

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW *****TUITION RAFFLE*****GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

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!!! Each chance to be the BIG winner of this AWESOME prize is ONLY \$25.00!!! That's right, \$25.00 for a chance at \$3350.00!!! Why not buy two, or four, or more? Ticket sales are going on now and will continue through the night of the Auction. Buy into your child's future at St. Gregory the Great...buy your tickets today!!! The winner will be announced the evening of November 7th at the Mardi Gras (winner need not be present). You may use the tear slip below or contact Jennifer Ewing 382-6227 for ticket sales. Tickets will be returned to you through the school mail when purchased through your child.

Student Name _____ Room # _____ # of tickets at \$25.00 _____

"Mardi Gras"

November 7th 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 have REBECCA WILDE Q104 radio personality as our emcee and auctioneer!! I know it will bring a lot of fun to the bidding!!*

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.



Name _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Total enclosed _____ Send through school child, Room # _____ Mail _____

Your support shows your belief in Catholic education, our church and our school. Thank You!!

SCHOOL DIRECTORIES: St. Gregory school directories were sent home on Friday to all the families that paid their PTC dues. If you would like an additional directory, they are available for \$5.00 (put money in envelope marked directory with name and room number). Any questions please call Lisa Amantea at (216) 382-5274.

PTC NEWS: The PTC will once again host "Coffee with the Principal" on Monday, November 9th at 7:00PM in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity for parents to be updated on the annual achievement tests and other school matters. The PTC asks that you return the response form that is attached to this newsletter if you are planning to attend. The next PTC meeting will be November 16th at 7PM.

PARENTS...please note for your calendars: Wednesday, November 4th 1:30PM early dismissal/Conference day. Thursday, November 5th/Conference day no classes. Wednesday, November 18th picture re-take day. Please send in your old picture packet with your child if you need re-takes. Wednesday, November 18th no Band on this day, rescheduled for Friday, November 20th.

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"HOME OF THE JAGUARS"

STUDENT COUNCIL... is sponsoring a "*Hats On Day*" to raise awareness and money for children with cancer. This special day will be Thursday, November 12th.

On this day, students are asked to wear a hat, (with their uniform) and donate a minimum of \$1.00. This is an optional activity. Baseball caps, winter hats, cowboy hats, or fun hats of any kind are acceptable, as long as they are tasteful. Wigs or dyed hair are not permitted.

"*Hats On Day*" is a pediatric cancer awareness and fundraising event that began in 1995 in St. Louis by a group of sixth graders. In 2002, the Foundation for "Children with Cancer" took over the event in an effort to take the campaign to a national level. The mission of this program is to help relieve the financial stresses so many parents feel while their child is battling cancer. Over \$700,000 has been raised since 2002, and over 1,400 families have benefited from this program.

Why the hats? Children who are undergoing cancer treatment often choose to wear hats to cover up their hair loss. On "*Hats On Day*", students at participating schools show their support for children with cancer by donating money to wear a hat.

We love fifth grade! The fifth grade had a wonderful field trip to Columbus, Ohio. The State Capitol tour made for a great connection from fourth grade Ohio history to our current study of the country's federal government. The Ohio Supreme Court experience helped to give us an increased understanding of the state's judicial system. We even participated in a mock trial! COSI was also very enjoyable, filled with many connections to our science and health curriculum. Following our busy day in Columbus we stopped for a delicious dinner in Amish country.

The entire day was amazing, but would not have been possible without the parent chaperones. They provided tremendous support in time, energy, and delicious "treats". We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Berlin, Mrs. Bujoll, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ewing, and Mrs. Stovall. Thank you also, to Mrs. Berlin and Mrs. Kander for making phone calls to families back home, giving details about our day's adventures.

The Fifth Grade Students, Mrs. Liebenauer, and Mrs. Mullins

SKI CLUB NEWS: All interested students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to join Ski Club this year. Payments are not due until DECEMBER 11th. The costs (based on 40 participants) for this year are as follows: \$280 for renters, \$232 for non-renters, and \$170 for Season Pass holders with their own equipment. The fee includes all lessons, transportation, and rental if applicable. Please turn in permission forms as soon as possible, so we can get an accurate count of participants. Permission forms are due by **November 18th**. Monies can be turned in later. See Mrs. Ball or Mrs. Hanus for forms.

PARENTS... Please remember to respond to the Action Alert that we sent home in last Monday's paper pack regarding Governor Strickland's budget cuts to Chartered Non-public schools. You can email him the information below by going to the website (Google it) at www.governor.ohio.gov>Contact/tabid.153/Default.aspx. It will ask you for your contact information and you can use the information provided for you and then hit submit. Thank you for your help in this important matter. If you have any questions please call the school office.

As a parent of a child enrolled in a Catholic school within your district, I am very concerned about the impact of the budgetary cuts in Auxiliary Services (line 511) and Administrative Cost Reimbursement (line 532) on Catholic schools. I ask you to undertake efforts to restore funding for both programs to pre-cut levels. Thank you for your consideration.

Information from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health: The Center for Disease Control has recommended that children and young adults 6 months through 24 years of age be vaccinated against H1N1 as soon as the vaccine is available. It is important to have your child immunized because most people have no prior exposure to the virus and have not built up any previous immunity. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is planning to give the H1N1 influenza vaccine to children at sites to be determined. Children 6 months through 9 years of age are expected to need two doses of the vaccine spaced about 3 weeks apart. A second clinic will be scheduled to give them the second dose. If you want your child to receive the vaccine at one of these sites you will need to pre-register online through their website at ccbh.net. Click on H1N1 (Swine Flu) "Read More" and follow the registration directions. There will be no cost to you for your child to receive this vaccine. When details of the public health clinics become available, further information will be provided. If you have any questions please call toll-free 1-888-723-9688 or visit ccbh.net, or the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza web sites at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu and www.cdc.gov/h1n1fluJparents. The health department is emphasizing these preventive measures: wash hands as often as possible, cover coughs with tissues or the elbow, not the hands. Do not send students to school when sick.