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1	2 Kindergarten Wed/Fri	3 First week of Advent Celebration 9:30 am	4	5	6	7
8	9 Kindergarten Tues/Thurs Advent Concert Dress Rehearsal	10 Pre-K AM Advent Concert 10:15 am Pre-K PM Advent Concert 2:00pm	11 Advent Concert 1:00 pm	12 Advent Concert 1:00 pm School Council Meeting 6:30pm Ski Club 3:30-8:30	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 Kindergarten Wed/Fri	17 3rd Week of Advent Celebration 9:30 am	18	19	20 Last Day of School before Christmas Break!	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve 	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Day	26 NO SCHOOL Boxing Day	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL New Years Eve 	1 January NO SCHOOL New Years Day	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL School is back Monday January 6 at 8:20 a.m.	4

December 2019 Message from Admin

This is the last month of this decade! Wow, how the time has flown by. As the busyness of our lives starts to pick up, it is important to look back at the great things that occurred here at St. Gregory the Great over the past month, and then look forward to the amazing things that December has to offer.

During the month of November, we had a wonderful opportunity to sit down and meet with families to discuss the great things that their children are doing here at SGTG during our Parent-Teacher Interviews. It is always such a blessing to have parents come in and collaborate with staff on how to continue to support our students (and your children) as they strive toward success. We also were able to come together in community to recognize all of those that sacrificed their lives for our free country with our Remembrance Day celebration. It was a time where students were able to reflect on the luxuries we have today, and how those individuals whom dedicated their lives to freedom provided us with these opportunities.

Our students also participated in some presentations, as well, specifically focused on how to be safe in the online world (from grades two through nine) and how to build self-esteem and a healthy body image (for our grade seven students). Our school community also recognized the students in our building that went above and beyond in the Sacred Teachings of Respect. We got to recognize those integral members of our community at our BGR8 celebration, as well. When we look at our school goals, these presentations and celebrations help us to continue to build a safe and caring community, in and out of our building.

Our staff continued to develop effective instructional strategies throughout the month of November through the professional development of co-teaching, effective numeracy instruction, and effective literacy instruction. These, too, were aimed to support our school goals focused on literacy and numeracy growth in our students.

As we look toward December, this is a time of Advent, where our school community focuses on love, patience, hope, and community. We started our Advent season off with a wonderful liturgy lead by our grade six team and Father Shimit where Father spoke of the true love story that is the arrival of Jesus Christ. Our school community is also putting on a Christmas production on December 11th and 12th, which will showcase more of the gifts and talents that our school body offers through music, singing, acting, and humour; we encourage all to come out and see! During our Professional Development day on December 13th, staff will continue to grow in meeting the needs of our students and further build upon their literacy and numeracy practices.

As we continue through the Advent season, families get busy and stress tends to increase for all! We know how difficult this time of year can be for families, but know that the staff here at SGTG understands and is thinking of you, and praying for you and your family, during this time of year. We look forward to this great month where we get to celebrate the Christmas season with you and your children. From the St. Gregory the Great family to yours, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed time with your family!

God Bless!



Ike Hanna
Principal



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