <http://www.tcdsb.org/school/OpenHouses/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **New Parenting Centres Open this Fall**

Parenting Family and Literacy Centres are now open at St. Albert Catholic School in Scarborough and St. Anthony Catholic School in downtown Toronto. For information about our centres, and a listing of all locations throughout the board, visit

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

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# St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council

**NOTICE OF  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION  
OF PARENT/GUARDIAN REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Music Room)**

In accordance to Ontario Regulation 612/00 and TCDSB Policy S.10 (Revised June 2001) an election to fill the fifteen (20) parent/guardian positions for the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council for 2012–2013 term will be held on Wednesday, **September 25, 2013 at 7 pm in the Music Room.** Regulation 612/00 was passed by the provincial legislature in December 2000 and the revised TCDSB Policy S.10 was approved by the board in June 2002. Copies of these documents are available from the TCDSB's CSAC web site (<http://www.hallaj.com/active/>) or from the school office upon request.

## NOMINATIONS

Parents/guardians of children attending St. Gregory Catholic School that would like to stand for election for the positions of parent/guardian representative must complete and return the nomination form to the school office by **Monday September 23, 2013 (3:00p.m.)**. Parents/guardians may also nominate other parents/guardians. Nominations will not be accepted after this time. **Nominations will not be accepted from the floor on election day.** A list of all nominees with names and biographies will be made available prior to election day.

## COUNCIL COMPOSITION FOR 2013-2014

### **Twenty (20) parent/guardian representatives**

- to be elected by parents/guardians of students enrolled at St. Gregory School and must make up a majority of council membership

### **The Principal of St. Gregory Catholic School.**

### **One (1) Teacher representative**

- to be elected by persons employed at St. Gregory Catholic School other than the principal, vice-principal or any other teacher employed

### **One (1) Non-Teaching person who is employed at the St. Gregory Catholic School**

- to be elected by persons employed at St. Gregory Catholic School other than the principal, vice-principal or any other teacher employed at the school.

### **One (1) Student Representative**

- to be appointed by the principal after consultation with other members of the council.

### **The Pastor of St. Gregory's Catholic Church or parish designate**

### **One (1) Community Representative**

- to be appointed by the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council

### **One (1) person to represent the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education,**

- to be appointed by the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council.

**ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
NOMINATION FORM (2013-2014)**

*Please complete Section A or B and return to the school office by Monday, September 23, 2013 (3:00p.m.)*

**SECTION A (Parent/Guardian Self Nomination)**

- I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street number and name and postal code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is currently registered at St. Gregory Catholic School.

I am an employee of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.     YES                       NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please include a brief biography of yourself on the back of this form.**  
*You will be notified when your nomination has been received.*

**SECTION B (Parent/Guardian Candidate Nomination)**

- I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the St. Gregory Catholic School Advisory Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Home Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Address (Street number and name and postal code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's E-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_ is the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person nominated (Candidate)    Name of Student

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.     YES                       NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Home telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's work telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Address (Street number and name and postal code)

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is currently registered at St. Gregory Catholic School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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