

ST. GREGORY NEWS

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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.

REPORT CARDS

Progress Reports will be sent home with students on November 23rd. Parent-teacher interviews will be scheduled in the evening of November 24th and morning of November 25th.

Grade 8 Information Night at SJSH

There will be a Grade 8 parent information meeting at SJSH on Tues. Dec. 6 at 6pm. The evening will include a tour of the school, a social and an opportunity to ask questions. The staff and students of SJSH look forward to meeting with you!

Visitor Sign-In

*To ensure the safety and security of our students, we 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

- Oct. 31: Parade of Costumes
- Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Mass
- November 11: Cenotaph
- Nov. 17: Reconciliation Meeting at Parish
- Nov. 23: Report Cards go home
- November 25: P.A. Day

Remembrance Day Events

Parents and families are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Mass to be held on November 10 at 9 am at St. Gregory School.

The Grade 5/6 and 7/8 class will be representing St. Gregory School by laying a wreath in memory of fallen soldiers at a ceremony at the cenotaph on November 11 at 10:45 am. All are welcome to attend.

Rainbows

Rainbows is a program delivered by a trained teacher to help students coping with loss due to death in the family or changes to the family dynamic. The program is run during nutritional breaks and therefore does not interfere with classroom instruction. If you think your child would benefit from participation in Rainbows, please contact Mrs. Rolls at the school.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is a great way for you to encourage your child to participate in school events and activities, without worrying about cash transactions at school. You can pay online to ensure your child is able to participate in the school activity. You are encouraged to use this form of payment for **pizza days, sub days, field trips, fundraisers and more!**

We would like to thank all of you for your cooperation in using school cash online!

For those of you who have not yet signed up, please visit: <https://npsc.schoolcashionline.com> for more details. If you require assistance, please visit the office.

Nutrition Program

St. Gregory staff is proud of the Breakfast program we are able to run due to the generosity of Breakfast Clubs of Canada and parent donations. Please remember that all students are welcome to access the breakfast club as they wish.

Halloween

Halloween will be celebrated on Monday October 31. The Parade of Costumes will take place first thing in the morning following announcements. Children should wear their costumes to school. Please refrain from wearing masks or wearing/brining any accessories that could be considered a weapon. Also please remember that we are a peanut/nut free environment.

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.

Cold Weather

Now that colder weather is upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately with hats, mitts, boots and coats. It may also be a wise idea to send along extra items such as Mittens, Hats, Socks and Pants.

Inclement Weather

If the buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather and you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a teacher staff member at the school to receive your child. If the weather is severe, the teachers may be delayed in arriving at school as well. The staff will make every effort to ensure the safety of your child. As always, if the buses are not running and you send your child to school, they cannot arrive prior to **8:10 a.m.** and they must be picked up by **2:50 p.m.**

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Allergies

A friendly reminder, that there are children in our school with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts and fish. We maintain a peanut and nut aware school community, **peanut , nut and fish products are not permitted.**

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.

CHOCOLATE BAR CAMPAIGN

Our chocolate bar campaign will conclude November 4th. Please have any unsold chocolate bars as well as money to the office by Friday. Depending on the number of bars returned, there may be opportunity for further sales. To date, the lead chocolate bar seller has sold 5 1/2 boxes..

Thank you to all of you for your continued support!!

Thank you Monsignor Norm!

A huge thank you to Monsignor Norm who continues to celebrate mass with staff and families on the last Tuesday of the month at 8am. These celebrations are held in the chapel and are a beautiful way to start the day. Please feel free to join us when you can.