

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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LENT...A TIME OF GREAT GRACE: Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask Our Lady, Mother of God and of the Church, to accompany us on our way through Lent, so that it may be a journey of true conversion. May we let ourselves be led by her, and inwardly renewed we will arrive at the celebration of the great mystery of Christ's Pasch, the supreme revelation of God's merciful love.

Pope Benedict XVI

Thank you to all the parents who sent in their registration for next year! We still have a few families that have not responded. We need these returned ASAP to help us plan class sizes, the number of new students we can accept, and teachers needed. Do not lose your placement by failing to return the Registration forms and fees (we are in Open Registration). If you are not planning to return next year, please notify the school office.

God has called home a very special member of our school staff here at St. Gregory's. Mrs. Effie Littlejohn passed from this life on Wednesday, February 13th.

Mrs. Littlejohn grew up in South Carolina, the oldest of nine children in her family. She came to Cleveland with her husband and their son, Wayne, in the 1950's. They were members of St. Louis Catholic Church.

Mrs. Littlejohn had nieces and nephews who were students at St. Gregory's: Raford T. Odom, Keiyana T. Odom, Gilbert Brisco, Brittoni Brisco, Raven Brisco, and Jasmine Hammons. Her niece Debra R. Odom was a member of the lunch monitor staff. Mrs. Littlejohn joined the staff at St. Gregory's after her husband's death in 1993.

Arriving before the lunch hour each day, Mrs. Littlejohn greeted other staff members and visitors as they arrived at the school. She shared stories often about her family and her neighbors. Often the stories included baking or preparing a meal. She spoke with gratitude of her family, her church, and her friends.

With her calm and quiet manner, Mrs. Littlejohn made certain that the children in her care were safe. She held high expectations for their behavior, and made her expectations clear. She took every opportunity to teach children how to solve a problem or resolve a conflict. She often reminded older students of their responsibility to set a good example.

Mrs. Littlejohn will be remembered here at St. Gregory's as a person who spoke with patience and with love, whose smile reflected peace and joy, whose manner was filled with dignity, warmth, and gentleness. We were richly blessed by her wise and loving spirit. She will be missed greatly by all of us at St. Gregory's.

Peter Wilson

Howley Family Scholarship: The Howley Family Scholarship will be awarded (between \$1000 and \$2000 for 4 years) to several graduating 8th graders in the Diocese going into 9th grade who meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrate substantial financial need
- Score in the top one third of students accepted for the incoming 9th grade class on the admission test
- Demonstrate a high level of academic achievement in elementary school (top 20%)
- Demonstrate strong evidence of family support and cultural attributes necessary to succeed
- Submit 2 recommendations from grade school, one should come from the principal

Please call the school office to request a packet to be sent home with your child. The deadline is March 28th

‘HOME OF THE JAGUARS’ FEBRUARY 19, 2008

MICHAEL C. LICURSI
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOLARSHIP

We are grateful to the Licursi family, who throughout the years, have supported Catholic education. The Licursi family is offering two scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year in memory of their son and brother, Michael. Each scholarship is a one time award of \$1000.00, applicable to students entering grade seven, and grade eight. Application forms (with requirements) are available in the main office. They must be returned by **Monday, April 7th** for consideration.

Through their family's involvement in the PTC, Athletic programs, and by their support of Catholic education (all three children are graduates of St. Gregory the Great Parish School) the Licursi family has given witness to the value of family involvement.

We thank them for their continued support of Catholic education, and for the opportunity to have Michael's memory live on here at St. Gregory's

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE: The PSAS application forms for tuition assistance are now available in the school office. Please stop by the office or call and request that a form be sent home with your child. The completed application along with a fee of \$20.00 must be mailed to the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) by March 1st. Also, the Bishop Anthony M. Pilla Scholarship forms are available in the school office (DUE March 1st). If you have any questions, please call the school (216) 381-0363.

DEAR PARENTS: We are once again working with Mrs. Gail Casey from Euclid who assembles baskets for children from Catholic Social Services and Hospice of Western Reserve. These are children in foster care, group homes or children whose family members have cancer. If not for these baskets, these children would receive nothing or very little for Easter. In the past, the teachers have purchased gifts and joyfully made baskets for these school-aged children. We thought that as part of their Lenten sacrifice, our school children would once again like to participate in this giving project also.

Each grade level has received the names of a boy and a girl about the same age as their grade. Each grade level also was given a suggested gift list with age and gender-appropriate gift suggestions. Any monetary gift or small gift will be appreciated. Students may want to even get together with a group of friends to purchase a gift. Gifts can include crayons, toothbrushes, hair supplies, toys, videos, books, games, stickers, playing cards, puzzles, socks, bath products, jewelry, etc. The teachers will purchase gifts with the collected money and assemble the baskets.

It is suggested that your child use his or her own money, or perhaps do chores around the house to earn that money. This should truly be your child's Lenten sacrifice. **Monetary donations or gifts are due to the children's homeroom teachers by Friday, February 29th.** The teachers and staff have always greatly enjoyed being part of this worthwhile activity. We look forward to the children's enthusiastic support as well.

Got Milk?? Mrs. Guzan will once again be collecting empty one-gallon plastic milk jugs. Rinse them clean and include the lid and bring them to the library. We need about 200 empty jugs. Thanks for your help!!

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEWS: Just a reminder, our Malley's Candy Sale ends next Monday, February 25th. One more week to earn huge savings off your tuition!!! Pick-up is March 10th in the PFC from 6:00-8:00PM. For your convenience, you may also order online at register.malleys.com using our school code #299941. Full details are offered on the inside cover of the Malley's brochure you received last week. Hop to it and order today!