

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“God’s sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Exactly the same sign has been given to us...God’s sign is simplicity...God’s sign is that He makes Himself small for us. This is how He reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby – defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with His strength. He takes away our fear of His greatness. He asks for our love; so He makes Himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into His feelings, His thoughts, and His will – we learn to live with Him and to practice with Him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made Himself small so that we could understand Him, welcome Him, and love Him... Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given Himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul, and our mind to be touched by this fact!”
Pope Benedict XVI

We, the faculty and staff, wish all of our wonderful St. Gregory families a blessed and holy Christmas and a happy New Year!

The St. Gregory Respect Life Essay Contest uses the same theme as that chosen by Ohio LifeWorks (formerly Cleveland Right to Life) for their Essay Contest. Therefore the students have the chance of winning in two contests. The theme for the 6th, 7th & 8th grades was “Jeremiah 29:11”. “I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” There were also three quotes the students could choose from for their entry. The first place winners won a cash prize of \$30, and the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. to take part in the “March for Life” in January, 2008. The second place winners won a cash prize of \$20 and third place winners - \$15. Honorable Mention winners were awarded – Certificates of Achievement. The first, second and third place winners received a framed copy of their essays. The names of the first place winners will be engraved on the plaque which is displayed in the first floor main hallway of the school. The judges this year were Laurie McDonnell, Heather Benda and Lisa Buhrow. A big thank you goes to the teachers for their cooperation and support of the contest and the students for the hard work that they put into their essays. The following are the winners of this year’s contest sponsored by the St. Gregory Respect Life Committee:

2007-2008 Respect Life Essay Contest

	Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6
First Place	Jon Medovich	Joanna Hallisy	Rachel Novinc
Second Place	Kelsey Kotik	Rajan M. Khosla, Jr.	Jonathan Loya
Third Place	Owen Reilly	William Woodson	Mitchell Clifford
Honorable Mention:	Brieanna Taylor Chris Day Colleen Lynch Samuel Joseph Furst T J Farinacci Sarah Taylor Lindsey Sell	Scott Geyman Courtney Prebul Monica Karboski Dan Piascik Ryan Smith Alex Ribinskas Christopher Capretta	Michael Shaughnessy Michelle Krebs Maddie King Daniel Jamieson Matthew Szejkowski Bridget Karboski Phil Clementi

The essays will be sent to Ohio LifeWorks to be entered into their contest also. They will notify any winning students directly sometime in March, 2008.

Sincerely,

Barbara Latini
St. Gregory Respect Life Committee

THANK YOU... The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sincerely grateful to all the students for their generous donations of food, toiletries, and warm weather clothing to our neighborhood center at Christ the King Church. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the individuals and the families that we serve, in South Euclid, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Cleveland and Richmond Heights.
May God Bless You Always!

SPANISH grades will be given out this quarter. Students in grades 3-5 will receive O, S, or U. Students in grades 6-8 will receive a letter grade. Please check Edline. If you have any questions, please call the school office at (216) 381-0363.

CERTIFICATE NEWS: The Certificate Program is closed for two weeks (Dec. 24 & Dec. 31) due to the way the holidays fall. The program will resume on Monday, January 7, 2008. Merry Christmas!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 18 Student Council/Greens of Lyndhurst

Dec 21 School Mass 8:45AM

Early Dismissal 1:30PM

Dec 25-Jan 6 Christmas break

Jan 7 School Resumes

Looking Ahead: CSW Pastry with Parents/Jan. 30 & 31st questions call Meghan McGuan at (216) 381-8902.