

ST. GREGORY NEWS

ST. GREGORY SCHOOL

October 2016

Support Catholic Education

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ELIGIBLE CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS

Catholic education has been an integral part of Ontario's history for more than 160 years. As a vital component of the province's publicly funded education system, Catholic schools educate nearly 600,000 students each year .

Did You Know? Your school support defaults to English Public each time you move residences. You must re-declare yourself as English Separate.

It is important to regularly verify your tax-directed support by checking your property tax bill or speaking to your landlord. You may also call the Municipal Property Assessment Office at 1-866-296-6722.

By ensuring that you are registered as a separate school supporter, you are helping to deliver a powerful message to the Ontario government about the level of support for publicly funded Catholic education in your district.

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board wishes to thank the community of separate school supporters for their continued support of Catholic education in our district.

Vaccination Information

All Grade 7 students will receive Hepatitis B and Meningococcal immunizations. All Grade 8 girls will receive the HPV immunization. There will be 2 clinics:

Clinic 1 – October 28

Clinic 2 – January 31, 2017

For further information about these immunizations, parents are asked to *contact the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit (705-474-1400 ext. 2222).*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



The school, church and home work together to ensure that children are prepared to receive the Sacraments. You will be notified by letter when the different Sacramental preparation dates are determined and when the Sacraments will take place.

For those of you who are not baptized, please feel free to contact Father Tony at St. Joseph Church as he is willing to perform that Sacrament as well.

Fall is in the Air



Just a friendly reminder that as the weather changes, children will need warmer clothing. Even though the sun is shining it can get pretty cold out in the back open yard.

Visitor Sign-In

*To ensure the safety and security of our students, we ask all visitors to adhere to the sign-in protocol. Please stop by the office upon arrival and sign yourself into our **Visitor Registry Book**, don't forget to sign out on your departure.*

Save the Dates

- PA Day October 3, 2016
- Thanksgiving
- Mass: Oct. 6 @ 9am
- Immunizations: Oct. 28
- Msr Norm Oct. 25 @ 8am
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THE EDGE Youth Group

Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Check out what living on "The EDGE" is all about. Join us in our new season, every Monday night (cancelled for Thanksgiving), from 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm, in the downstairs hall of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE is an awesome youth ministry that uses live music, drama, chats, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! Double bonus: snacks and prizes! Every night has a different theme and activities. If you are in Grades 5, 6, 7, or 8, you SO need to be at the EDGE, regardless of what school or church you may attend, or where you live. And it's all FREE. Chill out with your friends and make new ones. No need to pre-register. Call Pauline @ 705-724-5964 or Jeannine @ 705-724-3424 for more information. Let us know if you need transportation.

CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS

The boys cross-country team came first overall at the Nordic race. Way to go STG!!

School Cash Online

A huge THANK YOU to all of our families who have been extremely patient with the new online cash system. For those of you who have not yet signed up, School Cash Online is being used for all transactions including pizza days, milk program field trips, fundraisers etc. You do not need to do online banking to participate nor do you need a credit card. If you need assistance, please feel free to stop by or call the school. We have dedicated computer that you can access at the school if needed. 

Visit <https://npsc.schoolcashionline.com> for more details.

Halloween

Students are invited to wear costumes to school on October 31st. We will have our Parade of Costumes immediately following entry to school at 8:30. Please remember that we are a nut/peanut/fish free school.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Our staff would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving. Remember, there is no school on Monday October 10.



REMINDERS

Lost & Found

Many items are already accumulating in our Lost and Found next to our gym. Please check to see if your child is missing any items.

CUTLERY

Please be sure to include appropriate cutlery with your child's lunch. We do not have a steady supply on hand.

Medication

We cannot dispense medication to a student unless it is prescribed by a physician. If your child requires medication during the school year, please have your physician complete the "Request for Administration of Oral Medication" form that has been sent home with your child and you can obtain one at the office any time. All medication must be kept at the office with written instructions.

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on Tuesday November 15 at 6 :00 p.m at St. Gregory School. All parents and guardians are invited to attend.

Allergies

A friendly reminder, that there are children in our school with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts and fish. Therefore, **peanut , nuts and fish are not permitted.**

Asthma

The board's new Asthma Policy requires that all children with asthma complete an ASAMP protocol. The policy, among other things, allows for children with asthma to keep their puffers and other medications on their person at all times. If your child has asthma, please complete the protocol forms sent at the beginning of the school year. If you require another form, please let the office know.

BREAKFAST CLUB

St. Gregory offers a Breakfast Program for all students every day of the week. The menu is planned in advance and is in accordance with Health and Nutrition Guidelines. The following is a list of food items that are often served for breakfast:

- Eggs
- Butter
- Yogurt tubes
- Cheese – brick, cheddar, mozerella, marble
- Cream cheese – low fat
- Milk
- Hummus
- Dips for vegetables
- Cheerios
- Soda crackers
- Crackers (whole grain)
- Raisins
- Apples
- Bananas
- Cucumber
- Carrots
- peppers

Gift cards from the local grocery store would also be gratefully accepted. We thank you for your continued support!

LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISION

Thank you to everyone for the amazing response we had to our plea for Lunch Hour Supervisors. We now have 2 supervisors: Pam Rich and Nancy Roy. We welcome both ladies to our team!

Contact Us

Safe Arrival:
705-724-3482

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npsc.schoolcashionline.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 	4 Pizza	5 Grilled Cheese	6 Mass @ 9am at ST. Gregory All are invited to attend.	7	8
9	10 	11 Pizza  Volleyball Int Boys and Girls	12 Grilled Cheese	13 Pumpkin Patch JKI/SK and 1?2 Volleyball Int boys and Girls Reconciliation Parent Meeting	14	15
16	17	18 Pizza Volleyball Int Boys and Girls	19 Grilled Cheese	20 November milk paymt due Volleyball int. boys and girls	21 MADD Gr. 8	22
23 Reconciliation Lesson #1 Mass at 9:00 am Lesson to follow	24	25 Pizza  Volleyball Int Boys and Girls	26 Grilled Cheese	27 Volleyball int. boys and girls	28 Hep—Grade 7 HPV — Grade 8	29
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