

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WRAPUP: We had a great Catholic Schools Week. Last Sunday's Open House was a perfect start to the week, with parents and visitors in all parts of the school viewing student work and talking with the teachers. The Art Show in the gym, a special addition this year, featured artwork from our students, and artists who joined us to show and discuss their work. Thank you to our visiting artists: **Roger Mastroianni, Christine Grieves, Toni Byrne, Deborah Perez-Stable, and Mark Sudduth.** Congratulations to our winners of the Art Fair raffle: **Luke Stergar** won the frame and **Helen Mersek** won the art supplies. Also on a grand scale this week, the PTC presented to each student a very fine St. Gregory the Great t-shirt in a fun new design. A special thanks to Mr. Rich Majikas for creating the design. Many thanks to the PTC for the wonderful events of Catholic Schools Week, including Pastry with Parents, and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. You make every event a joyful celebration!

PTC NEWS: The board positions of President and Vice President will be up for re-election this year. We are asking those interested in these positions to please attend the February & March PTC meetings. If you have any questions regarding either position please call, Michelle Farinacci 440.646.9250

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Thank you to all the parents who sent in their Registration forms for the fall! We still have families who 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. A late fee of \$35.00 will be assessed after Friday, February 19th. If you are not planning to return next year, please notify the school office.



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 2010-2011 school year in memory of their son and brother, Michael. Each scholarship is a one time award of \$1500.00, applicable to students entering grade seven and grade eight. Application forms (with essay requirements) are available in the main office. They must be returned by **Monday, March 29th** 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.

Howley Family Scholarship: The Howley Family Scholarship will be awarded (between \$1500 and \$2500 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 **Monday, March 29th.**

LENT IS COMING......did you know that the ashes we use on Ash Wednesday are made by burning old palm branches? To do this we need used palm. You can help us in this task by bringing in your used palm branches and placing them in the basket in the back of the church. Ash Wednesday is February 17th, so we will need them by the weekend. Please do not take them to the Parish office. Thank you for your help!

“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” FEBRUARY 8, 2010



M. Thomas Moore Family Scholarship (\$500.00) is available in the school office upon request for students entering grades two through eight. Requirements: Financial need and a PSAS form must accompany application. A letter is required by parent or student stating why he/she believes they meet the eligibility requirements. **Deadline is March 1st** (four awarded in the Diocese).

RECYCLING NEWS: Our paper recycling bin has arrived! Please bring your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, paper, phone books and bagged shredded paper to the bright green and yellow bin at the east end of the school building near the Credit Union. The bin can be accessed from the school driveway off Rushton Road. This fundraiser will help support our Science Club and Youth Group.

SKI CLUB NEWS: Thank you to all of the Ski Club participants! We had a fun year with great weather! Don't forget that you can go out on Fridays for the rest of the season with your tags. Your freebie cards are good anytime for you, your family, or a friend. See you next year!

SPRING CYO SPORTS REGISTRATION: The Spring Sports Registration Form is in today's paper pack. Boys and girls in the fourth through eighth grade attending St. Gregory the Great Parish School or Parish School of Religion are eligible to register for track, baseball, or softball. If you wish to register your child for a Spring CYO Sport please complete the form and return it to school with the registration fee paid in full no later than Friday, February 19th. The CYO Spring Sport Registration form is also available on the school website.

OPEN HOUSE 2010

Open House 2010 was an unprecedented beginning to Catholic Schools Week. From the balloon pillars that adorned the main entrance to the teddy bear trail that led to Tabor House, this will be an Open House that will be long remembered.

The success of this endeavor would never have been possible without the generosity, creativity and hard work of many people. A special "Thank You" to the Clifford Family and the Majikas Family for hours of tireless dedication and attention to every detail of the event. We would like to thank Father Ireland, Student Council, Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus, Endowment Board, Credit Union, PTC and Athletic Club for their generous gifts and support.

We are grateful for the generous helping hands of Kathy Cole, Sheri DelBalso, Dominic DelBalso, Ellie Kohl, Joe Stanziano, Audrey Stanziano, Denise Smrdel, Carter Welo, Matthew Wenzel, Tom Wenzel Amanda Yarbrough, Michelle Farinacci, Carmen Matz, and students Charlie Casa, Daniel Jamieson, Maddie Levand, Michael Shaughnessy, and Rachel Windbigler. Thanks to our wonderful faculty and staff for all the preparations for Open House, and for hosting the large numbers of parents and visitors in the classrooms.

Thanks to Peggy Hyland and all the Art Fair volunteers for making possible this much appreciated addition to our Open House: Margaret Fleming, Mary Bridget Ribinskas, Nichole Capitanio, Jennifer Barton, Kay Kusnerek, Katie Hyland, Jim Hyland, and John Hyland.

Winners:

\$50.00 Spirit wear: Sue Bedinghaus
St. Gregory Blanket Raffle: Linda Lalley
Recipe Raffle: Sean Zaslov
Pick a Pew: Jacob Liptow
Music Man Raffle: Cathy Kups
\$50.00 Tuition Discount: Isaiah Gundani
\$100.00 Tuition Discount: Julia Monaco

DRAMA CLUB NEWS: The St. Gregory the Great Drama Club sold black and white 5x7 "sibling photos" at the Open House on Sunday, January 31st. If you were unable to pick up your child's/children's photo and still would like to purchase it, please fill out the form below and send it in an envelope marked "Drama Club." All children who were in school the day the photos were taken will have their photo available whether or not there are siblings in the school. A special thank you to Brian Windbigler for donating his time and talents.

Child's Name _____ Room Number _____

The photos are \$5.00. Please make checks payable to SGDC. Thank you!!