



# St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy

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## MARCH/APRIL 2021 EDITION | HAPPY EASTER

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Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health.

During the month of April, we celebrate the Season of Easter. For fifty days, up until the Feast of Pentecost, our focus is on the hope and glory that comes to us through the promise of the Risen Lord. We pray that this holy season may continue to inspire you on your faith journey.

With Easter upon us, I pray your families find peace in the promise of the resurrection. On behalf of the SGG staff, I wish you all a blessed and joyous Easter.

**L. Bianco - Acting Principal**

### A Prayer for Easter

Lord our God, we thank and praise you for the greatness of your love, shown to us in Jesus Christ.

Who was willing to die for us, to bring us into your family, and to bless us with the life that lasts forever.

We thank you for the new life we celebrate at Easter; help us to keep growing in the life that never comes to an end.

**AMEN**



#### 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



## Catholic Communities of Faith

### FEBRUARY'S VIRTUE WAS WISDOM



These past two months, we celebrated and recognized the virtue of Wisdom in February. Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating virtue through their words and actions.

Ms. Granchelli & Ms. Pecora:	<i>Mackenzie D &amp; Ava M &amp; Maya D</i>
Mr. Ricci:	<i>Gianluca C &amp; Luca V</i>
Ms. Ciccolini:	<i>Nello D &amp;</i>
Ms. Mammone:	<i>Massimo T &amp; Giulia D</i>
Ms. Nunez:	<i>Madelyn C &amp; Sofia D</i>
Ms. Viola/Filippazzo	<i>Julian G</i>
Ms. Mischiato:	<i>Lucas C &amp; Ethan F &amp; Massimo T</i>
Ms. Forcucci:	<i>Anna G &amp; Henrique Z</i>
Ms. Cipriani:	<i>Bianca M &amp; Jake L</i>
Ms. Mastrangelo:	<i>Katerina S &amp; Iris L</i>
Ms. Lapolla:	<i>Milan S &amp; Natalie S</i>
Ms. Alonzi	<i>Julia D &amp; Anthony G</i>
Ms. Cook:	<i>Domenic P &amp; Michael L</i>
Ms. Matulic	<i>Noah H &amp; David C</i>

**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI:** Please subscribe to our parish's YouTube channel for live streaming of daily Masses with Msgr. John and Fr. Antonello:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiZD1nI84PH1nI4rFkfGcwA>.

We are thankful that our church has embraced 21st-century technologies so that we can still be close to one another in this challenging time.

### MARCH'S VIRTUE WAS PERSEVERANCE



This past month we celebrated the virtue of Perseverance. Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating virtue last month.

Ms. Granchelli & Ms. Pecora:	<i>Giuseppe D &amp; Miko G &amp; Vera P</i>
Mr. Ricci:	<i>Lorena C. &amp; Giancarlo D</i>
Ms. Ciccolini:	<i>Jeremy C &amp; Elina L</i>
Ms. Mammone:	<i>Grace G</i>
Ms. Nunez:	<i>Loredana C, Lucas V</i>
Ms. Viola/Filippazzo	<i>Damian R</i>
Ms. Mischiato:	<i>Ava G &amp; Alexia F &amp; Victoria N</i>
Ms. Forcucci:	<i>Ariana G &amp; Alexander M</i>
Ms. Cipriani:	<i>Samantha B</i>
Ms. Mastrangelo:	<i>Evelyn C &amp; Viola R &amp; Olivia R</i>
Ms. Lapolla:	<i>Gavin G &amp; Adam D.D</i>
Ms. Alonzi	<i>Corrado B &amp; Francesca B</i>
Ms. Cook:	<i>Sydney S &amp; Matteo M</i>
Ms. Matulic	<i>Julia L &amp; Gabriel A</i>

### APRIL'S VIRTUE IS REVERENCE:

The statements that we will inspire us to follow this virtue this month are:

**I will honour and respect God's gift of life. I will show good manners, pay attention and treat others the way I wish to be treated**






# SCHOOL YEARBOOK

St Gregory the Great 2020/21 yearbooks will be made available in the upcoming weeks. There's nothing else like your school yearbook. Get your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends today and hang on to it for years to come! Click [HERE](#) for the link with more information!

# SL ShareLife

The COVID-19 Pandemic has created many unforeseen challenges for families. Now, more than ever, there is a need to come together to support one another and to demonstrate our Catholic faith through actions that help those who are most vulnerable and in need.

**April 6 – 9**, is **ShareLife Week** at St Gregory the Great and we have some FUN activities planned for the students! We are kindly asking parents for a donation of a loonie or toonie. Due to the pandemic, and out of an abundance of caution surrounding the physical collection and counting of cash, electronic donations are being accepted. Click [HERE](#) for the donation link. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ShareLife MEMO - WEEK AT A GLANCE				
Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
<p><b>Easter Monday</b> Happy Easter!</p> 	<p><b>Autism Awareness Day</b> Wear Blue Today!</p> 	<p><b>Family Feud Game</b> Let's test our knowledge!</p> 	<p><b>Movie Afternoon</b> Enjoy a movie this afternoon!</p> 	<p><b>FaceTime Friday</b> How are you making social distancing fun?</p> 



The York Catholic District School Board recognizes the importance of increasing awareness of the early signs of child and youth mental health problems; decreasing stigma; and understanding that help is available. We are strongly committed to promoting Mental WellBeing in all our students. Follow **@YCDSB\_MH on Twitter** for helpful mental health and wellbeing information and resources.

## Safe & Caring School Community

*We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners, called to serve one another by being committed to and accountable for quality learning by all with Jesus as our inspiration.*

It is the expectation of the YCDSB and St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy that students will:

- ★ Respect differences in people, their ideas and their opinions
- ★ Treat one another with dignity and respect, especially when there is disagreement
- ★ Respect and treat others fairly and respect the rights of others
- ★ Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- ★ Take appropriate measures to help those in need
- ★ Seek assistance from teachers to resolve conflict peacefully
- ★ Demonstrate respect for people in positions of responsibility
- ★ Respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching
- ★ Be courteous and polite at all times



# SAFE ARRIVAL

## STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Partial or full day absences may be reported in advance, **before** bell time for the current day.

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*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3



April 2021

We are now approaching our second Easter of the COVID-19 pandemic. This time last year, we knew very little about the virus and could not anticipate all the ways our lives and school systems would change. This Easter, however, we are much more hopeful. We can reflect upon everything we have learned, appreciate the science that has brought us vaccines and feel grateful for the ways we have pivoted so that learning could continue. We can celebrate our resilience and the ways we have come together to support one another, and we are thankful for the little things that we had taken for granted in the past.

This Easter, although we still may not be able to gather with extended family, or in person with our entire congregation at Church like we traditionally would, we truly do have reason to celebrate. We celebrate life, sacrifice and new beginnings. We nurture the living hope that Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection has given us.

The York Catholic District School Board is deeply committed to the health and well-being of its students, staff and families. The Easter break will provide much needed time to reflect and nurture our souls and mental health. Easter is a time to celebrate renewal and rebirth, for *"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength"* (Isaiah 40:31).

Here is an Easter Sunday prayer you can say with your family:

*Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection.  
We wonder at the depths of your love for us.  
May all peoples of the Earth receive the good news of your Gospel.  
As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising.  
May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen.*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at the York Catholic District School Board, I wish you and your family a very Blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Marchese".

Maria Marchese  
Trustee