

April 10, 2019

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to share with you upcoming festivities in June for our grade 8 students and families. Together as a Catholic community, we will gather in solidarity to celebrate the graduation of the grade 8 students at St. Gregory. Please review and keep this letter for your reference as we get closer to the graduation events.

Important Dates:

- On **Thursday, June 20** we will be going to Toronto for an extended day graduation trip
- On **Tuesday, June 25** we will have the grade 8 graduation ceremony beginning at 1:30 pm at St. Gregory. Right now, the Intermediate team are planning the festivities. More details to follow in May.

Trip Itinerary:

- ❖ **9:30 am:** depart for Toronto from St. Gregory
- ❖ **10:30 am:** Improv Workshop at Second City. Students will learn drama improvisation techniques and develop spontaneity, listening, acceptance, confidence building, collaborative creativity and teamwork from this class.
- ❖ **12:00 pm:** students will eat in a public green space. **Bring a bagged lunch and water bottle.**
- ❖ **1:30 pm:** The CN Tower - Rocket 58 seconds in one of the elevators to the Lookout Level 346 m above the Toronto skyline! Experience a new perspective of the most spectacular views in Toronto with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window walls and a glass floor with visibility up to 160 km away.
- ❖ **3:00 pm:** early dinner at Boston Pizza
- ❖ **4:45 pm:** Walking tour and photo opportunities of famous Toronto landmarks such as Nathan Phillips Square, Yonge Dundas Square, Queens Quay, Harbour front, City Place and parklands around Rogers Centre. Locations will be determined based on weather conditions and guided by teachers.
- ❖ **6:15 pm:** we'll make our way to the Rogers Centre to watch batting practice, gets snacks from the concession stand, and take our seats in the 500 level
- ❖ **7:00 pm:** Toronto Blue Jays baseball game against the LA Angels
- ❖ **9:30 pm:** Take bus back to Oakville
- ❖ **10:30/11:00 pm:** Estimated arrival time at St. Gregory (depending on traffic). Due to the late arrival back at school, parents are asked to pick up students at school upon our return.

Dress Code

Students are invited to wear clothing that adheres to our school's code of conduct and dress code policies. Students are reminded to dress modestly and remember that we are representing St. Gregory Catholic school at all times. Running shoes are also required as we will be spending the majority of our day walking between locations. Students are encouraged to wear Blue Jays attire for the evening game! Also bring a string bag that can hold personal belongings.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones will be permitted for this trip. All students have signed a HCDSB Use of Technology contract. The same rules & expectations surrounding appropriate use of technology will apply on this trip. Students are responsible for the safety of their own devices.

Inclement Weather

We will be walking around Toronto rain or shine. Students are encouraged to bring a small umbrella or raincoat if rain is forecasted. Alternatively, if the weather is nice then students should bring a hat and sunscreen. Please dress for weather conditions.

Dinner

We will be eating at **Boston Pizza** as part of our year-end celebration. Below are the menu options.

Drink choice of: Pepsi, Gingerale, 7Up, Water

Main Course choice of:

- Individual pepperoni pizza (can be made as just cheese)
- Spaghetti with beef bolognese or marinara sauce (vegetarian option)
- Fettuccine alfredo
- Chicken quesadilla with garden salad

Dessert: chocolate brownie with chocolate sauce

Nut allergies can be accommodated

Spending Money

It is recommended that students bring additional spending money if they wish to purchase food at the concession stand during the baseball game or buy Blue Jays merchandise. There will not be free time during the day for students to go shopping at a mall or market.

Cost of the Trip and Graduation Ceremony

We are bundling the cost of the graduation festivities and the graduation trip altogether. The cost for this trip is \$105.00 and the cost for the graduation festivities are \$20.00. The combined fees are **\$125.00 per student**.

Payment is made through School Cash Online. **Payment is due by MAY 6th.** We sincerely hope that all gr 8 students can attend this trip. If the cost for this trip is prohibitive, please reach out to Mrs. Attardo to discuss privately. Please note that there are no refunds for this trip. Late payments cannot be accepted for the trip after the due date as we are obligated to pay our merchants next month.

We are really looking forward to the graduation festivities in June!



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