

# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of our life. Amen.*

## OPENING OUR HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS

Beginning today, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and all this week, Saint Gregory Student Council is asking the school community to help support the Women's Guild "Giving Tree." Each homeroom has been given an ornament from our tree at church and is collecting Christmas gifts for a special child in our diocese. Anyone who would like to help may send in a wrapped or unwrapped item to your child's homeroom. If clothing is purchased and wrapped, please write the size of the item on the outside of the package. All of our presents will be placed under the tree at our school mass on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of the homerooms and the age of the "adopted" child.

K-Mrs. Marshaus	Baby Girl	5-Miss Soukup	Boy 8
K-Mrs. Kondrat	Boy 2	5-Mrs. Liebenauer	Girl 7
1-Mrs. Jones	Baby Boy	6-Mrs. Ball	Boy 12
1-Mrs. Suppel	Girl 3	6-Mrs. Hanus	Girl 11
2-Miss Vercellino	Girl 2	6-Mrs. Mullins	Boy 9
2-Miss Pozzuto	Boy 4	7-Mrs. Meek	Girl 11
3-Sister Kathleen	Boy 4	7-Miss Mascia	Boy 10
3-Mrs. Rybka	Boy 4	8-Mrs. Klug	Girl 8
4-Mrs. Hart	Boy 5	8-Miss Reiter	Girl 9
4-Mrs. Webster	Girl 5	8-Mrs. Carney	Girl 8

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

The 2007 Book Fair was a tremendous success. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the book fair fun and profitable: Sylvia Strnad, Suzanne Harford, Jennifer Ruscsak, Nancy Blatt, Deanne Hurley, Traci Kruchan, Cecilia Dennis Strnad, Matt This year's final sales approximately \$1700 the library. Thank you \$300 on the books for and additional \$500.00 The Winner of the correctly guessed 116 addition, we collected \$185.00 in One-for-One Donations. Scholastic Books will donate 185 books to the Toys-For-Tots campaign in our name.



Jennifer Steffen, Mary Ribinskas, Gueulette and student helpers, Gueulette, and Zachary Guzan. totaled over \$5700.00. This earns us for the purchase of new books for to all the parents who spent over the classrooms. The library spent to complete the teacher's wish lists. candy guess was Tommy Loya who pieces of candy in the candy jar. In

Thank you to all of you who supported the book fair and for all the students who helped turn our library into A Blizzard of Books!!

-Mary Guzan, Librarian

**Music Department:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Concert entitled "*The Life and Times of Santa Claus*" will be held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9AM/7PM in the PFC along with performances by the Recorder Club and Junior High Chime Choir. Students should arrive in the PFC at 6:30PM. This is a required performance for all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Parents, family and friends...please join us as the students sing, dance and relate the history of the jolly old elf and the real meaning of the Christmas season.

DECEMBER 3, 2007  
"HOME OF THE JAGUARS"

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEWS:** December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> will be the final order dates for any Christmas needs. Don't forget that certificates make wonderful stocking stuffers and teachers' gifts!

Also, due to the way the holidays fall, we will not be able to process certificates the weeks of December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. We will resume the regular schedule on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**MARKET DAY:** A big "thank you" to all who have ordered from Market Day these past few months. We were successful in reaching our October goal and will be receiving \$400.00 worth of scholastic books for the school library. This month's promotion is *Cookies for Christmas*. Our goal is to sell over 250 boxes of "Cookie Dough" to yield \$3.30 return per box. Orders are due Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Jill McGuigan (216) 381-6349.

**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.  
Mark Himmelman

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**APPLAUSE...APPLAUSE:** Congratulations to Mrs. Suppel and her First Grade class! They won the First Quarter Campbells Label turn in for Christ the King Church, bringing in 443 labels. Mrs. Hart and her Fourth Grade class were also recognized as the second place winners, bringing in 399 labels. WOW!

Both classes received individual treats for their wonderful support. Who will be our top two homerooms at the end of Quarter two? Please keep saving your Campbells, Prego, Swanson, Franco American and Pepperidge Farm UPC codes as well as your Tyson A+ Panels. All that you do is greatly appreciated. May God bless you always.

Miss Linda Palko

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If for some reason you did not receive your child/children's serving schedule through the school mail, you can now access the schedule on our school website at [stgregory@leeca.org](mailto:stgregory@leeca.org).

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dec 6** Christmas Concert 9AM/7PM
- Dec 7** School Mass 8:45AM
- Dec 8** Santa Breakfast 9-11:30AM/Cafeteria  
Market Day Pick-up
- Dec 10** PTC Meeting cancelled

**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.

#### **Food Items**

**Cold Weather Clothing (children & men-new or gently worn)**

**Non-Food Items (toiletries, etc.)**

We are collecting these items until December 15th.

**ADVENT REFLECTION:** During Advent all Catholics can emulate the example of Elizabeth, the cousin of Mary. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she anticipates her Savior before ever seeing him. She worships her Lord, even when he is hidden in the womb. She reveres and embraces Mary, who brings salvation to her and to the entire world. She hears the *Magnificat* and rejoices as Mary sings, "For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed" (Lk 1:48).