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St. Gregory the Great Academy Newsletter

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The Christmas season is quickly here! In order to prepare ourselves for this wonderful time of year we begin by celebrating the season of Advent. Each Sunday beginning December 3rd signifies the 4 weeks of advent and we light a candle (purple or pink) to mark our anticipation of the Birth of Jesus Christ. In commemoration of His blessed birth we sing the song of joy and praise “Come, O Come Emmanuel!”. Please come and celebrate with us for our ***Christmas Concert*** hosted by our JK to Gr. 3 students and teachers on Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm. in the gym.



Community Service

Thank-you for your continued support this season and for giving us all a way to help those less fortunate. The Pyjama drive, the Toy Drive and the used coat drive were selfless actions that allowed us to help many needy families this Christmas. Fr. Antonello and our Luke 4:18 Club have been a great inspiration to us at St. Gregory the Great and we look forward giving to those in need and recognize how fortunate we are!

*Thank-you Catholic
School Council*

Laura Secord Chocolate Fundraiser

The Chocolate fundraiser was another huge endeavor by our Catholic School Council parents as they planned another opportunity to support so many initiatives here at our school and in support of the Catholic community. We want to thank them for all that they do for us – from food, fundraising, organizing events and sharing in the fun here at school! God bless you!

Fundraising totals and winners will be coming soon!

Library News

Scholastic Book Fair:

Once again our Scholastic Book Fair at St. Gregory the Great was a huge success! We would like to thank all our parents who graciously volunteered their time for setting up the fair along with assisting in running the fair throughout the week. Congratulations to the following daily prize winners: Federica M., Julian G., Lauren M. Emilia S., Thomas V., Sarina, Massimo M., Samatha, Joshua,, Andrea, Bianca M. The Family Event Door Prize winner was Iseo F. The total money raised was \$6934.00!

Student News

Intermediate Volleyball

Congratulations to our Girls and Boys Volleyball teams! The Girls team went on to win our Area 3 finals! The students demonstrated great team spirit as they met the challenges of some very competitive teams. Thank-you to our coaches – Ms. Solimine, Mr. Carbone, Mr. DeLisi and Ms. Fillipazzo for being there for our students.

The Saidat Show Program

This fun, interactive and inspiring hip- hop and musical workshop is specifically designed to target the unique challenges our youth face today. They are taught to build confidence and specific positive strategies as they learn to stand up to what is right and just and to make this world a better place. The Saidat Show was also a part of our Healthy School Initiative this year and took place on December 1st.

Train Your Brain is an educational performance that will teach students the value of knowing and understanding their emotions. Through music, games, talk and dance students will be shown how to express themselves in a way that is healthy for everyone. Students will

hear statements like “*we want you to feel good so that you can try to help others feel good*”. Feeling good about oneself starts in the mind. Knowing how to respect yourself and others when emotions are changing is key to a productive school day. *Listen, Ask, Try* will be highlighted throughout the show. We will teach students that their minds are growing all the time and these three words will help students learn to “*train their brains*”.

Getting To Know YOU is an educational performance which focuses on increasing each student’s sense of self-awareness and self-respect. When we strive to understand and accept ourselves we are better equipped to be present in our world enabling us to make lasting connections in our educational and social evolution. Developing a sense of self-discovery will encourage empathy and aid young people as they form relationships with people from all walks of life. Saidat will share three key strategies with students as she encourages them to begin their own journey of self-discovery; LISTEN to your body, mind and emotions so that you can ASK the questions you need to ask in order to TRY to be the best version of yourself. Social and emotional education is a key foundation to academic success and Saidat will help students to build on these fundamentals through music, dance, drama.



YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION

School transportation service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open when transportation services are cancelled.

The safety and well-being of our students is taken into consideration when making decisions concerning transportation service cancellation. Information regarding the cancellation of school transportation or school closures will be made available by 6:15 a.m.

Please exercise discretion in deciding whether to send your child to school when school transportation has been cancelled.

Please note the following:

- ✓ A decision to cancel school transportation service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- ✓ Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make alternate arrangements to transport their children to and from school if school bus service is cancelled.
- ✓ If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not operate in the afternoon.
- ✓ In the event school transportation is cancelled, exams, tests, quizzes, excursions, charter trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, as well as, parent meetings (i.e. Identification, Placement, and Review Committee Meetings, IPRCs) will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- ✓ Secondary School Cafeteria Services will be cancelled
- ✓ All evening permits will be cancelled
- ✓ All Continuing Education evening classes will be cancelled

Further Information regarding the Board's Inclement Weather Guidelines are included on the YCDSB Website at:

<http://www.ycdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/Inclement-Weather-Notice.pdf>

Inclement Weather Notifications will be posted to:

- ✓ School Website & Board Website (www.ycdsb.ca)
- ✓ Student Transportation Services of York Region Website (www.schoolbuscity.com)
- ✓ Twitter ([www.twitter.com/ycdsb](https://twitter.com/ycdsb))
- ✓ Designated Radio and Television Stations:

RADIO				TELEVISION
AM 640	640AM	CKDX	88.5FM	CITY TV
CBC	99.1FM	CKFM	99.9FM	CTV BARRIE
CFNY	102.1FM	KISS	92.5FM	CTV TORONTO
CFRB	1010AM	NEWS	680AM	CP24
CHAY	93.1FM	Q107	107.1FM	GLOBAL NEWS
CHFI	98.1FM	CJCL	590AM	
CHIN	1540AM & 100.7FM	CJEZ	97.3FM	
CHRW	94.9FM	CIQB	101.1FM	

CHUM	1050AM & 104.5 FM	CJBC	860AM	
CJKX	95.9FM & 89.9 FM			
CKDO	1580AM			

Information about school transportation cancellation is also available at www.schoolbuscity.com

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BOARD NOTICE

Dear Supporters of Catholic Education,

In November, the Ontario Liberal Party launched their “Common Ground” website: <http://commonground.ontarioliberal.ca>.

This website invites the public to put forward proposals that address particular provincial needs and priorities. One of the current suggestions is a proposal for the amalgamation of all Ontario schools under one non-denominational school board. It is important that we, as Catholic school ambassadors, strongly voice our Constitutional rights, and continue to stand steadfast in supporting our 175-year-old Catholic school system.

In our Catholic schools, we continually focus on developing our students into confident, faith-filled and charitable citizens. In addition to excellent academic programming, our students are enriched through Parish and community partnerships, which nurture students in mind, body and spirit by giving witness to Gospel values. Catholic school graduates are called to love their neighbours and contribute to the common good of our society.

As stewards of Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools, your Board of Trustees is united in our mission to protect our Catholic identity. Collectively, we can make our voices heard to preserve our right to publicly funded Catholic Education.

We encourage you to visit the Common Ground website and register to cast your vote in favour of Catholic Education. During the upcoming election year, media outlets may also run "online polls" on this issue, please participate in them to affirm our message and defend our precious heritage.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

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*“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)*



December 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

During this Advent Season, students and staff in our schools have been enthusiastically preparing for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

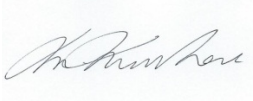
Our faith traditions help us to think about Jesus’ humble birth in a manger, and our Catholic schools provide all members of our Catholic learning communities with a wonderful opportunity to reflect together on the true meaning of Christmas. We are reminded to keep Christ close to us for He is our strength throughout our lives.

In our Catholic schools, students proudly display their faith in action. Whether it is by singing about the coming of our Saviour, organizing food drives, toy drives and clothing collections for those most vulnerable, or celebrating the Eucharist, our students demonstrate the true meaning of the season.

As your Trustee, I thank you for choosing Catholic Education. Your support of our school system is a blessing that allows our students and staff to grow in the love of Christ.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace and joy as you rejoice in our Saviour's birth. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



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