



St. Gregory Catholic School JANUARY NEWSLETTER



God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

Amen

Happy New Year 2018!

Welcome back everyone! We wish all our families a blessed new year. We hope that the Christmas Holy season was blessed with joy, family and friends. On behalf of the entire St. Gregory Catholic School staff, a special welcome is extended to all new families who have joined our school community in this new year. Please keep our Grade 2 students in your prayers as they begin preparations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER –Begins January 15



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



We invite our families to register for Kindergarten in September. Our Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start through playing, watching, listening and exploring while discovering the many gifts God has given them.

Tell your family, friends and neighbours, Kindergarten registration for September 2018 will begin the week of January 15th. Please drop by the office to pick up a registration package. If you would like a package sent home with an older sibling, please write a note in your child's agenda. Children who are 4 years old by December 31, 2018 (born in 2014) are eligible to register for Junior Kindergarten for this September.

On January 15th we will host a Kindergarten Open House designed to give people who are not familiar with our school an opportunity to drop by and have their questions answered. If you know of anyone who may be interested please encourage them to drop in between 5 – 7 pm. We will also host a more formal information night for parents in May.

Students currently attending our Junior Kindergarten program do not have to register again for Senior Kindergarten.

Please bring the following documents with you to register:

Child's Birth Certificate

Child's Baptism Certificate

Proof of Address: Phone bill, Hydro bill or Tax bill

Please call the school at 613-257-8468 should you have any questions.

Read with Me Program

Our Read with Me Program is up and running with parent volunteers. This program teams parents with students reading together in the library to improve literacy and comprehension skills. If you are able to volunteer (French or English) for this worthwhile program, please write a note in your child's agenda. Grand-parents are welcome too! All volunteers must have a Vulnerable Section/Police check on file with the school.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St. Mary's Church, together with the school and families of our Grade 2 students begin preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. There will be a parent and candidate meeting with Father Cosmas following the 11:00 am Enrolment Mass on Sunday, March 4th.



Enrolment Mass will be held Sunday, March 4 at 11:00 am Mass meeting to follow

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Group 1: Sunday, April 15 at 9:00 am Mass

Group 2: Sunday, April 15 at 11:00 am Mass

Group 1 Students in Mrs. Dupont, Mme. Cox & Ms. Haime's class	Group 2 Students in Ms. O'Grady, Mme. Brownlee and Ms. Buiting's class
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Reminders:



- ✓ Our school answering machine is available 7 days a week/ 24 hours a day for you to advise us of your child's absence. As part of the Ministry of Education's Safe Schools Act, parents/guardians must report their child's absence, every school day.
- ✓ Thank you so much for getting your child to school on time and ready to begin their day. This helps eliminate classroom interruptions to teaching time. We begin our school day with O Canada, prayer and school announcements.
- ✓ Parents are encouraged to always use the agenda for end of day notes and teacher communication.
- ✓ It's always a great idea to send in a spare set of clothes for your children in case they get wet at recess.

Using our WITS: How can I get my child talking about peer conflict and bullying?

When it comes to talking to your child about peer conflict and bullying, once is not enough. Children need multiple opportunities to learn information and apply it in their lives. So how do you start the conversation?

- Children may feel their situation is unique and that you wouldn't understand. Share a story about how you were teased or left out as a child. What did you do? Did it work? Who helped you?
- Pick a book from the WITS book list at www.witsprogram.ca/schools/book-lists/, read it with your child and start a discussion. What WITS or LEADS strategies did the characters use? Did the book remind you of anything similar that has happened in real life?

Want to know more? Visit www.witsprogram.ca/families/using-wits-with-your-children/.

Social Media

We are always updating our school website and Facebook page. Please check them regularly for up to date information on events.

Visit www.stgregory.cdsbeo.on.ca for the website and on our Facebook at StGregoryCP.

At St. Gregory we care about the well-being of our students and school community. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call the school to address them directly rather than taking to Facebook and other social media.



Snow Days

Please note the following guidelines for snow days:

- If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon.
- Any school events, including user groups in the evening, are cancelled.
- Milk (pizza & Subway if it is a pizza or Subway day) will be served to those students who are at school who have paid for milk, pizza & Subway. There will be no make up days and no reimbursements will be given for those students who are not here.
- Students can be dropped off at the walker gate in the morning after 8:55 am. Students will be signed out at the office at the end of the day at 3:10 pm.



♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

Open House
Monday, January 15, 2018
5:00pm – 7:00 pm
For new Junior Kindergarten families