



## School Newsletter

# St. Gregory Catholic School



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## Happy New Year!

### Some Important Dates

Jan 7 - First Day of classes for 2019  
Jan 9 - School Council Meeting 6PM  
Jan 11 - School Mass 10:30 all welcome  
Jan 15 - Bus Safety Presentations  
Jan 15 - Jungle Book Meeting  
Jan 17 - Confirmation Meeting 6:30  
Jan 24 - Mr. Thompson—Skating  
Jan 25 - Family Literacy Celebration  
Jan 29 - Terrific Kids  
Virtue of the month - Self Control  
Feb 1 - PA Day  
Feb 3 - Family Mass

### **SAFETY NOTICE**

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

### Family Literacy Celebration

Friday Jan 25, families are invited to come to the school and read with students from 8:30 to 9:30. Bring your favourite book to share or choose one from the Learning Commons. At 9:30, "We Love To Read Tickets" will begin. Students will earn tickets by reading and will get to enter them into draws for fun prizes. Special guests will also be reading to students from 10:30 to 11:30.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Thurs. Jan 17th - 6:30 pm, at St. Gregory Parish: meeting for the parents of Confirmation candidates.

No **Family Mass** in Jan. The next Family Mass is February 3.

On Jan 26 following the 5 o'clock Mass, 6 of our students will receive **Baptism**. Celebrate this wonderful Sacrament with them and keep them in your prayers!

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

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

# *School Council*

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS**

Our Christmas Raffle draws took place from December 3 - 14. We raised close to \$5000 with this fundraiser! 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.**

**We would like to do this fundraiser again next year and will be soliciting donations again, starting over the summer. If you would like to help, please get in touch!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Just a reminder about a few upcoming events from Parent Council. We'll be doing the Mother's Day/Father's Day/Loved One's Day Mini Market in May again, so if you have any bits and bables to donate, please start collecting them! Our annual Fun Fair will be held on June 14, 2019. If you can help plan or volunteer for the event itself, please get in touch!

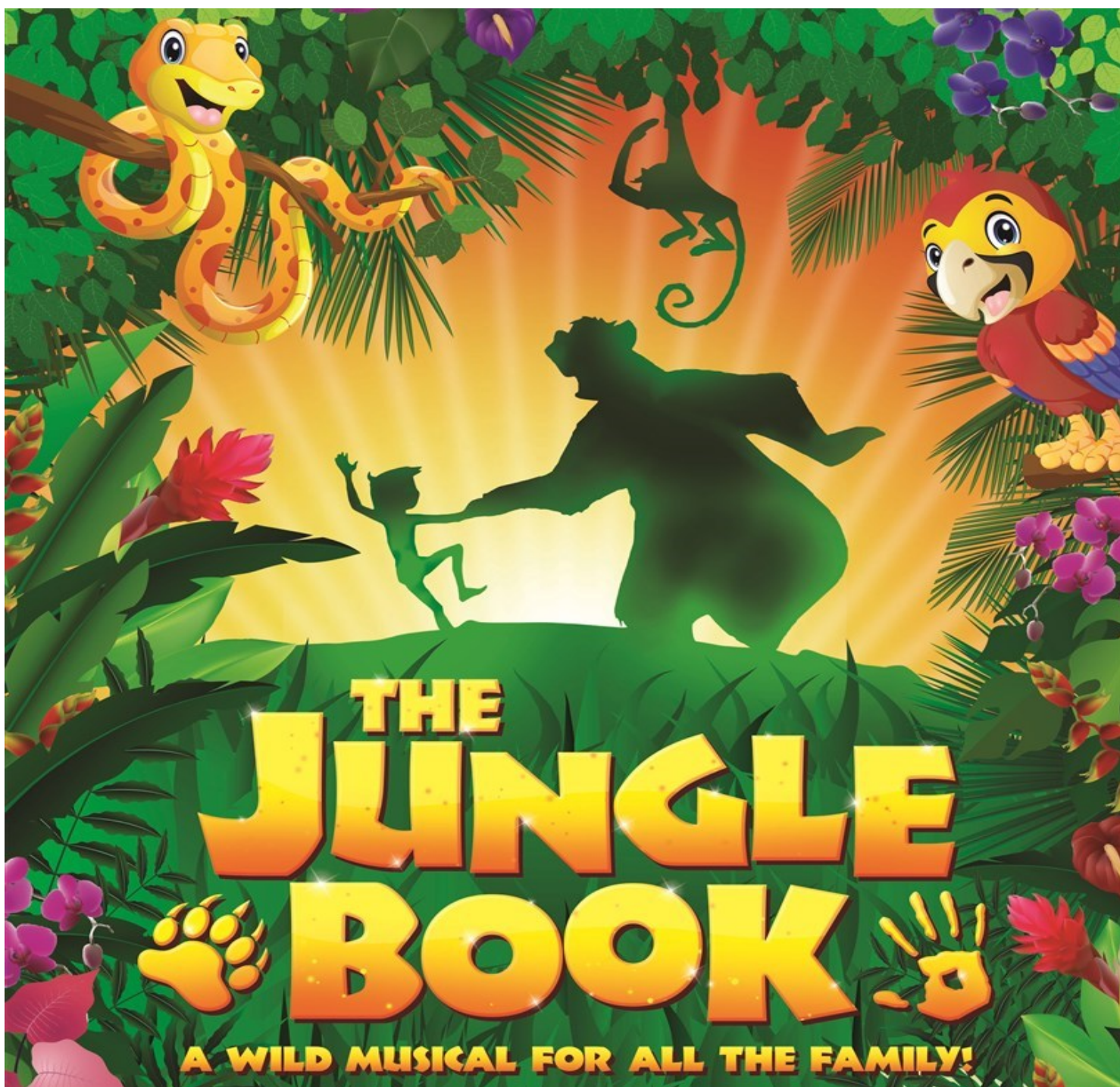
## **HAVE A VOICE, JOIN THE CONVERSATION**

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](mailto: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!

Calling all Thespians! There will be a meeting for all students interested in participating in the St. Gregory CS production of Disney's The Jungle Book on Tuesday January 15th at lunch recess (11:30-12:10). Families interested in volunteering to support the production are welcome to attend as well. This meeting will be to indicate interest, and to provide a brief introduction to the musical and what the expectations will be for students involved.

If your child/ren is/are interested to participating in the musical they will be asked to attend regular after school rehearsals on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 2:25-4:00. An after school meeting for families who want to participate or would like more information will also be scheduled, date TBD.

There will be a variety of roles available and we will try to accommodate all students who have an interest in participating (e.g. speaking roles, non-speaking roles, back stage crew, set design, dancing, chorus ensemble, etc). No previous experience required, just an interest in musical theatre and a willingness to do your part on our team.

**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.