

# SCHOOL NEWS

St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School

September 2019

## Welcome!

Welcome students, staff and families! We look forward to working with your children to assist them in reaching their full potential. Below is the schedule our school follows:

8:30am	Entry - Opening Bell
8:30 - 10:10am	1st Instructional Period
10:10 - 10:50am	1st Nutritional Break & Recess
10:50 - 12:30pm	2nd Instructional Period
12:30 - 1:10pm	2nd Nutritional Break & Recess
1:10 - 2:50pm	3rd Instructional Period
2:50pm	Dismissal

## Get Involved this Year!

Each school year presents many opportunities for both parents and students to become involved in school life and taking part in your son or daughter's education will be a contributing factor in his/her success.

This year we are looking for parent volunteers to help with the Breakfast Program, Pizza Day and more. Please plan to attend the Catholic Schools Advisory Council Meeting or contact Mr. Rick to discuss your availability.

## 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

- Sep 19 - Plowing Match
- Sept 26 - Open House
- Sep 27 - Terry Fox Run
- Sep 30 - PA Day
- Oct 3 - Picture Day
- Oct 18 - Gr. 7 Vaccination

### We're Hiring!

Are you interested in being a Lunch Hour Supervisor? Applicants can send a letter of interest containing contact information and relevant experience to [st.gregory@npsc.ca](mailto:st.gregory@npsc.ca).

## Open House

You are invited to an Open House and Information Night on Thursday September 6th from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join us for a BBQ, shop the Scholastic book fair and meet our new Principal and your child's teacher. We hope to see you there!

## School Photos

Picture day will take place on Thursday October 3, 2019. The cost of the pictures and order forms will be provided by the photography company. Various costs/packages are available for your selection. Don't forget to smile!

## School Cash Online

School Cash Online offers parents the convenience of paying online for school fees & activities. You will need to register for school cash in order to pay for the Milk Program, Pizza Day, excursions and all other associated costs. No cash payments will be accepted at the school. Please do not send money with your child to the school. Visit <https://npsc.schoolcashionline.com> for more details.

## Terry Fox Run

This year we will be hosting a Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 27th in the afternoon. Students are asked to donate a toonie for Cancer research. This will be a community building activity to support Cancer research that benefits us all. This event brings to life the importance of hope and perseverance for all our families and all Canadians.

## A Message from Father Eric at St. Joseph Church Parish

Parents of children in grade 7 can enrol them in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation by contacting St Joseph Church Parish Office. Confirmation classes will begin soon and the sacrament will be conferred on May 17 by Bishop Daniel Miehm.

Parents of children in grade 1 can enrol them in preparation for first confession and first Holy Communion. Classes will begin soon and the sacraments will be celebrated in the new year at St Joseph's Church.

We are beginning a youth choir under the direction of Mr Greg Ullrick to sing at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. Young people from grade 2 to university are welcome to join. No previous experience is required. Our first practice will be September 14th at 10 am in St Joseph Church 120 Memorial Park Street West, Powassan.

Please contact St Joseph Church Parish Office at 705 724 2118 or [office@stjosephspowassan.ca](mailto:office@stjosephspowassan.ca) for more information.

### Catholic School Advisory Council

Our First Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

### Transportation

Students will only be allowed to board the bus that they have been officially assigned. Please expect some general delays during the first few weeks of school. You can verify your child's bussing details at [www.npssts.ca](http://www.npssts.ca)

### Student Drop Off

To ensure safe and efficient drop off please park your car in the marked lot and walk your child to the bus supervisor. Students should not be allowed to cross in front of buses or other cars on their own. Our school day begins at 8:30 am. On a regular day when you are dropping off your child, we ask that you arrive no earlier than 8:10 am as the school yard is not supervised before that time.



### Allergies

Reminder that we have children in our school with severe and life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, fish and milk. We are a MILK and FISH aware school and Peanut and Nut-free School.

### 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.

### Grade 7 Vaccinations

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit will host vaccination clinics at our school on October 18, 2019 and April 20, 2020. The first clinic in October will provide vaccines for Hepatitis B #1, HPV9 #1 and Meningococcal ACYW-135. The second clinic in April will provide vaccines for Hepatitis B #2 and HPV9 #2. For more information please contact the Health Unit at 705-474-1400.

### Edsby

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- See everything academic about all your kids, in real time
- Edsby lets you see each child's school calendar
- Edsby helps you communicate and engage with your school

Visit [www.npsc.ca/parents/EDSBY](http://www.npsc.ca/parents/EDSBY) for more information.



## Virtue of the Month

A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good functions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that shows people and God that you are a good person. Each month, we will develop one of the following virtues:

September - RESPECT	February - COMPASSION
October - EMPATHY	March - FORGIVENESS
November - JUSTICE	April - STEWARDSHIP
December - PATIENCE	May - TOLERANCE
January - RESPONSIBILITY	June - HONESTY

Throughout the year, the staff and students of each school in the Board will learn about a virtue in the classroom. We will put it into practice in our hallways, classrooms, gymnasium, library, and on the yard so that our prayers, lessons, assemblies and liturgies will make this virtue come alive through our actions.

### Contact Us

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 First Day of School Feast Day of St. Gregory	4 First Day of School SK Students	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 CSAC Parent Meeting	18	19 Gr 4-8 to International Plowing Match	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Open House and Book Fair	27 Pizza order in for October Terry Fox Run	28
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