

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” OCTOBER 15, 2007

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
St. Gregory’s 4th Annual Silent Auction
November 3, 2007 6:00pm-12midnight
Silent Auction – Live Auction – Chinese Raffle – Gambling

Please join us for an evening of entertainment, gambling, food, and fun as we celebrate “New York, New York” at St. Gregory’s. Tickets are now available for \$45 per person. As always the ticket price includes: food stations (serving heavy hors d’oeuvres), an open bar with beer and wine, dessert, coffee, and the opportunity to contribute towards the success of this evening!

There are over 100 Silent Auction items that are aimed to please just about everyone, and exciting Live Auction items that are sure to raise your bidding hand! In addition, we have ten (10) “Chinese Raffle Baskets” donated by the families of our school children that are overflowing from their generosity! Each basket is worth a MINIMUM of \$500! **Raffle tickets may be purchased through the children and the night of the event, (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12).**

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Back by popular demand this year is the gambling. We will have **Black Jack, Roulette, Let it Ride, Over & Under “7” and Slot Machines. THESE GAMES WILL NOT BE PLAYED FOR CASH.** With the purchase of your admission ticket (\$45) you will receive “play money” to begin your gambling experience. You will have the opportunity to purchase more “play money” to continue to gamble with. Your winnings will be exchanged for tickets; these tickets will be used to win various Grand Raffle Prizes. The more chips you win, the greater your chance of winning a prize; so practice up on your gaming skills.

CASINO GAMES – “HOW DOES IT ALL WORK??”

- Paid attendees of the event will check in. They will receive their bid number, auction program, and additionally, each attendee will receive fun money to begin their gambling experience.
- Attendees can exchange the fun money for chips at any gaming table of their choice. If you run out of chips, more fun money may be purchased from the cashier.
- At any time during the evening the players can turn their chips in for raffle tickets. The more chips that you have, the more raffle tickets you will receive.
- These raffle tickets will be good for Grand Raffle Prizes that will be awarded via a Chinese Raffle at the end of the evening. Winners do not have to be present to win, but please put your name on the back of the tickets.

Tickets for “New York, New York” may be purchased by mail (4478 Rushton Rd., South Euclid, 44121) or through the school office. Please make checks payable to – St. Gregory the Great School. For more information please contact, Jennifer Ewing at 216.382-6227.

NOTE: In order to participate in the Live/Silent Auction you will need a bid number. Bid numbers will be assigned by couple or individually. When purchasing tickets it is important to list the names of everyone attending.

Name (please list the names of everyone attending):

Address: _____ Phone: _____

of Tickets: _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE: _____ MAIL _____ SEND THROUGH SCHOOL

Child’s name: _____ Room #: _____

Your support shows that the belief in Catholic education, our Church, and school is strong...
Thank You!!!

Auction News: We have many volunteers for the night of the Auction. Thank you! We still are in need of more. Please fill your volunteer checklist out and send it in by Friday, October 19th. Any questions please call Jennifer Ewing at (216-382-6227 or Michele Clark at (440) 449-0564.

News from the Rectory: We want to remind all families that participation in the Auction is a requirement of our active parishioner policy. To be considered an active parishioner, and be assessed the tuition rates of an active parishioner; each family is committed to the requirements listed on the registration form. That list of requirements includes the following: Each family is expected to purchase a ticket for the Auction. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer and to donate to the Chinese Raffle baskets at their children's grade level. Thank you!

Change in Diocesan Tuition Assistance Process for the 2007-2008 School Year

The following change in the Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) procedure, for siblings of incoming high school freshmen, will be effective for the 2007-2008 year: Previously, families submitted an early application form to PSAS when requesting DTA for an incoming high school freshman. The form required submission of the previous year's federal income tax return (in this example, 2006) or other documentation. If the incoming freshman had siblings, either in elementary school or in high school, a second PSAS application had to be completed by March 1 or June 1 (first or second rounds), along with the 2007 tax return and another \$20 application fee. **Beginning with the 2007-2008 DTA processing schedule, only one PSAS application per family will be required – whether they use the Early form or the Regular form.** The diocese has changed the process to base the siblings awards on the same, earlier financial information as the incoming freshman (2006, in this example). They believe this will help eliminate the situation whereby the parent does not realize a 2nd application is required, and thereby loses DTA for the sibling. Since they are accepting "old" financial information for the freshman, they can accept it for siblings as well. The PSAS form has a section which the parent can disclose a changed financial situation if need be. DTA awards for families without incoming freshmen will continue to be based on later applications that contain current tax returns (2007, in this example). The above change applies to DTA awards only. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Ahern at (216) 696-6525 ext. 53110.

Student Council News...“Making Change for Disability Awareness”: During the week of October 22 through October 26th, our school, under the guidance of Student Council, will be participating in “Making Change for Disability Awareness.” This is a friendly competition among several private schools on the east side to help the children of Youth Challenge. Youth Challenge brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers who help them in recreational activities and one-on-one participation. Here's how you can help. Look around your house for any loose change you may have. We will be collecting money in homerooms all during the week of October 22nd. This is a chance for us to make a “change” in the lives of others. Thank you for your support.

A PTC Sponsored Event: On Monday, October 8th and Tuesday, October 9th, our students in grades one through eight attended an assembly on the issue of bullying. This event was brought to St. Gregory's through a generous donation from our PTC. The program was presented by Karen Gotwald, a retired Cleveland Heights-University Heights middle school teacher, who saw a need in her years of teaching to address the cycle of bullying and help children develop strategies to overcome its negative consequences. Ms. Gotwald spoke to each grade level individually in a one hour presentation tailored to that age level. Ms. Gotwald asserts that “because of the code of silence around this issue, bullying has a much greater impact than most adults recognize.” The students thoroughly enjoyed her stories and responded positively to her compassion, humor and strength. We appreciate her willingness to tackle this complex issue and are confident that her words will have a positive impact on our students now and in the future.

IMPORTANT: Coming home in your child's Monday mail-pack are the conference slips. We ask that every family return the forms by Friday, October 25th. Thank you!

VASJ High School Boys Basketball Annual 3 on 3 Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th. For more information please call Coach Wojo at 481-8414 ext 211.

Jonathan Riemer a graduate of St. Gregory the Great School was a medalist at the Division III Pine Hills Golf Sectional, finishing with a 73 (1-over par). He is a senior at St. Peter Chanel High School.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 16** Confirmation Parent Mtg. 7pm Church Hall
- Oct 17** Advisory Board Meeting 7PM/Library
Grade 6 Field Trip
- Oct 19** 5th & 6th Grade Sock-hop 7-10PM/PFC

Shadowing opportunities at Brush High School: Nov. 16th, Dec. 4th, April 21st 08, and April 29th 08. The program begins at 9AM. For questions please call Sue Cicero at (216) 291-2070.

Attention 5th and 6th Grade Parents: Don't forget about the Sock hop this Friday, October 19th at 7pm. Your RSVP is due NOW!!! Also, you should be receiving a request to bring a dessert (5th grade) or a bottle of pop (6th grade). Any questions, call Mary Jo Levand (216) 291-8999 or Karen Newlon (440)446-9933.