

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” MARCH 8, 2010

A NEW BEGINNING... We share with great joy mixed with a sense of sadness that Joe and Audrey Stanziano will be retiring at the end of the school year. Our joy is in knowing that they will be able to devote their time to each other, their wonderful family, and all the possibilities that come with retirement. Our sadness is knowing that they will not be a part of our school days as we move into the future. Audrey came on board here part time in 1969 and became our full time manager in 1982. Joe joined the staff in 1992. In speaking with Audrey and Joe they shared their thoughts on the new name of our parish and school... “A gift of a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was given to us upon moving into our first home back in 1955. Also, over my desk in the cafeteria hangs a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It has been there for 10 years now. The name of our new parish and school means to us...mercy, forgiveness, hope and Resurrection. As we look at the Sacred Heart of Jesus... He is our one Lord, our hope. We are to look up and see the prize, keeping in mind that no matter what we go through in our families or in our faith and school communities...our joy and hope is in Him...our Sacred Heart of Jesus”. As we share this news with our faith and school community many of us are flooded with warm and wonderful memories of how we have been loved and cared for in their “Garden of Love”. Whether you are a student visiting, a graduate or a new family coming through the school, when you enter the cafeteria the sounds and smells greet you along with a warm smile and a cookie treat or peanut butter cream. You were not allowed to leave without being feed a special treat. The Stanziano’s would often, knowing a parish or school family was in need, packed up a meal from their cafeteria kitchen and took it over to share with them along with prayers being said for the family. They also, share their time, talent, and delicious cooking with many organizations and functions here at the parish and school such as: Summer Festival, Drama Club, Right to Life Committee, Pre Cana and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Putting their name on the flyer for a fundraiser is sure to draw the crowds to make any event a success! We deeply appreciate their prayerful, loving ways here at St. Gregory and the legacy and model of generosity of spirit that will be forever etched in our minds and hearts.

We are preparing for our new name, *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, to take effect in June. At parent and teacher meetings over the last two weeks there has been much agreement about our priorities. We must maintain the highest quality of teaching, maintain our traditions, keep the school and parish financially strong, and keep tuition affordable. Parishioners, teachers, students, and alumni are all being asked to share their ideas about uniforms, colors, and the many details involved in a name change. The marketing group working with Ms. Kim Herbert is meeting this week to map out a plan for communicating information clearly and positively to the wider community.

We are preparing a report of the progress toward the accreditation goals we set in 2008. This report will be sent next month to the OCSAA, the state accrediting body for Catholic schools. The report will focus on the action steps we have taken in the areas of Catholic Identity and Student Learning. At the same time we will submit evidence of our compliance with all state standards for curriculum, safety, and teacher credentials.

We are making progress in our move from Tabor House to the main building for kindergarten, preschool, art, and music. Carpet has been removed from three rooms in preparation for the move. We are working with the Central Purchasing Office of the diocese to select new flooring materials. We are cleaning out old storage areas and preparing new ones. Sherwin Williams has donated paint, and volunteers are ready to do the painting. June 8th will be “moving day,” when grades 4, 5 and 6 will move to their new classrooms, and all classes will have their home in the main school building.

CONGRATULATIONS... to the following students who are winners of the LifeWorks Ohio Art and Essay Contest:

1st place – **Samantha Bauman**

2nd place – **Lianna LoDuca**

3rd place – **Chris DiVita**

An award ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 21st from 3-5PM at the Ridge Manor Party Center at 4360 Ridge Road in Brookpark.

EASTER BASKETS: Monetary donations or gifts are due to the homerooms by **Monday, March 15th**. The teachers and staff have always enjoyed being part of this worthwhile service activity. We look forward to the children’s enthusiastic support as well. God bless you and your families during the Holy season of Lent.

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE



The Student Council is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Father Michael Ozanam Center at St. Philomena Church on Euclid Avenue. This Center services families in our community. We are asking each student from Pre-School through grade 8 to bring in non-perishable food items. These items will be collected beginning **Monday, March 15th through Thursday, March 18th**. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Suggestions:

- Canned vegetables, fruit, juices and soups
- Instant potatoes, stuffing mix, rice
- Pastas, macaroni & cheese
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Flour, sugar
- Coffee, creamer, instant hot chocolate, tea
- Dessert mixes, jello
- Canned milk
- Napkins, paper towels, toilet paper
- Cereal



PTC NEWS: The third and fourth grade Mother/Son Bowling Event is scheduled for Sunday, April 11th from 3:00-5:00PM. More information with an RSVP will be coming home soon. We are in need of volunteers for this event. If you can help, please call Claire Laffey at (440) 479-1900. Thanks!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Monday, March 8 - PTC meeting 7PM/PFC all are welcome
Thursday, March 11 – Science Club mtg (grs 3-8) 2:35-3:30PM/rm 101
Thursday, March 18 - Early dismissal 1:30PM/Teacher meetings
Friday, March 19 – No school/Teacher Professional day

John Carroll University

11th Summer Chemistry Camp
Grades 4th – 7th
June 21st – 25th
Questions call
Faith Whitworth (216) 397-4792

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. 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.

College Advantage is an easy, affordable and tax-free way for families to plan and save for college. Informational flyers are available in the school office. Please call if you would like one sent home with your child.

Are you a mother who sometimes feels frustrated, discouraged, and alone? Do you want to get control of your household, grow closer to God, love your husband more, and raise good Christian children? Join other wives and mothers and let us share with you a way to have less stress, less strife, and less housework! Our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30PM in the Rectory basement. For questions - call Heather Benda 216-382-5918.