

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Certainly, you are not unaware of how much the path of love can cost. Christ himself reminds you of it from atop the Cross. (John Paul II)

Dear Parents,

Saturday, November 3rd will be a big day for St. Gregory's. Our theme for this year's auction is "New York, New York!" My favorite images of that great city are the bright lights, the famous streets and buildings, the people from all parts of the world, and the high speed of everything. The song tells us, "If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere."

Here at St. Gregory's we are preparing our students to "make it anywhere." We teach the values and the skills they need to take on large challenges in a world of many possibilities. We keep "thinking big." Why? Because the education we offer must keep changing. It changes for the better when we dream, when we share our dreams fearlessly, and when we set out to build the education our students need for *their* lives, in *their* world.

This year's auction promises to be a wonderful evening of food, fun, and prizes. Thanks to all who have made this upcoming event possible by donating auction items or by seeking donations, by creating the fantastic raffle baskets, and by volunteering for the many necessary tasks. A very big thank you to the three special people who have led the way: Jennifer Barton, Michele Clark, and Jennifer Ewing. Thank you for bringing us together for St. Gregory's!

Peter Wilson
Principal

To All Parishioners:

It has been brought to my attention that Bishop Lennon's office has been flooded recently with e-mails from Saint Gregory parishioners requesting that I not be transferred.

First of all, I do not anticipate being transferred at this present time. Secondly, if that were to happen, it would not occur until next summer. Thirdly, it may occur that I be appointed pastor at another parish in the near future. And fourthly, and *very importantly*, the Bishop's Office has asked that all e-mails pertaining to this subject cease.

I appreciate the support and love all of you have shown me. It warms my heart that you appreciate my ministry here at Saint Gregory the Great. I do indeed love being here, but I have an obligation to be of service to the Diocese of Cleveland, as the Bishop sees fit. If that means remaining here for many years, then that is God's will. If it means ministering to another faith community in the near future, then I would accept that as God's will too.

Please know that you are all dear to me, and always will be. But I am asking that you follow what the Bishop is asking, and not send any more e-mails to his office. May all of us allow the process that exists in the Clergy Personnel Office and the Bishop's Office to take its course, praying God's will be done.

Once again, thank you for your support and kindness. You indeed are a wonderful people.

Father Ken Jakubowski

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. Thank you!

“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” OCTOBER 29, 2007

NEW YORK...NEW YORK (November 3, 2007 6:00pm-12midnight) 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).**

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!!!

The Auction is only 5 days away! Thanks for all of your generosity. New this year we have the Auction Program Booklet online. The program contains the agenda for the evening and allows you to preview the items in our raffle baskets. Check it out online at www.stgregoryonline.org.

“New York, New York”/Help Needed: We need more volunteers! Some areas of need: dealers, room monitors, food stations, and for Sunday clean-up, the day after the Auction (Nov 4th). We are looking for men preferably due to the heavy lifting and moving of tables. Please call Jennifer Ewing (216) 382-6227 or Michele Clark (440) 449-0654 for more information and for the starting time. Thank you!

Third and Fourth Grade Girls

Save the date for the Father/Daughter Snowflake Ball on Saturday, November 17th at 7PM. Look for invitations coming home next week! Questions, call Michelle Hunt, (216) 381-5743.

New York, New York

This is the last week to turn in your Chinese Raffle Tickets. All tickets must be turned in (sold and unsold) by **Thursday, Nov. 1st** to count towards the many great incentives!

Each student that sells one book = Dress Down Day
Each classroom with 100% participation = Pizza Party
Grade with the most tickets sold for their basket = Movie Theater Afternoon

Get those tickets in!! There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Don’t be left out of a dress down day!! A few classrooms are only a couple of books away from a Pizza Party!!

Don’t forget that the three top sellers will receive \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00!!!

Our school’s Scholastic Book Fair Opens Soon! The students have been busy turning the library into an icy blizzard for all the excitement is during school hours 20th. There will be and the book fair will after each of the Sunday the school library. This Christmas gifts. This lifetime, the gift of the library through the



this year’s fair. Come and see what about. The book fair will be open from November 12th through the extended hours on conference days also be open on November 18th Masses. The fair will be located in is a great time to think about Christmas give the gift that lasts a reading. Thank you for supporting Book Fair.

High School Testing Dates/Open Houses: VASJ will host a Scholarship/Placement Test on Saturday, November 17th from 8:00AM - 12:00PM. Please call (216) 952-6967 and ask for Mr. Kevin Triskett. NDCL welcomes prospective students and their families to **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, November 4th from 12:00noon to 3:00PM.