

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Magazine Drive

St. Gregory's Annual Magazine Drive has begun. Our school keeps 40% of each subscription or CD sold. We ask that you purchase new or renewal subscriptions and ask relatives and friends to purchase them from your children. A selection of over 700 magazines is offered as well as music and books. The children enjoy the Magazine Drive because there are many prize incentives for them and they know they are raising money for the school.

You should have received your Magazine Drive information last week. The information explains the Weepuls and Bonus Days, the prizes offered, and how to order the magazines. Extra order forms, magazine booklets, and prize lists are available at the office or you may request them in your turn-in envelope.

There are many prize incentives this year! 10 total sales earns a Dress Down Day on every turn-in day for the rest of the drive. Special incentives are offered each turn-in day (please consult the magazine drive calendar for details). The top room of the drive will be driven to the Winking Lizard for lunch.

Bonus prizes for turn-ins (9/8) are ...

- M&M's for every sale
- 1 spin at Money Wheel for every 4 sales
- 1 chance at DVD Home Theatre System for every 4 sales

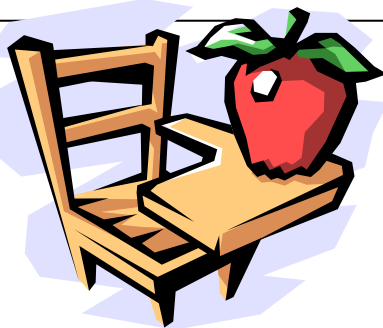
Bonus Prizes for turn-in Monday (9/13)

- Every Sale-Double Tickets

We ask that the student's name and homeroom number be placed on the bottom of all order forms and checks they submit.

We need volunteers to count the orders. If you can help, please come to Room 108 at 8:45 am on turn-in days. Call Irene Robards at 291-4352 or Roxanne McElhaney at 381-5703 or Patty Urbon at 440-461-9382 if you have any questions. The Prize Store will begin Thursday, September 17 during lunch. Please call Kim Berlin (291-8602) if you can help.

Did you fill out your child's Emergency form and the Family Emergency forms? Please do so and return them to the school ASAP.



Room Parent Orientation will begin promptly at 7:00 pm in the PFC this evening, September 7th, (It was incorrect in last weeks newsletter). You must have submitted your volunteer checklist and your paid dues in order to be considered for this position. Parents were notified by phone if they should attend. Thanks to all for your desire to be a part of this hard working group.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. It is required that at least one parent attend this evening. Parents are asked to meet in their child's homeroom. There will be two sessions. The first begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m. The second session starts at 7:35 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. School policies, curriculum and other pertinent information will be discussed.

Calling all Kids!!! It is time again to design the school directory. The theme this year is "Faith-Filled student". Please use a thin or medium black marker and draw a picture of what at St. Greg's

Attention Volleyball Athletes

Volleyball uniforms will be distributed Thursday, September 9th from 7-8PM in

Chess Club begins September 22

Attention students in grades 1-8. Here's an opportunity for you to reap the intellectual, cultural and social benefits that come from playing chess.

The new Chess Club will meet on Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45. It will run in 8 week sessions and will be headed by Chessmaster Michael Joelson and his colleagues from "Chess for Success". Mr. Joelson (2003 Ohio Chess Champion) is a national chess master and senior tournament director who has been teaching and directing chess programs in the Cleveland area since 1995. The cost will be \$48.00 (\$6.00 per session). All levels of ability are welcome. Sessions start 9/22 and continue through 11/10.

Studies have demonstrated that students who play chess show significant improvement in their standardized test scores, academic achievement, decision-making skills and self-esteem. An application form is attached to this newsletter and must be returned by September 14th.

Dress Code Clarification

Please review the school dress code with your child. The following items should be noted.

1. Boys are able to wear solid color ties. Please no loud colors.
2. Boys hair length cannot be over the boy's ears or over their collars.
3. Please check girls uniform length.
4. All uniforms are to be clean and pressed.
5. Socks must fit over the ankles. Sport socks are not permitted.

TRAFFIC PATTERN NEWS

For the safety of our students and OUR TEACHERS we ask that you comply with the traffic patterns before and after school. **NO CHILD IS TO DROPPED OFF IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. THIS IS A BUS ONLY ZONE.**

Parents dropping off or picking up students are asked to enter by the entrance to the school parking lot and keep in a single file line and **wait** for the signal to move up in line. Parents are asked to be patient and remind their students to be ready at dismissal so as not to hold up the line. Cars are to leave the parking lot at a safe speed. Please be courteous to the teachers who are providing supervision for our children. Cars are not permitted to park on the sides of the church at any time.

Also, please read the attached information about Extended Care, as school supervision ends on the playground at 2:45pm. Students must exit the premises at that time or must go to Extended Care where supervision will be provided for a fee.

Unless the sports coaches are present, **STUDENTS WAITING FOR PRACTICES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WAIT IN THE PFC. THEY MAY WAIT AT EXTENDED CARE FOR A FEE.** Once again this is for the safety of our students.

From the Cafeteria... If you believe your family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, please pick up an application in the school office or in the school cafeteria. The completed application must be returned to the main office by September 10th.

Certificate Program News... As we welcome you back to another school year, we'd like to remind you that the certificate program remains available as an effective tool to help you reduce your child's tuition. The families that continued to participate over the summer earned \$4,000 towards their 2005-2006 school year!!! Please review the order form weekly using the most current, as companies and their percentages are subject to change. For example, Max and Erma's will be at 20% for the entire month of September. Feel free to call Christine Novinc 440-446-9399 or Laura Lawless 216-382-4414 with any questions.

School Busing Concerns

The next SE/L District Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at Sunview Elementary School. Parents with questions and concerns about the changes in school bus transportation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

CUB SCOUT MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please join us Wednesday, September 22, at 7pm.in the PFC for our Cub Scout kick off meeting. We will discuss our plans for the year including some exciting camping trips we have scheduled and our participation in the Pinewood Derby with our new track. All boys grades 1 through 5 are invited to attend with their parents. Many thanks to the parents who have already agreed to fill the leadership positions. Questions? Call Dave Davis 440/918/9803 or Carol Sisson 216/381-9317.

Gym Clothes

Since Exchanges seem to be slowing down, we will be filling new orders. Anyone w has received an order and still needs to exchange sizes, please get them into school this week. Any new student to the school, who is still in need of gym clothes, please send in an order (mark it NEW STUDENT). Thanks for your cooperation, any questions call Butchie Helton 216.382.5816 or Michelle Farinacci 440.646.9250.

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to the PTC and the volunteers who graciously gave their time to host a breakfast and luncheon for the Faculty and Staff during our opening meetings. We are blessed to be welcomed back to another school year in such a kind and generous way. May God continue to bless our school with kind and loving parents like those of our volunteers. We are blessed.

MARKET DAY PICKUP DATES

Listed are the monthly Market Day Pick-up Dates.

Customer Pick-up 10:00-11:00 AM in PFC

Month	Sale Date
SEPTEMBER	9-11-04
OCTOBER	10-9-04
NOVEMBER	11-6-04
DECEMBER	12-4-04
JANUARY	1-15-05
FEBRUARY	2-12-05
MARCH	3-12-05
APRIL	4-16-05
MAY	5-14-05
JUNE	6-11-05
JULY	7-23-05 (TENTATIVE)

Please post!

Picture Perfect

School pictures for students in grades K through 8 will be taken on Friday, September 17th. Each child will receive a picture packet to be returned on picture day. Payment needs to accompany the packet on this day.

Attention 4th grade parents

Do you have a future musician? An informative meeting will be held on September 16th at 7:00 PM in the PFC for parents of students in grade 4 who are interested in playing a musical instrument. Please call 216-381-0363 so we can plan for this evening. Thank you