

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS”

OUR NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING has been inextricably tied to faith, survival and hope for the future. We all know the story of the jubilant feast of a collection of families known as Pilgrims in seventeenth century Massachusetts gathering in thankfulness for God's favors. The history of Thanksgiving includes a beleaguered President Lincoln calling the Union to prayer for its continued existence, and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the midst of a national crisis in the mid-twentieth century making Thanksgiving Day an official holiday for the nation.

At **Thanksgiving** we gather with our families in a spirit of gratitude. Gratitude is a state of mind during which we take the proper steps to thank God for the benefits we have received from Him. It is giving thanks for the gifts of your family, the gifts of your Church and gifts of your country. Gratitude teaches us that everything we have, the air we breathe, the souls we have, the bodies we possess, are all due to God. It is the virtue of gratitude that reminds us that we can never afford to take any gift we have received for granted.

We, the faculty and staff, join in prayer to God, who is our source of life and our hope for eternity, for peace, joy and abundance of His blessings for you and your family on this Thanksgiving Day!

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEWS: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Rectory will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd & 23rd and will reopen Saturday, November 24th. We are hoping to have all certificates available in the Rectory on WEDNESDAY (Nov 21st). Please check your email for arrival notification. Happy Turkey Day!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: We recently received an urgent request for specific food and non-food items needed at our neighborhood center, the Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center, at Christ the King Parish. There has been an increase in the number of homeless people coming to the food pantry. These individuals require food that can be easily extracted from their containers and simple to prepare. This center serves the communities of South Euclid, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Cleveland, and Richmond Heights.

1. Food Items: Examples of ready-to-eat non-perishable foods include: peanut butter, tuna fish, canned stew, canned ravioli, spaghetti, chili, sloppy joes, canned soup, canned vegetables, fruit with flip-top lids, graham crackers, saltine crackers, etc.

No glass jars, please. They are also in need of bags of sugar, containers of creamer and ground coffee, for providing coffee to the clients on Saturdays, during the winter months.

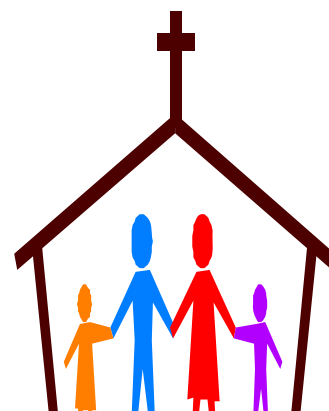
2. Cold Weather Clothing: Especially hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for children and for men.

3. Non-Food Items: Many clients often request toiletries: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos, conditioners, etc., and baby items: diapers, wipes, formula. The center is also asking for manual can openers. Would you please consider helping families and individuals in need in our own community and neighboring communities during this holiday season.

Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated by those we serve. If you would be able to assist us, please bring donated items to the school and place them in the boxes near the office. We are collecting these items until December 15th. Thank you!

Mrs. Terry Mohorcic

St. Vincent de Paul Society



TWINKLE SHOP: Coming home in today's paper-pack is your child's money envelope for the Twinkle Shop. Please send this in with your child on their shopping day. This year's Twinkle Shop will be held November 27th, 28th and 29th in the Church Hall. The children will have an opportunity to shop for Christmas presents for mom and dad, brothers and sisters, grandparents, even their pets! We still need volunteers to help make the Twinkle Shop a success! If you would like to help, please call Carol Sisson at 216/381-9317 or Jeannie Sfiligoj at 216/297-9660. Thank you!

NEEDED: Do you have a cash register you can loan to the Twinkle Shop? If so, please call Carol Sisson at 216/381-9317 or Jeannie Sfiligoj at 216/297-9660. Thank you!

Ski Club News: We are looking forward to a great start for this year's Ski Club. If your child is not signed up for the Ski Club, but you have arranged separate transportation to Brandywine, please be aware that our Ski Club advisors can accept no responsibility for their safety or supervision. Also, only registered members of the Ski Club will be permitted to leave class 15 minutes early to change clothes for skiing.

ST. GREGORY SKATING PARTY

Who: All St. Greg's & PSR students and families
When: Sunday, December 2nd, 5:00-6:30PM
Where: Cleveland Hts. Recreational Center
FREE ADMISSION AND SKATE RENTALS!
Look for invitations coming home in the paper-packs
Questions, call Sandy Bauman, 216-381-3221

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 19 Parent Conferences 2PM
Nov 20 Normal School day 2:35 Dismissal time
Nov 27 Picture Retake (forms in office if needed)
Basketball Uniform Pick-up/Volleyball uniform turn in 6-7:30PM/PFC
Questions call: Beth Greisl (216) 291-1987

Music Department: The 2nd and 4th Grade Christmas Concert entitled "The Life and Times of Santa Claus" will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6th at 9AM/7PM in the PFC along with performances by the Recorder Club and Junior High Chime Choir. This is a required performance for all 2nd and 4th graders. Apparel is khaki pants, a solid red or green shirt/blouse, gym shoes, and "Santa" accessories. Students should be dressed in this concert apparel for both performances. The 2nd and 4th graders are asked to have all songs memorized by Monday, Nov. 26th. Recordings of all concert songs can be found at our website www.stgregoryonline.org click on staff web pages; click Music, click Gr.2 or Gr. 4 and the concert songs are listed. For question about the concert, direct them to your child's homeroom teacher or to Mrs. Freas. Thank you for your assistance in this holiday event.

Parents: We are all busy in our daily lives, but we still find a way to feed our kids nutritious meals. I am working on a Father/Daughter project, by compiling some Fast and Easy Recipes for a future publication. What better than to go to the folks who do this everyday? In that light, please take the time to compile your favorite Fast and Easy recipes, no matter how simple or complex. I will be accepting all submissions until mid-December, and then I will start to test and archive the best recipes for the publication.

You can forward your submissions to me by several means: Email, Snail Mail, or even call it in! I have noted my contact information below. You can also submit your recipes to my daughter, Caty Himmelman, in Mrs. Meek's seventh grade classroom.

When published, The Fast and Easy Recipe Book will be offered at no charge to all St. Greg's students and parents. The publication will be offered first as an EBook or in PDF format, then as a hardcopy for interested parties. A nominal fee will be charged to those interested in a hardcopy, to defray publication costs. Parties requesting a hardcopy should contact me, and I will relate the cost of publication to those parties, when a final hardcopy publication count has been determined. This is not a profit-making venture- just a way to offer ideas to parents and students who like to cook Fast and Easy!

Thank you in advance for taking the time to help in this endeavor through our collective knowledge.
Regards,

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Breakfast with Santa

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 2 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
Saturday, December 8th/Cafeteria doors open at 8:45AM
Continental Breakfast and Activities from 9AM-11AM/\$5.00 Per-person
(Children under 2 are free)

Please return your tear sheet by Friday, December 1st with your check payable to St. Greg's PTC
Any questions please call Audra Schauer at (216) 896-9619 or Denise Pease at (216) 299-0100

NAME _____ NUMBER OF ADULTS _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER TWO _____

NAME OF FAMILY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH _____