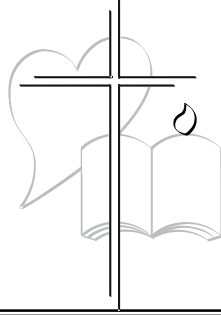


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS”

**Parents Important:** Coming home in the Monday mail paper packs are the Kindergarten through Grade Eight Registration forms. We are asking that all the forms be completed and the Registration fees be turned back into the school office by Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The time period from January 22 through February 1, completes the in-house Registration period. Starting on February 2nd, we will begin open Registration. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

## Catholic Schools Week Open House

Catholic Schools Week is a time when we celebrate the opportunity we have to receive a Catholic education. The excellence of a Catholic school, and in particular St. Gregory the Great Parish School, comes from our faith and trust in God, our unity of purpose, clear policies, dedicated staff and the high expectations of our parents. We ask you to join us on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30AM Mass as we give thanks for the opportunity to provide a Catholic education to our community and the future leaders of our faith...our children! Following the Mass we will showcase our school and our students' accomplishments as we open our doors from 12:30-2:00PM. Fr. Ireland will present two sessions in the PFC for parents to attend during the Open House. Information about tuition and active parishioner status will be presented. The first will begin at 1:00PM and then again at 1:30PM. Please attend one of these sessions. Thank you!

**CSW Children's Book Drive:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a Children's Book Drive to support the Apex Charter School at Christ the King. During Catholic Schools Week, January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are asking students to bring in one or more books that they no longer read. Please bring the books to their homerooms where they will be collected by Student Council members. How better to demonstrate the value we place on Catholic education than to support those who need our help. If every student could bring just one book we could call this program a huge success! Thank you!

**School News:** We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning with the Sunday Liturgy on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and closing with a school version of "Family Feud" on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As you enter our main hall, there will be a large cross comprised of the school pictures of our student body. This year, instead of a family home project each classroom will be featuring a scroll from each student declaring what they like best about St. Gregory the Great School. Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> will be Student Appreciation Day. The students will celebrate with a dress down day. We hope that many families will join us for "Pastry with Parents on January 31<sup>st</sup> or February 1<sup>st</sup>. The faculty and staff would like to thank all of our families for your continuing support of Catholic education. By working together we are "The Good News in Education!"

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:** Parents of children in grades 1, 3, and 5...please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Your children will be featured in a February Holiday concert at 7:00PM in the evening. Attire is jeans and gym shoes for all three grades. Grade 1 will wear solid red shirts, grade 3 will wear solid white shirts, and grade 5 will wear solid blue shirts. This is a required performance for all three grades. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Mrs. Freas at (216) 381-0363.

For scheduling future concerts, we would like your input. Please complete the form below and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher.

I would prefer school concerts to be scheduled at (circle 1)

6:00PM    6:30PM    7:00PM

**St. Gregory the Great  
Entrance Revitalization Project  
(Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant)**

We are in the process of applying for a grant through Lowe's to revitalize the entrance of the school (off the playground/parking lot) which would include the areas on both sides of the door. If we are awarded the grant, the work would begin in the summer and add to the beautiful new landscape and brick pavers that are already completed. We will let you know if we are awarded the grant.

**Attention Parents:** Children are not to walk in the parking lot at dismissal unless an adult is walking with them. Parents who do not use the car line to pick up their children are asked to park in a marked parking space and walk to the area where children are waiting. For your child's safety, please walk with your child to the car.

**LABEL CHANGES:** Miss Palko has informed us that Campbell's has changed their label redemption program this year. Instead of saving label fronts from Campbell's, Prego, Franco American and Swanson products, they are now redeeming **UPC CODES ONLY!** You can still send in the entire label, but please make sure the **UPC CODES** are intact and Miss Palko will trim the part needed for redemption for Christ the King Church. They also continue to redeem the Tyson A+ 1-2-3 panels found on all Tyson frozen food products. Your support of this fundraiser helps Christ the King in so many ways to help those less fortunate! Thank you and God bless!

**Attention Parents of St. Gregory Summer Campers**

We are not planning to run a summer camp program during the summer of 2007. We hope that this early notification will help as you make your children's summer plans.

Diane Gorisek  
Director of Extended Care

**Calling All Art Connoisseurs:** The Gallery Exhibit will be on display in the Art Studio during the Catholic Schools Week Open House. Please stop over and view all of our students' masterpieces. Kindergartners painted fish with colorful tissue paper. First graders will have their family portraits on display. Second graders imagined what their guardian angels might look like. Third graders have studied works of Impressionists and fifth graders have studied the artist Chuck Close. Fourth graders have designed their dog or cat sculpture. Sixth graders have designed and pulled prints. The Junior High Art Club's focus is on fashion. Please stroll through our Art Gallery and let your children amaze you with their artistic talent.

**Dates to Remember**

- Jan 22** Operation Keepsake Grs. 6 & 8
- Jan 25** React Program Grade 4
- Jan 26** School Mass 8:45AM  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- Jan 28** CSW Mass 11:30AM Open  
House 12:30-2PM

**Women's Reverse Raffle:** Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM at Nido Italia (In Little Italy, across from Holy Rosary Church). **Invitations** for the raffle are attached to this week's newsletter. Please note that **only 200** will be sold. If you have any questions, please call Angela Patterson at (216)-297-0031. Thank you!