



School Newsletter

St. Gregory Catholic School



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Some Important Dates

Nov 1 Photo retake day
Nov 2 School Mass 10:30 all welcome
Nov 6 Progress Reports go home
Nov 6 - 8 Book Fair
Nov 7 Interview Night
Nov 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 11 Remembrance Day (Sunday)
Nov 14 School Council
Nov 19 Volley Ball
Nov 20 Thompson/Baker field trip
Nov 21 First Reconciliation
Nov 27 Terrific Kids Assembly
Nov 30 PA Day
Dec 20 Christmas Concert Night/Matinee

If you would like an interview to coincide with progress reports please connect with the classroom teacher. We have set aside the evening of November 7th. If that evening is not open for you, interviews can take place at anytime. Communication with families is to be ongoing throughout the school year. “Interview night” is one tool accomplish this goal.

SAFETY NOTICE

Do not jaywalk or drive between buses during posted buszone times.

Please be sure to check out samples of our spirit wear on interview night! There will also be a book fair in the learning commons. Everyone should have a look through our lost and found too (now outside the office).



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

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

School Council

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, or participated in our 2018 Thanksgiving Lunch. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to feed approximately 300 people and continue this 46-year tradition!

FUNDRAISING

Our Christmas Raffle Fundraiser will be happening during the first two weeks of December. Tickets will be \$5, with daily prize values of approximately \$250-\$350! Every student who sells over 10 tickets will be entered into a draw. Want a sneak peek at the prizes available?

3 hour birthday party package from PEFAC

3 hours of house cleaning from County Cleaners

Babysitting

Yoga Classes

Power Washing for a house up to 1700 sq ft (or \$250 towards a larger home)

Paintball package for 10 people from Crossfire Paintball

Ticket sales start soon! Stay tuned!

DID YOU KNOW?

Your fundraising efforts have provided the school with a much-needed dishwasher in the kitchen, an upgraded sound system, theatre productions, and field trips for the students. Thank you for your contributions and support!

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

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?

Approximately 60% of English words are of either French origin or Latin origin words that also exist in French!

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.