

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ATTENTION: All Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students for the 2009-2010 School Year.

Please be sure to mark **WEDNESDAY, April 1st** on your calendar. The meeting for incoming kindergarten parents will be held at 7:00PM in the school cafeteria. The kindergarten assessment process will be explained. This parent meeting is required for those parents who never had a child attend our kindergarten program and for those who have not been in our program within the last three years. If for some reason you cannot attend this important meeting, you must pick up your packet at the school office by Wednesday, April 8th.



For those not required to attend, your packet of information will be sent home with an older sibling. For those without siblings, please pick up your packets in the school office no later than Wednesday, April 8th.

Early Prevention of School Failure Screening (EPSF) will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st. You will be given your child's assigned day and time for his/her assessment at the meeting

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS: Elections for seats on the St. Gregory School Advisory Board will be held in May. There are **three** (3) seats open for this election. Please consider devoting your time and energy to ensuring a bright and promising future for our school and our children. The board meets one evening each month during the school year; sub committees meet or work during other times of the month as needed. Each board member is elected to a 2-year term. Applications must be received by **April 30** to the main office or to any SAB member. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website and are available at the school office. Elections will be held the last two weeks in May. The SAB bylaws are available in the school office. If you have any questions contact Gary Novinc (440-446-9399), or email: gary.novinc@ge.com.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEWS: Tonight is the Malley's Candy Sale pick-up. Please arrive at the PFC between 6:00 – 7:30PM to pick up your order. You can still order your Easter treats until April 6 online and you will receive 25% of your total sales. Also, attached to today's newsletter is a modified order form to be used on **MONDAY, APRIL 6 ONLY**. These are the only certificates that will be available that week, so **PLEASE** use the attached form. All other certificates will have to be ordered the following week. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

IMPORTANT DATES

M. Thomas Moore Scholarship due – April 1st
Michael C. Licursi Scholarship due – April 6th

Early Prevention Screening (EPSF) April 20th & 21st
No classes for Kindergarten or Preschool (ONLY)

Beaumont Experience/girls grs. 6 & 7 April 23rd
6-7:30PM
Science Club grades 3-5 3-4PM April 3rd

MARKET DAY: This month is "Sweet Rewards". Help us earn extra dollars with every Sweet Rewards purchase you make this month. Purchase 3 qualifying desserts and receive a free insulated bag!
Our next sale date is April 11th.
Thanks for your support. Any questions please call Mrs. Jill McGuigan at (216) 381-6349.

SAFETY MATTERS: Students walking home from school must follow traffic safety rules for their safety as well as to set an example for younger students. Please be aware of the places where your child is crossing streets. No student is to cross Rushton Road at any place except the crosswalk unless they are with their parent. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

“HOME OF THE JAGUARS”
MARCH 30, 2009

UNIFORM EXCHANGE: Volunteers are needed to take over and coordinate the collection and exchange of “gently worn” St. Greg’s uniforms. This is a great way to help out our St. Gregory families. This does not involve a huge time commitment. Special scheduled day for setting up a table would be Orientation day and Curriculum night. Contact with families in need for your services would be made through the school office. If interested, please call the office at (216) 381-0363. Thanks!

ST. GREGORY YARD SIGNS: The lawn sign that you took home during Catholic Schools Week was a good way to tell our community that you are proud to be a part of Catholic Education at St. Gregory’s. We ask that when you take the signs down you store them in a safe place for the next time St. Gregory’s is ready to “get the word out”.



LENT...A Time of Great Grace

1. If you can't do Mass daily, go to Mass on Fridays in addition to Sunday and thank Him for laying his life down for you.
2. Spend at least 30 minutes in Eucharistic adoration at least one time during the week.
3. Recover the Catholic tradition of making frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament throughout the week, even if it is only for 5 minutes.
4. Get to confession at least once during Lent after making a good examination of conscience.
5. Make a decision to read at least some Scripture every day. **Starting with Today's!**
6. If you've never done a family rosary, begin doing it. If starting with once a week, try Friday or Sunday. If it's tough to start with a full five decades, try starting with one.
7. Make it a habit to stop several times a day, raise your heart and mind to God, and say a short prayer such as “Jesus, I love you”.
8. Pray each day for the intentions and health of the Holy Father.
9. Pray each day for your bishop and all the bishops of the Catholic Church.
10. Pray for your priests and deacons and for all priests and deacons.
11. Pray for the evangelization of all those who have not yet heard and accepted the Good News about Jesus.
12. Pray for an end to abortion on demand in the United States. Pray for pregnant women contemplating abortion.
13. Find a written biography of a Saint that particularly appeals to you, and read it during Lent.
14. Find a local homeless shelter, soup kitchen, or crisis pregnancy center, and volunteer some time there throughout Lent. Serve the people there with the understanding that in so doing, you are serving Jesus. Try to see Jesus in each person there.
15. Visit someone at a nursing home or in the hospital or sick at home. Again, love Jesus in and through the suffering person.
16. Is there a widow or divorced person living in your neighborhood? If so, invite that person to your home for dinner, coffee, etc.
17. View Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* during Lent.
18. Spend some focused time with your spouse, strengthening your marriage. Start praying together, or make praying together a more frequent occurrence.
19. Spend some focused time together with each of your children. Listen. Pray.
20. When Easter comes, don't drop the new practice you've begun with your family.

