



St. Gregory School



Weekly News September 3



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year. Thank you to everyone who attended our Bring Your Backpack evening this past week. It was a blessing to see so many excited children and families. Our virtue for the month of September is **Hospitality** which was celebrated on Thursday and will continue as we welcome new staff and families to our community. Remember that our first day back is Tuesday, September 3. We are ready to start the year!

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:1-2

Staff Introductions

We truly believe in teamwork at our school and supporting all our students to learn and grow in faith. We have many returning staff and are excited to welcome a few new staff members.

Office Staff	School-Based Instructional Staff
Principal..... Mrs. Leanne Forrest	Pre-KindergartenMs. Kyla Matz
Vice Principal/Prep.....Mrs. Carmel Nicolson	Kindergarten/Prep.....Mrs. Melodie Wark
Office ManagerMrs. Carey Foord	Grade 1.....Ms. Sarah Babyak
School Based Support Staff	Grade 1/2.....Ms. Samantha Dech
Community CoordinatorMs. Denise Zuck	Grade 2/3.....Ms. Staci Senger
Head CaretakerMr. Darren Drews	Grade 3/4Ms. Carly Hopfauf
Night Caretaker.....Ms. Helga Wollbaum	Grade 3/4.....Ms. Courtney Horsman
RCS D Support Staff	Grade 5/6Mrs. Dawn Ross
Band InstructorMr. Carter Powley/Mrs. Linda Lucyk	Grade 5/6Ms. Dorinda Shultz

Counsellor/Prep.....Ms. Kim Nagel-Zeller	Grade 6/7Ms. Christina Doepker
EAL TeacherMs. Dallas Montpetit	Grade 7/8.....Mr. Tanner Sokalofsky
Speech and Language Pathologist.....Ms. Colleen Kozak	Grade 7/8.....Mr. Brett Matlock
PreK IA.....Mrs. Susan Fetch	Learning Resource TeacherMs. Kimberly Desautels
Kindergarten IAMs. Alix Toloza-Beltran	Prep TeacherMs. Jacqueline Eberle
Gr. 2/3 IAMs. Taylor Gerwing	Teacher Librarian/Prep.....Ms. Kim Chagnon

Important News

- **Student Safety** is one of our school priorities. We ask that ALL visitors check in at the office before going into the school. We also ask you to respect the **parking zones** at pick up and drop off. The bus lanes must be kept open for the buses to safely pull up to the school. You are able to park on the street behind this bus zone. We ask that you park on this same side of the street along the park and not the residential street across the way. Students will cross the street between the buses when you are parked on the other side. We also ask that you do not park in the staff parking lot for student safety as well. And a reminder that the **street speeds** have been reduced to 30 km per hour in the school zone as well.
- **School Renovations** are well underway and have transformed our learning spaces! We have a larger library space with new carpet, furniture, windows, and garage doors which have extended our library to the hallway. Although we still have some items to complete in this space, the transformation is impressive. We also completed the portable which allowed us to make the room beside the library a new science/multi-purpose room. This will have sinks and sliding glass doors to be installed to complete this space. Our gymnasium was also painted and recieved new LED lighting. A huge thank you to Mr. Drews and the Regina Catholic Schools Facilities Department for all your hard over the summer! Renovations to complete include extending our PreKindergarten room as well as new ceiling and lighting in the library. We also have a plan with our CSCC for our senior playground to be completed by spring 2020. **Come and visit us sometime to see the new learning spaces!**
- **Volunteering** is an important part of our school needs. We do have a Criminal Record check that is required each year. Call the office or stop in to get the letter which will waive the fee or complete your check online and bring it to the office. You will be charged online but we can reimburse you in the office for the cost.
- **Important Forms** will be sent home with your children on Tuesday. These include our demographic forms, health information, permission forms, and technology acceptable use forms. Please sign and return these as soon as possible - there is a prize for the first class!
- **CSCC** is also sending home some important beginning of the year information including the **School Magnetic Calendar** with important dates and information and the Healthy Hunger instructions for hot lunches all year.
- The Regina Catholic School Division is offering the **Ukrainian Program** once again in the 2019-20 school year. For more information on this program, [please click here](#). We have registration forms available in the office. These forms are due by **Monday, September 9**.

Upcoming Events

- **St. Gregory Feast Day and Opening Assembly** is Tuesday, September 3rd at 11:15. **St. Gregory the Great** is our Saint and he is the patron saint to teachers, students, musicians, and singers. As a Pope of the Roman Catholic church, he was the first to call himself the "servant of the servants of God." Gregory was such a good leader that he became known as Gregory the Great. As we celebrate our virtues all year, may we remember St. Gregory's words: "*The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue.*"
- **Cross Country Sign-up** will occur on Tuesday, September 3rd at the afternoon recess. Students from Grade 4 - 8 who are interested in participating will bring the note home to be signed. There are four mini-meets after school each Thursday in September and practices will be Wednesday mornings at 8:10. If you are able to help with driving, please ensure you get a Criminal Record Check and Driver Authorization signed from our school office. Mrs. Nicolson, Ms Dech, and myself are the coaches!
- **Boys and Girls Aerial Football** will have a sign up this week and some practices will begin for this short fall but fun fall season. Thank you to Mr. Matlock and Mr. Sokalofsky with M
- **Mother's Against Drunk Driving Interactive Bus** will be at the school on Friday, September 6th. Our students from Grades 4 - 6 will have the opportunity to tour this interactive, multi-media bus to learn more about the dangers of alcohol and drugs. The interactive presentations are **1 hour long** and include videos, questionnaires and real life scenarios that students complete on personal **tablets** as well as an individual

virtual reality experience through **VR goggles**. Our teachers will follow-up with curriculum in the classroom to support healthy choices.

- **Catholic School Community Council** is having their Annual General Meeting on September 11 at 6:00PM in the school library. Twylla West is our school president. This is an opportunity to support the decisions and growth of our school. We welcome your involvement to share your time, talent, and ideas to build the best St. Gregory we can for our community. Please come and join us - all are invited!
- **Spirit Wear** sizing kit is at the school and forms are going home on Tuesday for you to purchase for your children. We are highlighting our new "retro" logo with our theme "**Stronger Together**". Remember that every Thursday is **Thunderbolt Thursday** so our students can proudly wear their school colors.

Monthly Virtue Prayer - Novena to St. Gregory

*St. Gregory, you are known for your zeal for the Catholic faith,
love of liturgy, and compassion
and mercy toward those in need.
Please help and guide us
so that we may share in these virtues
and thereby bring Jesus
into the hearts of our families
and all we encounter.*

*We especially ask for blessings on our school family,
our teachers and our parish family.*

Amen

Growing in God's Grace,

Leanne Forrest
St. Gregory Principal

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