

March



School Newsletter

St. Gregory Catholic School



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Some Important Dates

Mar 3 Regular Mass - No Family Mass this month

Mar 5 Shrove Tuesday

Mar 5 Jungle Book Parent Meeting

Mar 6 Ash Wednesday Mass 1230

Mar 7 French Ventriloquist

Mar 8 World Day of Prayer Assembly

Mar 8 International Women's Day
Intermediate Speakers event

Mar 11-15 March Break

Mar 19-20 Queens U Tinker Trailer

Mar 20-21 Dental Screening - Kinder

Mar 21 Kingston Symphony
(Ms. Baker/Mr. Thompson)

Mar 21 Nicholson Course selection gr 8

Mar 26 Basketball Champions Night NCC

Apr 1 - Big Kid Entertainment Show

Keeping Informed

Communication with the classroom teacher should be ongoing throughout the year. Parents and/or teachers will often request an interview around report card time, but please always feel free to ask for a phone call or a personal interview at anytime throughout the school year. Also, don't forget to send back report card envelopes. We will reuse them in June!

Spirit Wear!

The next spirit wear deadline is March 6. Go to www.multideas.ca/showroom/147554 Use the password "gryphons".

Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day!

All students will be given lunch of pancakes, sausage and applesauce. It will be open to the community from 12:15 to 1:30 Goodwill offering accepted.

Dance team!

Dance Team meets every Monday (Jr-Grades 1-3), and Wednesday (Grade 4-8). Please make sure parent consent forms have been returned.

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

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

School Council

A school council update will be sent at a later date.

Vision Screening Notification

Date of Screening: Monday April 29th, 2019

Vision Screening is being conducted for Senior Kindergarten (SK) students at your child's school.

IMPORTANT:

- Parents who do not wish to have their child screened are required to advise the school, in writing, before the scheduled screening date. Include your child's name, date of birth, and the name of their school in the letter.

FYI:

- Vision screening takes children through three simple eye tests that can detect risk factors for certain vision disorders.
- It is non-invasive, so it is not harmful or painful in any way.
- Vision screening cannot diagnose vision disorders.
- Information about your child's vision screening is sent home to inform parents of any vision concerns.
- The vision screening is conducted under the statutory authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.
- This screening should NOT replace your child's regular visit to the Optometrist for an eye examination.

For more information contact Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

Phone: 613-966-5500 ext. 680 | Toll-free: 1-800-267-2803 ext. 680 | TTY: 711 or 1-800-267-6511

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

The Jungle book family meeting for parents Tuesday March 5 after rehearsal 4-4:30. An opportunity to ask questions, and get involved where possible including: support with costume design and sourcing, set construction, marketing and community outreach, House Manger (box office, ushers, etc), and many other opportunities!

For Families of children K-1 interested in the Jungle book: we will create an opportunity for your children to be on stage for a shorter period of time. They will not need to attend rehearsals until closer to the performance. More information to follow. Thank you for your interest!

Please download the music for listening and learning at home in the meantime!

Tracks #2 "Jungle Prologue" and #20 "Bare Necessities Finale" are a good place to start.

For all Jungle Book families: Please click on the link [here](#) to a OneDrive shared folder to access the **music**. You will need to login with your own Microsoft account if you have one or your child's OneDrive login and password. Please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Byrne Shaw for their logins as needed (hint – your older child may already know his or hers: the same login they use to get into a computer at school).

Anaphylaxis

A crucial, possibly life-threatening reminder to parents is that we do have students in our school who have severe nut 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.

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 all families take the time to check and treat as required, it will minimize the number of cases. Also please remind your child(ren) not to share combs, brushes or hats.

SAFETY NOTICE

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

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.

Need your High School Diploma?

Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education offers many options to support you in achieving your goals including high school credit courses, an accredited Personal Support Worker program and English as a Second Language classes. If you are over 18 years old and ready to take the next step in achieving your future, visit our website for more information: www.learningatloyola.ca

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/>

Milk, pizza days, hot lunch, etc. will not be served on days when busses are cancelled. If you come to school on a ‘snow day’ pack a lunch.

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.**

Sharing Home Baked Goods

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.