



School Newsletter

St. Gregory Catholic School

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Some Important Dates

May 1 - School Council 6PM
May 2 - Hydro One presentation
May 3 - School Mass all welcome
May 4 - Jungle Book rehearsal 9-noon
May 5-10 Catholic Education Week
May 7 - Cross Country
May 7 - Board Mass
May 7 - Jungle Book School Matinee
May 8 - Jungle Book 1230 & 7PM
May 9 - Jungle Book 1230 & 7PM
May 9 - Mini Market
May 10 - Jungle Book 1230
May 10 - Ms. Baker to Safety Village
May 13 - Track & Field Day
May 13 - Primary Play Day
May 14 - Confirmation Retreat
May 15 - PCAP grade 8
May 17 - PA Day
May 20 - Victoria Day Holiday
May 21 - June 3 EQAO testing period
May 21 - Ms. Breault to PE Observatory
May 21 - Welcome to Kinder evening
May 22 - Confirmation 7PM
May 23 - Ms. Taylor/Baker to Water Fest
May 28-29 - Grade 8 to RKY camp
May 29 - Ms. Taylor to Agribition
May 28 - Terrific Kids Assembly
Jun 3 - MADD presentation gr 7&8

Mini Market Request

Folks, we're still looking for donations for the Mini - Market on May 9 for the kids to "shop" during school hours. Send your tchotchkes, trinkets, baubles, and knick-knacks to the school when you get the chance, please and thank you!

It's time to register for Kindergarten!

Spread the word. Call or visit the school or click the link below to register now.

<http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/Schools/Pages/Registration.aspx>

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

French is a good foundation for learning other languages, particularly Romance languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian) and even English, since over half of modern-day English vocabulary is derived from French.

[Bit.ly/2V3vFWR](http://bit.ly/2V3vFWR)

*Encourage your child to be a
lifelong learner of French!*

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

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

School Council

HAPPY APRIL, EVERYONE!

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 on May 9th, so if you have any bits and baubles to donate, please send them in ASAP! If you can volunteer that day, we're looking for wrappers, cashiers, and personal shoppers to help the students. Please contact Nikki Crenna if you can help.

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! We will be having a planning committee meeting within the next few weeks.

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, May 1st, 2019 at 6 pm** at the school! Kids are welcome.



St Gregory Catholic School Presents Disney's
The Jungle Book

Performances

May 8th - 1230 & 7PM

May 9th - 1230 & 7PM

May 10th - 1230

Tickets available at the office and via *School Cash Online*

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**

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.