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St. Gregory the Great Academy Newsletter September 2018

Thank-you to a great start to a new year at school!

Our school is a place of welcome and a place of prayer every morning and throughout the day. We take the time each day to reflect on our Faith and how Jesus can bring us joy – in how we love one another and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the Gospel Values. This month's Gospel Value is Courage. This gospel value is also a strength that we teach our children:

I will stand up for what is right and just.

I will face challenges, fears and difficulties with fortitude.

I will take responsibility for reaching my potential.

VIP Program

We would like to thank once again Officer Toni Passarelli the care and support that we are blessed to have from the York Regional Police VIP program. She provides inspiration to the students through her stories of courage while teaching the laws and regulations that we all need to follow. Here is a list of the topics that she covers in Gr. 3, 6, 7 and 8.

Bullying, Introduction/Hate Crimes, Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety, Vandalism, Graffiti and Fire Prevention, Gangs, and Drugs.

Allergies

All schools across Ontario follow strict guidelines for all of us to follow that help us to protect students with allergies. Please help us in keeping students safe by not allowing any foods into the school that may have come in contact with nuts/seeds or that may contain nuts/seeds. We also ask students not to share foods or refrain from any foods being brought into the school for sharing (ie. Birthday treats). Please also keep in mind that any hot lunches brought into the school must also follow these guidelines. Thank-you for your help in carefully screening what is brought into our schools.

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Effective Use of Our Resources

Engaging Our Communities

Medic Alert Bracelets

We recommend that all children with allergies or health concerns that may require immediate attention to please obtain Medic Alert Bracelets for your children to wear. These bracelets can be obtained at nochildwithout.ca.

Cross Country

Students are off and running as they participate in the preliminary running meets set for our students on the Cross Country Team. The Cross Country board-wide event will take place in October with permission forms going home soon. Thank you to all of the coaches!

Catholic School Council

Congratulations to our last year's Catholic School Council team of parents! Our Executive Team remains the same and we thank them for their dedication to our students and community!

New elections will take place on September 20 at 7:00 pm with nominations forms going home soon. Please come and attend!

St. Claire of Assisi Parish

Fr. John has asked all families to please register your children for First Communion and Confirmation by visiting www.sca-p.org and by always attending mass and just having a chat!

Terry Fox Run 2017

We all had a chance to participate in this year's Run for the Cure! It was a heartfelt opportunity to share in Terry Fox's dream of courage! Thank-you for support of a great cause. This will take place on Sept. 27 in the am.

Safety Awareness Week

Sept 24 to 28 is Safety Awareness Week for our students. We will take this week to review a variety of safety drills – Fire Drill, Hold and Secure Drill, Shelter in Place, Lockdown and Evacuation drills. Students will review the safety procedures and practice them throughout the week.

PA DAY

September 24th is a PA DAY! Students are not to come to school on this day.

PARKING is an ongoing problem for our bus students and for the safety of all of the students that need to reach their guardians safely! Please refrain from parking near any exit to and from the school or in the area in the front of the school which is for quick drop off's only. Parking Bylaw officers are coming around to control the area and will be issuing tickets.

Reminders:

- 1. NO PARKING – in front of the school or blocking any exit areas.**
- 2. Medications for your child need to be accompanied by a doctor signed form that the office will issue to you.**
- 3. Uniforms are crested only tops and grey pants (NOT jeans/leggings/gym clothes)**
- 4. DGN Kilters is our only provider of uniform clothing.**
- 5. Cell Phones are not allowed on during the day without teacher permission.**
- 6. Catholic School Council elections – September 20.**
- 7. Open House – September 13 at 7:00.**
- 8. Please check our website and twitter feed daily!**

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Please attend our first OPEN HOUSE on September 13 at 7:00 pm.

Come and meet the teacher and all our new beginnings on display!