



St. Gregory Catholic School



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Some Important Dates

- December 5— Spaghetti Dinner with Musical Guests
The Fiddleheads
- December 6 — School Mass
- December 12— School Choir at MLP Residence
- December 17— Terrific Kid Assembly Christmas Concert
- December 20— School Movie at Regent
- December 24—Christmas Eve Mass (5 pm)
- December 23—January 3—Holiday



Attendance Matters

Please ensure that all communication with regard to attendance comes directly to the office. Ms. McLean is responsible for the accurate record keeping of our registers and 'Safe Arrivals' requires that the school is made aware of a student's reason for absence as early as possible. While the agenda is a great tool for communicating between the classroom teacher and the home; attendance must be managed through the office. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Dear St. Gregory Families

The liturgical season of advent is upon us and we are excitedly anticipating all that it has in store. The word Advent is translated from Latin to mean 'coming' and refers to our anticipation of the birth of Jesus. For our children, of course, the season is one full of anticipation and excitement for many reasons; therefore, throughout the month of December staff and students will focus on the true meaning of Christmas in light of our school's theme to be people of "humility, kindness, compassion and love". Our focus this December will be on celebrations and moments that bring us closer together as a community of faith, so please join us for some of the important events and dates highlighted for you in this newsletter.

We have begun to light the Advent candle and will continue to gather together each Monday morning in the retelling of the story of Christmas. Our first school Mass will take place this Friday the 6th at 10 a.m. in the Church and we would be happy to have you join in this celebration if you are able. In the spirit of giving, Ms. Storrings' Grade 1 & 2 classroom will be holding a food and toy drive until the 10th of December. Food and new toy donations may be dropped off to the school any time between now and the 10th of December. These will then be distributed to local agencies that serve the county. We welcome to our community Father George Okoye. It was lovely to have Father join us this morning to bless the Advent wreath and start us on our journey to Christmas.

Charlene Landry-Kyte

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FROM THE WHOLE STAFF OF ST. GREGORY
MAY YOUR SEASON BE FILLED WITH LIGHT,
JOY AND PEACE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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

Nothing is more important to us than the safety of your children. **Please review safe street / road crossing expectations with your children.** 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.



School Choir

The school choir will be performing at MLP Retirement Residence on December 12th at 10 a.m. and carolling in town on December 13th in the morning.



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 or notify the office well in advance. 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 schedules changed are very disruptive to classes.

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 Sobey's, 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.

Alice In Wonderland

Auditions have taken place and Casting will be announced on the 6th. All students who auditioned will be given a role. Scripts and rehearsal calendars will be distributed on the 13th. Please review and sign the company contract with your child. Contact Director Stephanie Byrne-Shaw if you have any questions.



Please Remember to Sign in when visiting the School and To Sign Children Out

Please remember to come to the office and sign-in when visiting the school or to 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.