



# Gregory Hogan Catholic School

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Family Newsletter for January 2020



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### School Bell Schedule



### School Hours

9:00 am	School Starts
10:40-10:55	Recess
11:45-12:40	Lunch
2:20-2:35	Recess
3:25 pm	Dismissal

Please note students are NOT to arrive prior to 8:45am. **There is NO supervision before 8:45am.**



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Principal: Mr. C. Kehoe

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Mrs. C. Blair

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OUR VISION

## Catholic Education + Future Ready



The Epiphany of the Lord is traditionally celebrated on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas. On Epiphany we celebrate the news getting out—the revelation of this amazing happening to the world. Epiphany comes

to us from the East as its Greek name indicates. The word means "manifestation," "showing forth," or "revelation." This day emphasizes the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. Today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ.

20 + C + M + B + 20

It is an Epiphany custom to inscribe with chalk the initials of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, along with the numerals of the new year, over the main doorway of your house or apartment. Traditionally, the letters and numbers are inscribed in this format: 20 + C + M + B + 20. In addition to the letters being the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi, they also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat," or "May Christ bless the house."

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. AMEN



Gregory Hogan is a "nut safe" and "scent safe" school. Please refrain from sending nut, "may contain traces of nuts" or peanut butter substitutes with students. Also, students/visitors are asked to refrain from wearing/bringing scented products.

Our goal is to keep all members of the Gregory Hogan family safe!

Allergy Aware School





## Kindergarten Registration for September 2020

**kinderSTARt** is a special one day registration event in each school, for parents and children who are beginning Junior Kindergarten in September 2020. Plan to spend about an hour to learn all about Kindergarten at St.

Clair Catholic! It is an opportunity to visit the school to meet the staff and engage in activities in preparation for Kindergarten. **kinderSTARt** is also a fun and informative opportunity to get tips on community resources, healthy living and immunization for your children.

At Gregory Hogan Catholic School, **kinderSTARt** will be held on **Thursday, February 6th** from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

For you and your child to spend more time enjoying the **kinderSTARt** experience, please register online anytime starting January 2020. Go to <https://www.st-clair.net/how-to-enrol.aspx> and select the link to **Kindergarten Registration Information (KinderStart)**, or call the school to arrange to pick up a registration package of all of the forms.

Registration will also be available during the **kinderSTARt** event at the school, along with support to answer all of your questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

### Bringing Bethlehem to Babies

Thank you to the families who contributed donations to our Advent Outreach program. In the spirit of Epiphany, these items have been delivered to the **St. Vincent de Paul**. After



Christmas can be a difficult time for many families and we know that your kindness and the empathy you show towards those less fortunate will be appreciated by so many. The youngest members of our community will be the benefactors. A sincere and heartfelt thank you for this donation and for being compassionate role models for your children.

# THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

### Updates About Bus Cancellations/Delays and School Closures

All three local radio stations make announcements



We often get phone call inquiries regarding bus cancellations or whether or not the school is open. There are several reliable sources of information related to bus status and school closures.

The decision to cancel transportation services shall be made early in the morning and usually shared between 6am and 7am.

The board website, [www.st-clair.net](http://www.st-clair.net) posts updates and has links to school bus information. Please check transportation status at:

[www.schoolbusinfo.com/mymobileapp.asp](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com/mymobileapp.asp).

Follow the school board's facebook page for updates.



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Reminders: Like a regular school day, on bus cancellation days the school is open to students beginning at 8:45am when there is supervision. Please do not drop students off before that time.

A reminder that we will only call walkers on bus cancellation days. We would appreciate the parents of **ALL** students confirm their child's absence by emailing or leaving a voice message at the school.

## ***Director's Annual Report 2019***

I am pleased to present my *Director's Annual Report 2019*, to the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and the entire St. Clair Catholic community. The report highlights just some of the many initiatives, programs and events that have helped our students to achieve success in the 2018-2019 school year.

Some highlights include:

A focus on our faith, through social justice projects in our schools and our communities

Our emphasis on elementary and secondary math

Supports for students in pathways planning and experiential learning

Equity, diversity and inclusive education

Supports for students with special learning needs

Wellness and healthy living

Stewardship of our planet, both at the school and the Board level, including the Board's five year energy conservation plan

The development of our new strategic plan

Continued progress at the St. Angela Merici construction site and the planned opening of the new school in September 2020

The report can be viewed or downloaded at:

<http://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/1/media/public/Common/Docs/DARFinalDec2019.pdf>

This will be the final document which reports on Board activities, as they align with our former strategic plan:

- Living Our Faith
  - Promoting Educational Achievement and Innovation
- Fostering Stewardship, Leadership and Social Justice

I look forward to reporting our success to you in 2020 based on the priorities established in our new strategic plan: Learning & Innovation; Faith & Wellbeing; Partnerships; and Catholic Citizenship.

Deb Crawford  
Director of Education