

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“MARDI GRAS”: Last Saturday was a special evening of fun in support of Catholic Education at St. Gregory the Great. Our Parish Family Center was transformed with the bold designs and colors of student art work. Bidding was enthusiastic on the large variety of silent auction items. The grade level raffle baskets received much attention, with their themed prizes displayed for all to see. The food was imaginative and plentiful.

I want to thank our generous patrons for their support of this important event: **George Hammer, Jeffrey and Josefita Fehn, Mark and Jennifer Ewing, Greg and Molly Rochester, Ted and Michelle Farinacci, Mr. and Mrs. Frank King, John and Terry Kocevar, Robert and Holly Abele, Steve and Robin Reddick, Greg and Nancy Robida, Mary Ellen Mc Garry, Dr. Kelly Rehmer, and DiCicco and Sons Funeral Home.** Thank you to the many generous donors whose gift items made our auction and raffle such a success.

Thanks to the members of St. Gregory Parish who put such energy and creativity into this event: Co-Chairs **Jennifer Ewing** and **Laura Gambrell**, Decorating Chair **Sarah Tuggey**, Raffle Chairs **Sandy Bauman** and **Laura Gielink**, and Bar Service Chair **Mark Ewing**. Thanks to **Cocktail Johnny** for the great entertainment. Special thanks to **Peggy Hyland** for her amazing work with our art students.

Thanks to each of our caterers who went above and beyond to provide the delicious foods that evening: **Brad Gambrell** and **Jimmy Sheehan** of **Barrington Golf Club**, **Tony and Jeannie Sfiligoj** of **Moveable Feast**, **Chip and Loretta Vavro** of **Teresa Pizza**, and **Jim and Maureen Callam** of **Winking Lizard**.

To everyone who helped with the student hand-crafted items, with auction procurement, with check-in and check-out, raffle baskets, ticket sales, decorating, set-up, and clean-up: thank you! And finally, thanks to all who joined us for **“Mardi Gras”**. It was a great night for St. Gregory’s!

Peter Wilson

A special thank you goes out to everyone who donated gift items, worked at and attended our "Mardi Gras!" The night was exciting with all the bidding, food and dancing. Clean-up went wonderfully!! Many thanks to all who showed up Sunday morning to help out!
Jennifer Ewing and Laura Gambrell

THANK YOU: A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Chinese Raffle Baskets this year! We were once again overwhelmed by your generosity; from the donation of items and setting up the baskets, to selling and buying tickets! We could not have done it without you!
Congratulations to our three Top Sellers: 1st Savannah Butler #109, 2nd Kate Shaughnessy #103, 3rd Clare Novinc #104. Enjoy your cash prizes! The 8th grade basket sold the most tickets earning them the **movie theater afternoon**. The following homerooms earned a special class treat for 100% participation: Mrs. Jones #112, Mrs. Hart #103, Mrs. Webster #104, Mrs. Mullins #210, Mrs. Ball #208 and Miss Mascia #205. Due to a wonderful in-school ticket sales response all students will be rewarded with a **DRESS DOWN DAY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th**!
The winners of the Chinese Raffle Baskets were as follows: Preschool – Marge McPherson, Kindergarten – Pat Fitzpatrick, 1st grade – Ruth (sold by Savannah Butler), 2nd grade – Robin Reddick, 3rd grade – Josefita Fehn, 4th grade – Diane Best, 5th grade – Chris Arth, 6th grade – Kim Radford, 7th grade – Troy Smith, 8th grade – Josefita Fehn.
Congratulations to all our winners and thank you once again for all you do to keep St. Gregory the Great – GREAT!

The Twinkle Shop will be held Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 3rd in the Church Hall. The Twinkle Shop, a wonderful St. Gregory the Great tradition, provides the children with an opportunity to purchase gifts for family members, friends, pets and loved ones. All the items are priced between \$1 and \$9. This is not a fundraiser; it is simply a way for the children to think of others during this wonderful season. An envelope with further details and your child(ren)'s shopping date and time will be coming home soon.
We are looking for volunteers to help make the Twinkle Shop a success. If you are interested in helping with the set up, class shopping days or the clean up, please call Carol Sisson at (216) 381-9317 or Rhea Evans at (216) 297-1428. Thank you!



“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” NOVEMBER 16, 2009

“NOURISH THE NEEDY”

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH – 20TH

We will be having a food drive for the less fortunate in our area. Student Council is asking each student from Pre-School to grade 8 to bring in non-perishable food items. Boxes will be provided in every classroom for the donations. The food will be picked up on the 20th.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Canned vegetables, fruit, juices and soups
- Instant potatoes, stuffing mix
- Pastas, macaroni & cheese
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Spaghetti sauce
- Coffee, creamer, instant hot chocolate, tea
- Dessert mixes, Jell-O
- Canned milk
- Napkins, paper towels, toilet paper
- Cereal



Thank you for your generosity!

STUDENT COUNCIL GIVING TREE: The Student Council of St. Gregory the Great School, in cooperation with the parish Women’s Guild, is sponsoring the “Giving Tree” from Sunday, November 29 through Friday, December 11, 2009. This year, due to the economic conditions of the times, The Fatima Center has asked us to collect children’s clothing, such as gloves, hats, scarves, and pajamas, rather than toys. Labels will be available to indicate whether the gift is appropriate for a boy or a girl, along with the size of the item. Because we are hoping to meet a wide range of needs, we are asking that gifts for infants be purchased by pre-school and kindergarten families; toddler gifts be purchased by those in primary; garments for grade school aged children be purchased by families whose own children are in the intermediate grades; and teen items be purchased by St. Greg’s families whose own children are in junior high.

If you choose to help with this project, please bring your unwrapped or wrapped items to your child’s homeroom. If you choose to wrap your item, please write the size or attach a label indicating the size to the outside of the package. All donations should be brought in by Friday, December 11, at which time we will bring them all to the Giving Tree in the church. Everything donated will help to bring Christmas to those who are less fortunate.

AS ALWAYS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME!

SPIRITWEAR: We will be placing a Spiritwear order November 20th. This is the last order before Christmas!!! Send completed order forms with a check to school with your child in an envelope marked "Spiritwear". Order forms can be found on the school website under "academics" and then "forms", or from the school office.

SCIENCE NEWS: We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Maureen Becker, Science Coordinator, has been awarded a grant from the First Energy Foundation. Mrs. Becker’s grant proposal for “Jaguar Jungle” life sciences project was one of eight successful proposals from schools served by the Illuminating Company. Each winning school receives \$500.00 to support a specific project in science, mathematics, or technology.

REMINDER: Grades 4-8 Science Club Meeting – Friday November 20th
Time – 2:40-3:30PM (we end a little early this meeting)
Please bring garden tools, gloves, and a jacket for going outside.
Thanks.
Mrs. Becker

Grades 3 & 4 Parents: The Father/Daughter Dance that was scheduled for Saturday, November 21st has been changed to Friday, February 5th.