

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS”

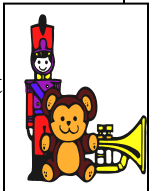
In recent years, it seems that Thanksgiving Day is becoming a "forgotten" holiday due, in part, to the anticipation of the Christmas season. Yet this holiday is rooted deeply in our American and Catholic traditions. Thanksgiving Day is a national recognition of the abundant blessings, which God showers upon our country. Our pilgrim ancestors understood that Divine Providence brought them to this New World where they could worship freely and build new lives for themselves. Undoubtedly, many have fond and joyful memories of Thanksgiving Day spent with family, sharing a meal, which reflects the rich blessings for which we are so grateful. Each opportunity for a family to come together to share a meal and to share each other's presence is also an occasion to give praise and thanks to God. These moments, which happen now so rarely, should be treasured. Hopefully, within each family's observance, Thanksgiving Day reflects the religious aspect in which it originated. As Catholics, we are invited to place a renewed emphasis on the Act of Thanksgiving, which is the Eucharistic Liturgy. The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving." As we concentrate on the prayers and actions of the Mass, we recognize that the entire liturgy is an act of gratitude and praise to God for all of His blessings, particularly for the gift of Jesus, our Redeemer, who is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. There is no more fitting way for Catholics to observe Thanksgiving than through participation in Mass. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is with us. "Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever" (Psalm 118: 1). 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...Just a reminder that orders placed today must be picked up at the Rectory by 8:00pm on Wednesday, November 22 as the Rectory will be closed from that time until Monday morning for the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to circumstances beyond our control, certificates may not be available until Saturday Nov. 25. If this situation occurs, individual arrangements for certificate delivery may be made by calling Christine Novinc at (440) 446-9399.

Speaking of Holidays...there are only 4 more order dates until Christmas! Please plan ahead for your holiday needs and order now as many certificates become unavailable closer to the holiday due to the high volume of orders. Certificates make great stocking stuffers and even better teacher's gifts!

Malley Candy Sale orders placed THROUGH THE SCHOOL are due on Monday morning, November 27. These orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00-11:00am in the PFC. INTERNET ORDERS will be accepted through December 17 and will be delivered directly to the ONE HOUSEHOLD that placed the order. Take advantage of this opportunity for huge savings...25% of your sales go directly towards your tuition!!! (Brochures were sent home last week).

Twinkle Shop: The holiday season is fast approaching. Once again St. Gregory will provide children the opportunity to purchase gifts at our Twinkle Shop. In the past our children have enjoyed buying gifts as well as experiencing the joy of giving to others. It is recommended that you encourage your children to start saving now. A wide array of gifts will be available, arranging in price from \$1 - \$9. The Twinkle Shop will be open November 28th, 29th, and 30th. Anyone wishing to donate items, make gifts or help in the Twinkle Shop, please call Mrs. Jeannie Sfilgoj at (216) 297-9660. Thank you!



Parents: School directories are still available for sale. If you paid your \$10.00 PTC dues, additional directories are available for \$5.00 each. Anyone who did not receive one or would like to pay the \$10.00 dues and purchase one now, please call Mrs. Michelle Farinacci at (440) 646-9250. Thank you!

Athletic Club News: Basketball (boys/girls) uniform pick-up (grs. 4-8) 6-8PM in the PFC upstairs on Tuesday, November 21st. \$50.00 deposit required. Please be there!



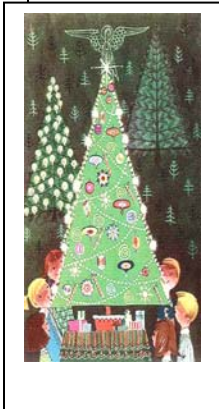
The new section of pavers have been installed by our PFC entrance. Plants have also been added. Be sure to take a look!

Important/Spirit Wear: All Spirit wear orders for Christmas delivery must be in no later than Thursday, November 30th. After that deadline there will be no guarantees on delivery for the holiday. Thank you!
Butchie Helton (216) 382-5816

St Gregory the Great Respect Life Committee: In January, 2006 the SGRLC sponsored a bus to Washington, D.C. so that students, parents and others could participate in the Annual March for Life, which occurs every year to commemorate the infamous Supreme Court decision that struck down laws in all 50 states which banned abortion. People from across the country participate in the March to bring to the attention of our political leaders, the media and the world the need for legal protection for innocent unborn babies. Through the generosity of parishioners and others the SGRLC was able to collect enough money to pay for the bus fare for all the students who went on the trip.

The Committee is planning another trip for January 21 & 22, 2007 and would like to sponsor students to participate again.

If you would like to sponsor a student for the bus the cost is \$45 or for both the bus and lodging the cost is \$85. If you can donate in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Watch for more information about the trip to Washington and think about going yourself. Thank you!



Giving Tree: The Women's Guild invites you to participate in our annual "Giving Tree" event to provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in our diocese. The tree will be on display near the front altar of the church from Saturday, November 25th through Sunday, December 10th and will be decorated with colorful gift tags for children from infants to age 12. Please take a tag, purchase a gift of your choice, wrap it, and attach the tag securely to the package. Place the wrapped gift under the tree no later than December 10th to allow enough time for the gifts to be delivered before Christmas. Your generosity in past years has been truly appreciated.

In addition, Birthright Inc. has requested donations of NEW baby items (bottles, sleepers, onesies, sheets, receiving blankets, diapers, etc) which will be given to needy pregnant women to help them prepare for the births of their babies. Maternity tops (any size) are also needed. These items must be unwrapped and placed in the container near the tree. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Buckley at (216) 382-0707.

2006/2007 St. Gregs Ski Club: All students interested in skiing with us this year should send in their completed applications and payments into the school office. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory the Great School. The cost this year is \$230.00 for renters and \$180.00 for students owning their own equipment. There's still time left to join. For further information please contact Adam Redding at (216) 381-1149.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Kay Jones and her grade one students! They brought in 540 Campbells, Prego, Swanson, Franco American and Pepperidge Farm Labels, making them our 1st quarter super savers for Christ the King Church. The entire class received individual treats from Miss Palko for their wonderful support.

Who will be our winning homeroom for quarter 2? Please keep bringing in your labels and Tyson A+ Panels for this worthwhile program. May God bless all of you for your support of those less fortunate!

Please make sure UPC codes are on the labels! Thank you!



*All Nursery through 2nd Grade students and their Families are invited to:
Breakfast with Santa*

Saturday, December 9th 9:00-11:00AM

Continental Breakfast, \$5.00 per person, children under two are free!

Activities include crafts, cookie decorating, face painting, etc.

Please return the tear slip with your check payable to St. Greg's PTC.

Questions please call Francesca Sieg at (216) 381-9750

or Kathleen Gelo at (440) 720-0993.

PS...don't forget your camera! Polaroid's will be available for \$1.00

(Santa Breakfast)

Name _____

Room # _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of children _____

Children under two _____

Name of family to sit with: _____