



St. Gregory Catholic School



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Some Important Dates

November 7— Parent Teacher Interview
2:30—7:00 p.m.

November 14—Parent Engagement
Event*

November 11—Remembrance Day
Assembly

November 20—Catholic School Council

November 26—Terrific Kid Assembly

November 29—Professional Activity Day

December 5—Family Fall Fun Fest with
The Fiddleheads*

*Details within the Newsletter Page 2



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 Families of St. Gregory,

It is a great pleasure to be back to the county as Principal of St. Gregory. I look forward to getting to know you and your children throughout the school year. We continue to celebrate our theme from Colossians to be people of humility, kindness, compassion and love. I look forward to opportunities to collaborate with you on implementing and achieving goals related to this theme and our educational priorities for your children. Recently we formulated a draft copy of our School Improvement Plan which will be available for your viewing on November 7th during Parent Teacher Interviews. We welcome feedback and suggestions.

Catholic School Council is well underway and we are encouraging and inviting your participation. Please consider coming out to lend your voice to the decisions being made in the school. Our most recent meeting was well attended and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Director David DeSantis and Erin Walker for taking the time to join us this past week to discuss matters associated with the school's relationship to St. Gregory Parish. As a follow up to that meeting, Director DeSantis has confirmed a meeting with His Grace Archbishop Mulhall this Friday November 8, 2019. One of the goals of this meeting will be to ascertain when a Parish priest may be assigned, as well as to understand further how we will move forward with a school or family mass. Religious education and Sacramental preparation remain a top priority for educators at St. Gregory and it is with great hope and faith that I am confident in the leadership of our Board and our Diocese to find solutions that will allow us to continue to nurture our children through their faith formation. I would be happy to speak further about our school's next steps, please feel free to call.— Charlene Landry-Kyte

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

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

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.

Parent Engagement Night - November 14, 2019

“Finding Calm in the Chaos” with Leslie Ford

<https://findingcalminthechaos.com>

Join us at 5:30 for a down-to-earth presentation about the everyday challenges we face in helping our children to self-regulate in a very busy and hectic world.

Child Care will be available. Please RSVP to kyte@alcdsb.on.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/>

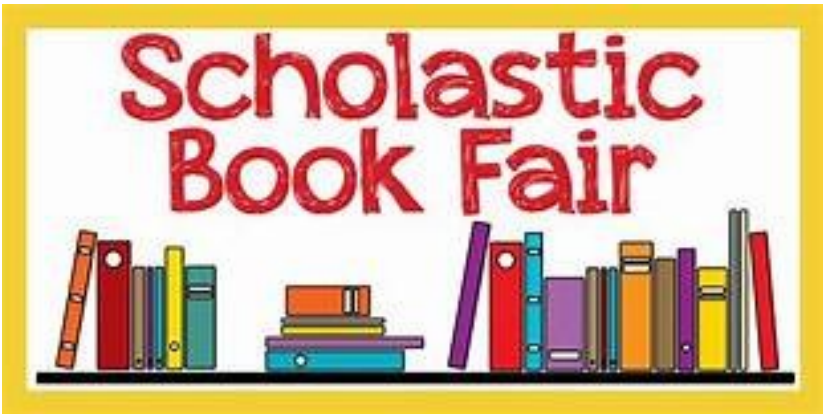
Milk, pizza days, hot lunch, etc. will not be served on days when busses are cancelled. If you come to school on a ‘snow day’ pack a lunch.

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 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 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.



Scholastic Book Fair

Students will have through out this week an opportunity to visit the Scholastic Book Fair.

Hours of Operation for Parent Drop in: Thursday November 7th from 2:30—7:00 p.m.

Friday November 8th from 8:00—9:00

Winner of the Draw will be Announced

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.