

November Newsletter



Almighty and eternal God,
Protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties.
Protect them with the shield of your strength
and keep them safe from all evil and harm.
May the power of your love enable them to return home
in safety, that with all who love them,
they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

SACRIFICE
TRIBUTE SOLDIERS
REMEMBRANCE
POPPY DAY
VETERANS BRAVERY
RESPECT HEROES
LEST WE FORGET



Remembrance Day Prayer Service– You're invited!

Any parents/family members who are or were part of the military, we would love for you to take part in our Remembrance Day Service on Monday, November 12th. Please put a note in your child's agenda or call the school. Our Prayer Service will take place at 11:00 am, Monday, November 12. Everyone is welcome to attend.



AMAZON

As you start your Christmas shopping, we encourage you to use our **AMAZON Link** found at the top right corner of our website. If you click on that link and then proceed to do your regular online Amazon shopping, the school will receive between 4-8% cash back on eligible purchases.

We also have an account with Mabel's Labels. If you want to purchase labels for your children's clothing you can click on St. Gregory Catholic School from the list and proceed to shop. Thank you for your support!

Medications

As per Board Policy, all medication provided to the school for administration to students (antibiotics, asthma puffers, Epipens, Tylenol etc) must be prescribed by a doctor and a "Request for Administration of Medication" form, fully completed and signed by both parents and doctor must accompany the medication. Medication must come in its original container, this includes over the counter medication. **Please do not send medication with your child in their backpacks or in their lunch kits.** Parents need to drop off medication at the office. Medication Forms can be found on our website under the tab "For Parents – Forms", or at the office.

Medic Alert

St. Gregory Catholic School is an active member of Medic Alert No Child Without program. This program provides free service plan coverage and a free Medic Alert medical ID for students that live with a medical condition. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Walker Gate – Student safety concerns

At St. Gregory, student safety is our number one priority and we need your help. At the end of the day, students are either bussed, walker gate or car gate students (picked up by parents who are driving). Our gates are chosen to keep the respective areas clear at dismissal time. One concern expressed by parents is that some of our walker gate students, are walking across the front of the school while busses are loading to get into a car parked at the side of the school. It becomes very difficult for staff to ensure the safety of every child to get onto their bus, while parents are maneuvering their children to the parking lot. If you are coming by car to pick up your child, please use the car gate. You can put a note in your child's agenda to switch to car gate to alleviate the congestion at the front of the school. If you continue to walk, please pick up your child at the walker gate and proceed to the lights on Townline Rd. Although the car gate lineup may look long, on most days it is cleared in under 10 minutes.

Parking Lot

For the safety of our students and their families, we ask that parents/guardians park their cars in the designated parking spots and walk their children to and from the gate/school door. Please do not block the entrance to the school yard or buses with your car. This is a busy spot at drop off and pick up times. It is an added safety concern when students must walk between or around cars parked in non-designated spots. Traffic through the parking lot is one way only.

Thank you so much for your help.



Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars, our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on November 20, 21 and 22nd. If you are able to volunteer your time to work at the Book fair, please put a note in your child's agenda. The book fair will be open Thursday, November 22nd until 7:00 pm during Parent/Teacher Interviews. Watch for the flyer coming home soon!

School website and Social Media

Please check our website and Facebook page regularly for up to date information on school activities and calendar of events. You can even synch our calendar to your phone or device. Please visit us at: www.stgregory.cdsbeo.on.ca and our Facebook page: St. Gregory Catholic School – Carleton Place

Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports will be coming home with your child on Monday, November 19. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, November 22nd. Interview notes will be coming home soon, please watch for it in your child's agenda and return it to the school by Monday, November 12.



Catholic School Council News



Council Meeting: Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents/guardians wishing to attend are welcome.

Movie Night: On November 16, we will have our first movie night of the year. We encourage you to bring blankets, pillows and wear your pj's to the movie night! Spend a cozy evening with your family while enjoying a great movie and snacks! Doors open at 5:30 pm. Movie starts at 6:00 pm. Concessions (hot dogs, popcorn, drinks etc) will be available for purchase. Movie will be decided once new releases come out in early November. Watch for the CSC flyer coming home soon.

Admission is free however limited to 330 people due to the capacity of the gym. No outside food please! More details to come or can be viewed on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StGregoryCatholicSchoolCouncil>

School Yard Pallet Project

Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, November 18 from noon to 4 pm as we continue to build our Pallet Project Activity centres for the school yard. If you would like to help out, meet us in the school yard on Sunday, November 18 from noon to 4 pm.

Bring your hammers and tools and be ready to work. Thank you so much for your support!



Terry Fox Walk

We are happy to report that we will be sending a cheque for \$1060.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Terry Fox Walk.

Well done St. Gregory!

School Cash Online

Thank you to our parents and grandparents who have been using our School Cash Online system to pay for class trips, food days and donations. This is such a time saver for classroom teachers and you.

Please note, with the SCO system you will:

- **Receive an email when a new item is posted for your child. Please check your online profile to ensure "Email Notification is on, otherwise you will not receive emails notifying you of pizza, milk, subway, field trips etc.**
- Receive a reminder email 2 – 3 days prior to the item closing online
- Please check your "Payment History" tab to check whether you have ordered the item or not.
- If mom ordered pizza for her child, it will show up in her "Payment History". It will not show up on Dad's "Payment History" for the same child.
- One of the issues our parents are running in to is they are placing funds in "My Wallet" but are forgetting to apply the funds to the item. The "My Wallet" function is like a "Tim's card", the money comes out of your account onto your card, but you still haven't paid for your coffee. You still must apply it to the item you wish to purchase. An easier way is simply to choose eCheck at checkout. You can check your "Payment History" tab to see if your order has been processed. As always, please call the school if you have any questions and we can help you.

WITS: How can I help my child use WITS to solve problems?

Your child can likely recite the WITS acronym but may need help putting it in action. Use the tips below with your child to explore how WITS can help with peer conflict problems.

- **Walk away:** Role-play walking away from the situation. Ask: What would happen if you walked away? Would it solve the problem? If not, try another strategy.
- **Ignore:** Discuss ways to ignore, like leaving the situation or withdrawing eye contact. Ask: What would happen if you ignored? Would it solve the problem? If not, try another strategy.
- **Talk it out:** Suggest statements to use to talk it out with the person bothering him or her. Sometimes saying "Stop" is enough. Maybe a joke would help. Ask: What would happen if you talked it out? Would it solve the problem? If not, try another strategy.
- **Seek help:** Suggest other adults your child could ask for help, like a teacher. Ask: What would happen if you asked another adult for help? Would it solve the problem? If not, who else could you seek help from?

Inclement Weather Procedure



Rain: When it is raining, all bus and walker gate students will enter the school by the front door. Car gate students will use the side parking lot door. Parents are asked to escort their children to the front doors and not to their classroom (JK/SK) or the gym (grades 1-3). This can create anxiety for our students wishing their parents to stay with them. Walker and car gates will be used for dismissal at 3:25 pm.

Buses Cancelled/ Snow days: All students will enter the school by the front door or be directed to their yard gates (depending on the weather). There is no walker or car gate pick up at dismissal on snow days, all students should be signed out at the main office beginning at 3:10 pm.

Pizza Day/Snow Day/Subway Day

On snow day's pizza, Subway and milk will be served to those students who have ordered. There will be no make-up day for those students who are not here. Re-imbusement will only be given if explicitly requested in writing.

