

# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**SCHOOL NAME:** We have learned that the parish merger may result in the school being required to take the new parish name. We do not know yet if any schools in merging parishes will be allowed to keep their names. It is my hope that the merger process here will include a specific request to Bishop Lennon for our school to keep its name. If any schools involved in parish mergers are allowed to keep their names, I hope that ours will be one of them.

Peter Wilson

## “Mardi Gras”

November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 6:00PM – 12 midnight

Silent Auction-Live Auction-Chinese Raffle-Raffles-Live Music

Please join us for an evening of entertainment. We will have “*Cocktail Johnny*,” a live band, performing great music, great food and drink, and a fun way to celebrate. Tickets are now available for \$45 per person. As always ticket price includes: food stations, an open bar with beer and wine, dessert, coffee, and your bid number to try and win our great prizes, and the opportunity to contribute towards the night’s success!

We will have Silent Auction items and Live Auction items pleasing for everyone. In addition we have ten “*Chinese Raffle Baskets*” donated by families from each grade level. Each basket is worth a minimum of \$300! Raffle tickets can be purchased through the children and on the night of the event (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12). There will be a few raffle items that will entice everyone, including a beautiful piece of jewelry!! Tickets for “Mardi Gras” 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. Any questions 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.

### AUCTION 2009/”MARDI GRAS”

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Send through school child, Room # \_\_\_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your support shows that the belief in Catholic education, our church and school may stay strong!! Thank You!!

### TUITION RAFFLE\*\*\*\*\*TUITION RAFFLE\*\*\*\*\*TUITION RAFFLE

The Certificate Program has joined the *Mardi Gras* celebration by donating ONE CHILD’S TUITION for the 2010-2011 school year!!! **That’s a value of \$3350.00!!!** Raffle ticket sales begin TODAY and will continue through the night of the Auction. The winner will be announced the evening of November 7<sup>th</sup> at the *Mardi Gras* (winner need not be present). You may use the tear slip below or contact Jennifer Ewing (216) 382-6227 for ticket sales (\$25.00 per chance).

The Auction prize equivalent to a full year’s tuition is being funded by monies which have accumulated in the Certificate Program account over the 5 years of its existence. The program provided for a return of 75% of all dollars spent by individual families who participated in the program as a direct credit to the family’s tuition account. The remaining 25% was held for distribution to needy families. This prize is in keeping with the spirit of the program as it was originally designed.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM THE OFFICE:** Dear Parents...please return the conference slips that were sent home last week as soon as possible. We need to get the conference times scheduled and return the slips back to you. Thanks!

“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” OCTOBER 19, 2009



**A very big “thank you”** to all the St. Gregory the Great families for their very generous and awesome contributions that were made for the grade level Chinese Raffle Baskets for our 6th annual Silent Auction! A special thank you goes out to all the basket representatives for all their great work! Tickets sales for a chance to win one (or more) of these baskets begin today. Please look in your student’s paper pack or mail folder for more detailed information. Tickets may be turned in on any day. Basket descriptions can also be found on the school website at [www.stgregoryonline.org](http://www.stgregoryonline.org) under the Silent Auction section, so be sure to give all your family and friends (near or far) a chance to buy a “winning” ticket. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Bauman at 216-381-3221.

**FROM THE CLINIC:** The flu season is here. Our attendance has been good, but some flu symptoms have been reported. Some H1N1 flu has been reported. We are increasing hygiene efforts throughout the school. Please read the guidance from the Center for Disease Control that is included in today’s paper pack.

**MUSICAL NOTES:** The students in grades 2 and 4 will be performing in a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM and 7:00PM. The concert is entitled "*Christmas Holiday Favorites*" and will include singing, dancing, and student writing about favorite Christmas songs. Attire is red or green solid shirts/blouses, khaki pants, and gym shoes. This is a required performance for all students in grades 2 and 4. Parents are asked to please contact coaches and/or extracurricular teachers to clear this date for the performance. Your assistance is appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Freas or your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

**MAGAZINE DRIVE:** The Great Pig Race will be held on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in celebration of meeting our school-wide goal for the Magazine Drive!! Students who earned a mini pig are asked to bring in their mini pigs on that day for the Mini Pig Race. (Please do not forget your pig -- this is the only day for the mini pig race.) Questions? Please contact Carol Sisson at (216) 381-9317 or [pcja4639@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pcja4639@sbcglobal.net).

**DRAMA CLUB:** The St. Gregory the Great Parish Drama Club will meet on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Jury Room on the 2nd floor of South Euclid's City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend! We will discuss plans for this year's club as well as the bylaws. Questions? Please call Melissa Wenzler at (440) 725-0753.

**FROM THE STOVALL FAMILY:** Earl and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the teachers, staff, students and parents of St. Gregory the Great School and Church for all the support, love, prayers and Masses that were offered for Bayleigh and our family over the past few weeks. Thank you so much for all the calls, texts, emails, cards, pictures and gifts. We are so grateful to Mrs. DiNovo and Mrs. Stergar for organizing the food chain and to the families who participated and fed us so well. Special thanks to Mrs. Sisson and family for taking such great care of our children on the night Bayleigh became sick and to Mrs. Ewing and her family for having our children stay at her home as well. Thank you to Father Racco from Holy Rosary who immediately went to the hospital to anoint Bayleigh and many thanks to Father Ireland who blessed Bayleigh later that first evening. Also, thank you so much to all of the visitors who came to the hospital and our home.

As most of you are aware our ten year old daughter Bayleigh suffered anaphylaxis on September 10<sup>th</sup> after eating cashew nuts. Her Dad performed CPR until paramedics arrived and she was taken to Rainbows & Babies Childrens Hospital where she spent five days on a ventilator in the intensive care unit. She spent an additional six days in a pediatric unit. There were many scary moments, but thanks to the most amazing skilled doctors and nurses in the PICU she survived this awful trauma. My husband is a true hero as he saved our daughter’s life. He just happens to be the Eastside CPR trainer for his job with the State of Ohio. Up until this point he had only performed CPR on a dummy!! He was Bayleigh’s "Guardian Angel" that night. We truly believe that all of the prayers that were offered by our friends and family had a huge impact on her recovery and is one of the reasons she is with us today. We are so very happy to report that Bayleigh is well on the road to recovery. She has been back in school for over two weeks now and she is getting stronger and stronger every day. Her sister Aiyana and brothers Cameron & Ryan are thrilled that she is back home where she belongs.

So in closing, we cannot thank you all enough for everything you did to support us through this very traumatic experience. It just makes us realize how valuable life is and to enjoy each and every day, because you just do not know what life will throw your way, and it just makes us love our children even more.

God bless you all. With love!  
Karen & Earl Stovall and family

The St. Gregory Respect Life Committee will be hosting a Cavatelli Dinner on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6:30PM in the school cafeteria. Please mark your calendars**