



St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy

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Risen Jesus,

help us to see you through our confusion. When we have been waiting, it can be hard to recognize the One for whom we wait. Help us to laugh in wonder when we realize what you have been working to show us all along: that new life can come from every hurt. Amen.

Alleluia!



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1-855-856-7862 or visit
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SGG School Day:

- 8:35 - Supervision Begins
- 8:50 - Morning Entry
- 10:10 - AM Recess
- 11:45 - 12:05 - Lunch
- 12:05 - 12:45 - Recess
- 2:05 - PM Recess
- 3:40 - End of Day

Reminder:

Friday, April 15: **Good Friday** (schools closed)
Sunday, April 17: **Easter Sunday**
Monday, April 16: **Easter Monday** (schools closed)

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



OUR MARCH VIRTUE WAS PERSEVERANCE: This past month we celebrated the virtue of perseverance. We wish to congratulate the following students for demonstrating this virtue at SGG.

Ms. Cook & Ms. Pecora:	<i>Logan G., Marco S.</i>
Mr. Ricci:	<i>Marcus C., Lara C.</i>
Ms. Mammone:	<i>Bryan G., Armin G.</i>
Ms. Ciccolini:	<i>Mariann Rose G., Aurora H.</i>
Ms. Nunes:	<i>Justin L., Nello D.</i>
Ms. Filippazzo / Ms. Carmosino:	<i>Jayden G., Gabriella D.</i>
Ms. Mischiato:	<i>Matteo B., Madelyn C., Mya M.</i>
Ms. Forcucci:	<i>Lauren C., Luca R.</i>
Ms. Mastrangelo:	<i>Henrique F., Lukas R.</i>
Ms. Cipriani:	<i>Siena B. Georgia C., Matthew F.</i>
Ms. Scariot:	<i>Sofia B., Deea B.</i>
Ms. Caputo:	<i>Samantha B., Julian M., Daniela M.</i>
Ms. DeFilippis:	<i>Sammy B., Julian P., Adrien G.</i>
Ms. Zito:	<i>Gavin G., Lucas C.</i>

ROSARY APOSTOLATE: Our students will gather with their classes to pray the rosary on Friday, April 22nd. We thank our Rosary Apostolate for preparing the wonderful materials our staff and students use to pray this special monthly devotion to our Mother Mary.

UKRAINE RELIEF: A special thank you to our SGG community for raising \$793.25 in relief funds for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. We continue to pray for peace in Eastern Europe and throughout the

world where war continues to impact members of our global family.



THANK YOU CSC! We give thanks to the members of our Catholic School Council! Most recently, our CSC funded our students' Shrove Tuesday

celebrations and have worked diligently to bring a wonderful hot lunch program back to SGG. Our hot lunch program provides a convenient service for our students and families and helps fund many initiatives and augmentations to our school's environment and programming. With many of the COVID restrictions having been lifted, we look forward to working with our CSC to plan some wonderful events to bring our school community together!



CSC MEETING: Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm. At this time, our meetings will continue to be held virtually. The link to the public meeting will be shared on the

school's website on the day of the meeting. All are welcome to attend!



SHARELIFE NEWS: Friday April, 29th will be a Civvies Day this month. As always, we will be using this day to collect funds for ShareLife! We want to express our sincere thanks to our community for supporting this important Catholic charity. April 4 to 8 is also ShareLife Week! A number of our students will be organizing the sale of Terra Cotta cookies to raise further ShareLife funds. More information is to follow. Thank you for your participation and support.

HOLY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The St. Gregory community wishes to congratulate our Gr. 2 students who will receive their First Holy Communion on April 30th. May God continue to bless them in their faith journey. Thank you to our parents, parish and staff for working together to prepare our students for this blessed sacrament.



COMMUNION



Quality Learning for All



WELCOME SUPERINTENDENT LALIBERTE: On Thursday, April 7th, we welcome Superintendent of Schools Laliberte, who will be visiting St. Gregory's students and staff. We look forward to welcoming

Mr. Laliberte once again and express our sincere thanks for his support!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN: Registration for our September 2022 Kindergarten class is open. Please visit our Board's website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions/.

ARE YOU MOVING? This is the time of year where we begin to make preparations for the following September. If you are leaving the St. Gregory the Great community, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly. We are sorry to see any of our students leave our school. *Once a Grizzly, always a Grizzly!*

**Terra Cotta
COOKIE CO.**

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER: It is that time of year again where our school will be running our Spring Fundraiser. This fundraiser comes to us courtesy of our Catholic School Council and has your sweet tooth at heart! Our CSC will soon be sharing order forms April 5th for our *Cookie Dough Fundraiser!* This year, we are raising funds to purchase new iPads for our school and library. This enhancement will support our STREAM learning in classrooms and Library Learning Commons. More details will be shared shortly with



our families. We thank our CSC for their fundraising efforts and to our families for all your generous support of our school.

PAUL DAVIS - SOCIAL MEDIA & INTERNET SAFETY: In collaboration with our CSC and Ministry Pro Grant monies, we are pleased to bring Paul David and his Social Networking / Internet Safety presentation to our students and staff on April 21/22. Mark your calendars. During the school day, Mr. David will speak with our Gr. 6 to 8 students. At 7 pm, Mr. Davis will speak with members of our parent community - all are welcome. Mr. Davis' honest and hard-hitting approach to teaching students and parents about the dangers and safeguards of social media/internet safety are in high demand all over North America. We will be providing child care for parents on the evening of the presentation so that parents can hear Mr. Davis' message! Take advantage of this opportunity! More details are to follow. For more information on Mr. Davis and his presentation visit: <https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>

STEM MINDS: Save the date - May 25!

Following our highly successful virtual STEM MINDS Family Night in the Spring of 2021, we are bringing the magic of computer programming and

coding back to SGG in person for primary, junior and intermediate students! We hope you will join us for this evening of learning together as a family! More details are to follow.

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

MORNING ENTRY: As of Monday, March 28, 2022, we have adjusted our morning entry routines to those we followed pre-pandemic. All students will enter the school from their respective yards in the morning. Students in Ms. Cook/Ms. Pecora's FDK class will enter from the pen. Students from Gr. SK/1 to Gr. 8 will head over to the back of the school yard and line up for entry once the morning bell rings. School begins promptly at 8:50 am. We respectfully remind our parents and guardians that they are not to enter the school yard with their children. Students are to be dropped off at the yellow gate. Our staff on duty will be responsible for supervising students beyond this point. Please note that supervision begins at 8:35 am.



DISMISSAL ROUTINES: Primary teachers will continue to dismiss their students from the back of the school beginning at 3:35 pm. All other students from Gr. 4 and up will dismiss from the back doors of the school at 3:40 pm (as was the case prior to COVID protocols). Please note that only bus students will exit through the front doors of the building.

DGN KILTERS: A reminder that St. Gregory the Great is a uniform school. It is the expectation of staff and administration that all students are dressed appropriately in uniform items. For a complete list of uniform items, please visit: <https://sgg.ycdsb.ca/our-school/dress-code/>. **Kindly make a note on your calendars: the DGN Uniform Tuck Truck is scheduled to visit SGG on site on Friday, April 29th, 2022.** We will confirm the time with our community once it is communicated to us. For more information on our uniform provider, please visit: <https://dgn-kilters.com/>

UPDATED RE-ENTRY PLAN: With changes to COVID protocols throughout the province, our Board has updated our Re-Entry Plan which includes YCDSB/SGG protocols as we continue to navigate the pandemic. Please take an opportunity to read the plan. The plan can be found here: <https://www.ycdsb.ca/2021/08/23/2021-2022-school-re-entry-plan-for-families/>

DAILY SCREENING: Students, staff and visitors are still required to complete a daily screening prior to coming to school. The daily screener can be accessed here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Screener completion confirmation is no longer required. Thank you for your diligence and kind support in our ongoing efforts to keep everyone safe!



CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL: A reminder that students whose parents have approved that their child may bring a cell phone to school must keep the phone turned off and put away during the school day unless otherwise directed by their teachers. Students/Families may make use of the office phones whenever needed if they need to speak to one another.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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April 1, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At St. Gregory the Great, staff and administration work together to ensure our students are placed in a class where they will be challenged and supported in a faith-filled, Christ-centred learning environment.

Our primary concern when creating class lists is to leverage our professional judgement to address individual and collective needs, as well as the spiritual, educational and social needs of SGG's students. We take this task seriously and confer with each other regarding observations and experiences over the year with each child. It is important for parents to recognize students are in the care of a number of teachers throughout the day. SGG is blessed with effective and committed educators, all of whom work collaboratively to deliver a challenging, supportive and inspiring program to our students.

From time to time, parents will contact the school with requests for a student to be with a friend or to be with a specific teacher. While these requests seem straightforward, they are not. Our commitment to all students in our care is to provide them with opportunities to excel in a well-balanced class with an excellent teacher. When we attempt to address the request of one parent, we begin to compromise our ability to offer our best to our students as a whole as we consider the following: learning styles, academic abilities, social groupings, language needs, special education needs, balance of males and females, behavioural needs and previous placement in combined grades. While combined grades are a reality in many schools, especially in smaller schools such as ours, we do our best to create a balanced class.

We know you appreciate that creating the best and most functional class groupings possible is no easy task. Accepting parental requests for specific teachers is not in the best interest of all children in the school as it restricts school staff in creating what we consider the most ideal classroom groupings based on the information we have. On this note, we will not be accepting parent requests for class placements.

All class placements will be shared with parents via School Messenger with instructions for the first day of school. This communication is shared the day before the first day of school. As school organization can change over the summer which may impact class composition, placements will not be shared by staff or administration prior to the noted time.

Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or administration.