

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Jesus, the Father sent You to tell us of Your great love. Let us become more like You so that we may share this good news with others.

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"HOME OF THE JAGUARS"

PAVER PROJECT: The Paver Project has come to a close and is complete. The pavers have been installed along the side of the gym at the entrance of the PFC, and are accented by new shrubbery. The close of this 2nd phase has resulted in an \$1800.00 deposit to the St. Gregory the Great School Endowment Fund. The entire project has made \$11,600.00 for our Endowment Fund and has beautified the grounds of our school. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a paver. Your stone will be a lasting memory at St. Gregory the Great School. Thank you to The DiFrancesco Company Inc. for getting the wonderful shrubbery planted before the winter weather.



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 displayed 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.



You are cordially invited to attend a "Christmas Around the World Concert" featuring the students in grades two and four, the Junior High Chime Choir, and the fifth and sixth grade Recorder Clubs. The performance will be at 7:00PM Wednesday, December 6th in the gym of the Parish Family Center. Come and celebrate St. Nicholas Day as the children perform holiday songs and dances from many different countries.



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: _____

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEWS...Just a reminder for those who ordered Malley's Candy that pick-up is this Saturday, December 9, from 10:00-11:00am in the PFC. Also, only two more order dates for Christmas! Try to order early for increased availability of certificates for that special teacher, the mailman, or your own stocking stuffer!

Sibling Photos that were taken for the Auction are still available for a \$10.00 donation. These 5x7 black & white "professionally done" pictures make the perfect Christmas gift for mom and dad, and even grandparents! Simply send in your donation attention to: Sibling Photo and your picture will be returned to you via the school mail. For those who have requested reprints, please contact Brian Windbigler of Windbigler Photography.

Dear Parents: With the cold weather upon us we take this opportunity to remind you to not drop off your child/children before 8:00AM when the school doors are opened. If you need to have your child here earlier, we recommend that you make arrangements with Mrs. Gorisek at Extended Care at (216) 382-9513. Also, after school no child/children are to be left unattended in the PFC as they wait for their practices to start. We ask that all children would go home after school and return at their scheduled times. We thank you for your cooperation in these important matters.

Advent Activities: St. Gregory the Great School will be celebrating the season of Advent in a very special way this year. As you enter the school, you will notice our Advent wreath in the main hall.

Each week we will have a special theme and activities which reflect that theme. During the first week our theme is prayer. The second week has the theme of service and sacrifice. Prayer each day will reflect the attitudes of the Beatitudes we are practicing. During the last week of Advent we will use the theme of joy and celebration. Religious Christmas music will be played over the PA each morning until school begins.

Hopefully Advent will be a very special time of preparation for Christmas for all our staff and students. Please feel free to join us in our weekly liturgies on Friday morning, especially during the season of Advent.

Junior High Students: The invitations for the Candy Cane Christmas dance (Dec. 15th) will be distributed this week, and are due back to the school office by Friday, December 8th. Please take note of the dress code that the PTC has adopted for this event.

South Euclid Recycling Committee: Support your city and its recycling programs while you reduce waste and save resources. "Bag the Perfect Gift"...purchase a reusable canvas tote bag for friends and family. For more information please call Mrs. Evans at (216) 382-0694.

John Carroll University invites you and your family to participate in the annual Christmas at Carroll Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th. Please call Lisa Ramsey at (216) 397-4288 for more information.

Karamu House a non-profit arts and education organization is offering a FREE after-school arts academy for children ages 8-14 years old. For more information please call (216) 795-7070.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 6 Christmas Concert 9AM/7PM PFC
- Dec. 8 School Mass/Immaculate Conception 8:45AM (all welcome)
- Dec. 9 Market Day Pick-up
Santa Breakfast 9-11:30AM Cafeteria (nursery through grade 2)
- Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent
St. Gregory Parish Blood Drive 9-2PM PFC
- Dec. 11 PTC Meeting 7PM PFC
- Dec. 13 Advisory Board Meeting 7PM Library
- Dec. 14 Band Concert 7PM PFC
- Dec. 14 Preschool Registration Packets due back
- Dec. 15 School Mass 8:45AM
Junior High Dance 7-10PM PFC