

# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Have you noticed the new landscaping around the school? Last year our parent organization, the St. Gregory PTC, made this a priority. They announced that the proceeds of the Women's Reverse Raffle would be dedicated to the improvement of the much-used entrance from the parking lot.

Mr. Jamie DiFrancesco, whose company maintains the parish grounds so well, provided the design plan. His staff worked in the hottest days of the summer to complete the project. The results of their work are wonderful: professionally designed and expertly installed.

Two trees now set off the entrance, with each tree framed by shrubbery. An arrangement of trees and shrubs extends westward from the entrance. The brick paving in front of the plantings is now repaired and improved. The whole area now has a pleasing and inviting appearance.

A school entrance makes a statement. Our message is "We are proud of our school". Good things happen here for our children. We hope that it sends this message also: "We look forward to our future with great hope and expectation."

Many thanks to the members of our PTC for planning and funding this renovation. Thanks to all who take part in the PTC events that make possible improvements such as this for our school.

Peter Wilson

## "New York, New York"

**First we want to thank everyone who has donated, solicited or offered to volunteer so far. Your hard work and generosity has not gone unnoticed!!!**

**Please remember that no gift is too small or too big and there is plenty of time to still contribute.**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in contributing toward the success of the evening, see if they would consider becoming a Patron of the event.

Blue: \$100.00-\$249.00

Gold: \$250.00-\$499.00

**Toast of the Town: \$500.00 +**

Items can be dropped off at Tabor House Sundays between 9:30-11:30am. Monetary donations can be mailed to the School, marked AUCTION. If you have any questions or need help picking up an item, please give a committee member a call.

**Thank you for your cooperation!!**

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**Drama Club News:** Mr. Carter Welo is assembling a team to head up the new Drama Club. We are pleased with how things are going. Mr. Welo will be here on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10AM to have a meeting with the Junior High about the Drama Club.

**The PTC will once again host "Coffee with the Principal"** on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for parents to be updated on Iowa testing from last spring, and to hear about the new things happening at the school. We ask that you submit suggested topics and questions. Please return the form below to the school office if you are planning to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am planning to attend the meeting ~ "Coffee with the Principal"

I would like to suggest the following topic or question:

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” OCTOBER 1, 2007

## Student Council Officers 2007-2008 School Year

**Co-Presidents** ~ Abby Lawless and Tim Levand

**Treasurer** ~ Megan Shaughnessy

**Secretary** ~ Maria Cavelli

**Advisory Board Members** ~ Ricky Harrison, Victoria Henning, Emily Ianni, Peach Johnson, Monica Karboski, Andy Olson, Katie Pucella, and Alison Sheppard, and Mikala Telgarsky

### Homeroom Representatives

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
Nick Berlin Sean Kelley	Mary Medovich Emily Clementi	Rachel Novinc Mia Mastroianni Maddie Levand	Erin O'Brien Chloe Sudduth	Coleen Lynch Natalie DiFranco Zach Guzan

**Notes from the Music Department:** A group of Junior High students, under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn Freas, performed at the Fine Arts Conference sponsored by the Board of Education of the Diocese of Cleveland on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Cleveland Marriott in downtown Cleveland. Students included: Anna Bryniarski, Emily Cuff, Chelsea Day, Rebecca Gehlfuss, Nicole Greisl, Ricky Harrison, Emily Nobbe, Mikala Telgarsky, Sarah Paschal, Patrick Plucinsky, Courtney Prebul, Frances Prijatel, Alison Sheppard, Brianna Taylor and Annie Trivisonno. The students led a group of art and music teachers of the Diocese in song during the opening prayer service, as well as played hand chimes and percussion instruments. Mrs. Hyland created a banner that was displayed with color design created by Monica Karboski, which will also be displayed in the school. A special thank you to Mrs. Klug and the parents who assisted in driving to this event.

The second and fourth graders will be performing in a Christmas concert on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and 7PM. This is a required event for these classes. Please mark your calendars with this date. More information will be sent home by your child's homeroom teacher, and in future newsletters.

**SKI CLUB NEWS:** There will be an information meeting regarding Ski Club on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after school in the cafeteria. The meeting will be from 2:45-3:15PM. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend.

**From the Cafeteria:** On Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Audrey Stanziano and her staff will prepare a special baseball theme lunch with special cookies for the students. This will be a Cleveland Indians accessory day as well for the students!

**You are invited:** Familia is a group of mothers dedicated to helping others learn and love their faith. This program seeks to help parents develop a strong family structure, promote harmony among family members, especially husband and wife, motivate and assist young people as they mature, and foster an awareness of the need for Christ and the church in daily family life. In today's world, it is wonderful to have other Christian mothers to help and guide you through those difficult times as well as joyous times. FAMILIA is committed to strengthening the family by providing focused information and practical tools that can be implemented in daily life.

The meetings are 1-1/2 hours in length twice a month. Each meeting includes a reflection on the upcoming Sunday's gospel, catechesis questions regarding the basics of the faith that pertain to the document being studied, and discussion of Pope John Paul II's writing on marriage and family.

**When:** The group meets twice a month. You may choose either group, Tuesday at 10:00 AM or Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

**Who:** Mothers of all ages and at all stages of raising children are encouraged to join.

For more information, or to register, please call Anne McCarron (216)382-5557 or e-mail at [clevehs@yahoo.com](mailto:clevehs@yahoo.com).

### **St. Gregory the Great Athletic Club News: WINTER CYO SPORTS SIGN UP**

Registration for boys and girl's basketball and boys wrestling will be held on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:15PM in the PFC. Boys and girls in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade attending St. Gregory the Great Parish School or Parish School of Religion are eligible to register. Registration must be complete by October 10<sup>th</sup> in order to meet CYO team submission deadlines.

**Basketball warm-up shirts** will be available to order at sign-ups. The cost will be \$12.00. Sign-ups will be the only time you can order the shirts. No late orders accepted.

**SPORTS RALLY BONFIRE NEWS:** Mark your calendar! This year's bonfire will be on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Additional information regarding the bonfire will be distributed to football, volleyball, and cross country team members.

**LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY:** Please join the St. Gregory Respect Life Ministry for an afternoon of prayer for the lives of the unborn on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Church parking lot at 12:45PM and proceed to the sidewalks adjacent to the intersection of Mayfield and Green road at 1:00PM, where we will stand in peaceful prayer for one hour. This event is for all ages, and will take place rain or shine.