



School Newsletter

St. Gregory Catholic School



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**Have a wonderful Advent
Season, a merry
Christmas, and a joyous
New Year!**

Some Important Dates

Dec 3 Daily Raffle Draws Begin
Dec 4 Mr. Thompson's class at Frink Centre
Dec 7 Ms. Breault's class at Frink Centre
Dec 7 School Mass 1030– everyone welcome
Dec 10 Gr. 8 at Nicholson Catholic College
Dec 12 Ms. Baker's class at Frink Centre
Dec 13 Children's Choir at MLP Residence
Dec 13 10000 Villages shopping event
Dec 14 MS Chapman's class at Public Library
Dec 17 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Dec 18 Terrific Kids Assembly
Dec 18 Advent Mass 6PM
Dec 20 Christmas Concert Matinee - 12:30
Dec 20 Christmas Concert Evening - 6-7PM
Dec 21 Last Day of classes for 2018
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass 5PM - Children's
Choir families please arrive by 4:30
Jan 7 - First Day of classes for 2019
Jan 2019 - Confirmation program begins

SAFETY NOTICE

**Do not jaywalk or drive
between buses during
posted buszone times.**

Christmas Concert

12:30-1:30 Matinee

6-7 PM – Evening Performance

K - Ms. Chapman/Ms. Farrington

K - Ms. Sedore/Ms. Leavitt

1 - Ms. Storing

2 - Ms. Millen

1/2 - Ms. Breault

At this time, we will have a very short break.

Families of children that have already
performed may leave if they wish. Children
should be collected from their classrooms only
so teachers can make sure everyone is properly
accounted for. Every class will have had an
opportunity to see the performances of the
other classes so don't worry that the children
will miss an older sibling's performance.

3 - Mr. Thompson

3/4 - Ms. Baker/Ms. Scott

4 - Ms. Taylor

5/6 - Ms. Sargeant

5/6 - Ms. Hannah

Cut and paste this link into your browser for the Parish Bulletin

<http://stgregoryparish.ca/publications/weeklybulletin.pdf>

School Council

Happy Holiday Season, Everyone!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas Raffle draws will be taking place from December 3 - 14. A student representative from each class from Grade 1 - 8 will be doing one of the draws! Videos of the drawings will be posted on the Parent Council Facebook page. The winners will be contacted by phone. All funds raised will go to support school initiatives and improvement projects. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! Thank you to our list of businesses who provided donations:

County Cleaners Inc.
Comedy Country
Festival Players
Emerson Pringle Carpentry
LOHA Farms
Artistic Inklings
Sprigglen Farms
PEFAC
Sandbanks Park
Picton Golf Club
Marysburgh Mummers
PEC Window Cleaning
Wellington Dukes
Hartleys Tavern
Loyalist College Resto 213
Rustic Reclaimed Originals

Waupoos Winery
Burger Revolution
Quinte Heating Services
Seedlings
County Yum Club
Crossfire/Rapidfire
Green Team Lawn Care
Kate Golding Designs
Conde Gourmet Gift Basket
Watson Girls Babysitting
Butterdream Cakes
Stormy's
Vicki Emlaw Yoga
Rosehall Run
Regent Theatre

AND EXTRA THANK YOU TO VICTORIA SMITH, MARY MASCARENHAS, AND JESSIKA DALEY-LEAVITT FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK ORGANIZING.

FEEDBACK SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Fundraising Goals Survey. Your feedback is important to us. We're listening.

HAVE A VOICE, JOIN THE CONVERSATION

St. Gregory Parent Council is looking for your feedback. We'd love to hear your thoughts. Join the conversation! You can find us online on Facebook. The group address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pecsgpc/>

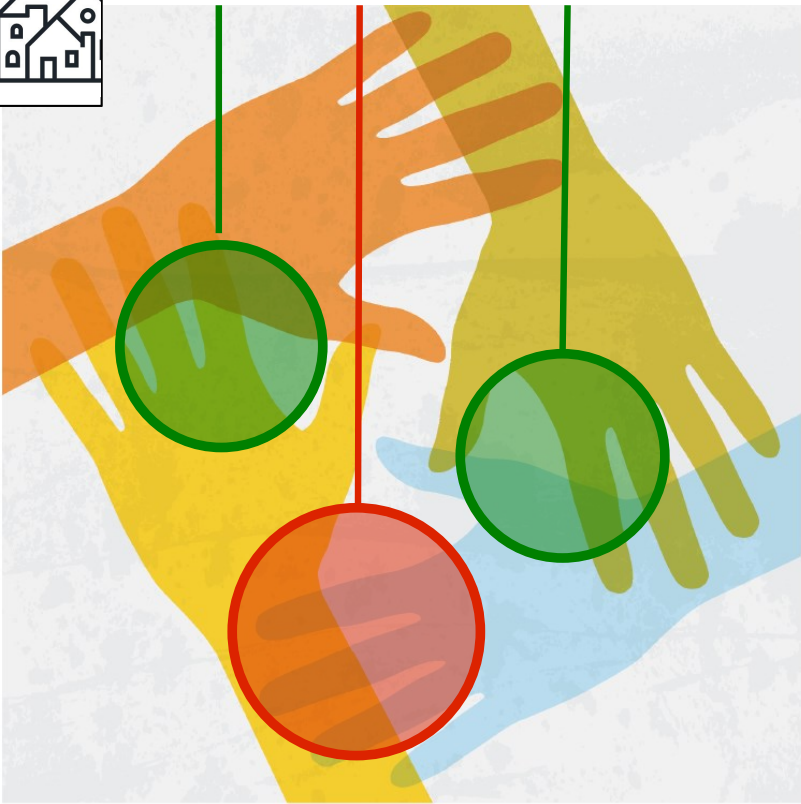
As always, if you have any concerns or questions or thoughts you'd like to address with Parent Council, feel free to email the Parent Council email address: pecsgpc@gmail.com

Or we'd love to see you at our next meeting - **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6 pm** at the school! Kids are welcome.



St Gregory Catholic School Presents Disney's The Jungle Book!

Students will be invited to a meeting before Christmas to express interest in participating in this musical production. There will be a variety of speaking and non speaking roles, as well as production and stage crew, A/V crew and more. Casting will be held early in 2019. Watch for updates through the school email and newsletters. Parents and families are invited to support us in a variety of ways, especially set production and costuming. Stay tuned!!



Give a little
Good

St. Gregory
School Shop

at
Ten Thousand
Villages

190 Main Street Picton

Thursday
December 13

10% of any purchase at the Picton Ten Thousand Villages on December 13 will be donated toward Learning Commons initiatives.

Ten Thousand Villages creates opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing their products and stories to our markets through long-term, fair trading relationships. www.TenThousandVillages.ca

Remember to bring your coupon and mention St. Gregory's when you purchase on December 13 at Ten Thousand Villages.

Please contact Gail MacDougal with any questions and to receive your coupon.



 <p>St. Gregory's Shopping event</p> <p>10% of purchase price will be donated to St. Gregory's when you present this coupon at</p> <p>Ten Thousand Villages 190 Main Street Picton</p> <p>Thursday December 13 10:00-6:00 give a little good</p>	 <p>St. Gregory's Shopping event</p> <p>10% of purchase price will be donated to St. Gregory's when you present this coupon at</p> <p>Ten Thousand Villages 190 Main Street Picton</p> <p>Thursday December 13 10:00-6:00 give a little good</p>
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Nut Allergies

A crucial, possibly life-threatening reminder to parents is that we do have students in our school who have severe peanut allergies. Please refrain from sending food items to school that contain nuts. While this may seem simple, there are many foods where peanuts or nuts may be a hidden ingredient and so it is very important that you read labels. We realize this request poses an inconvenience for you when packing your child's lunch. However, the parents of these students wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this potentially life-threatening allergy.

Safe Arrival & Departure

Students arriving or departing by personal motor vehicle during posted bus loading zone times (7:45-8:30am and 2:00-2:45pm) should be dropped off/picked up on Church Street. Vehicles stopping and pedestrians crossing Owen street through bus lanes during the posted times is distracting to bus operators and unsafe. Pedestrians needing to cross Owen Street or Church Street can do so at the intersection of these two streets. A staff member is posted there during peak periods at the beginning and end of the day. Nothing is more important to us than the safety of your children.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

It is important to check your children's hair for head lice and nits (eggs) as part of your weekly routine. If we all take the time to check (and treat) now, it will minimize the number of cases. Also please remind your child(ren) not to share combs, brushes or hats. Thanks for your co-operation. If you would like more information about what to look for and how to treat lice go to our school's website we have posted a brochure that is very helpful. Thank you

Unscheduled Student Pickup

The end of the school day is a very busy time. If you are picking up your child, please send a note to the classroom teacher. This will avoid miscommunications and missed connections. Daily routines are very important to the learning environment. Numerous phone calls and drop ins at the office after 2 PM, from parents expecting to have their children paged are very disruptive to classes. **Please try to contact the school by noon to schedule pickups. Remember that the school day ends at 2:25 PM.**

Bus Delays & Cancellations

Search for notices or sign up to be notified by email if your bus is running late or has been cancelled at <http://triboard.ca/>

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Bilingual people have sharper cognitive skills and keep their brain alert and active even when only one language is used.

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

Home Baked Goods in the School for Sharing

Occasionally, some classrooms have special events or celebrations, and parents are invited to send in food items to be shared. Food to be shared within the school community must be prepared in an commercial setting. This means we may not bring in home baked goods to share with classmates. When bringing in a commercially produced item to share, such as a tray of squares from Sobeys, be sure to consult with the classroom teacher well in advance. Arrangements can also be made to access our school/parish kitchen for food preparation with your child's classroom teacher.

Sacramental Preparation

Our Staff work with Fr. Chisholm and our Parish partners to prepare our students for First Communion/Reconciliation (grade 2), and Confirmation (grade 7 & 8 every other year). Children must have a Baptismal certificate on file at the Parish in order to receive these Sacraments. Please ensure that we have this by the end of September. Baptismal preparation may be offered to students requiring it. Please contact the school or Parish office if you would like to have your child baptised or if you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility to receive the Sacraments. The Rite of Christian initiation for adults is also offered through the Parish.

If you have already expressed interest in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, expect to be contacted shortly after Thanksgiving.

Please Remember to Sign in when visiting the school!

As we start this new school year, please remember to come to the office and sign-in when visiting the school. Our secretary will be happy to call your son/daughters classroom to have them come to the office and meet you. This is a safe schools policy to insure the safety of our children. Thank you for your co-operation.