

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM GRADE FOUR: Last Monday, March 2nd was a busy day for grade four. It was **OHIO’S BIRTHDAY**...our home state is 206 years old! The students celebrated our statehood with a birthday party! Thanks to our wonderful room mothers: **Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Bujoll and Mrs. Kander**, our students received their own Ohio flag, special treats, and topping it all with an Ohio game!

Later in the day, Sergeant Nick Pohlman visited the fourth graders, thanking them for their “special prayers”, cards and letters for him as he serves his time in Iraq. Sergeant Pohlman was on leave, and will return to Iraq. We ask for your prayers for all of our men and women serving our country in Iraq and around the world.

HOW TO FAST: LENTEN REFLECTION FROM EWTN

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from unrelenting pressure;
Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from apparent darkness;
Feast on the reality of light.

Fast from negatives;
Feast on positives.

Fast from pessimism;
Feast on optimism.

Fast from complaining;
Feast on appreciation.

Fast from thoughts of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from hostility;
Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on phrases that purify.

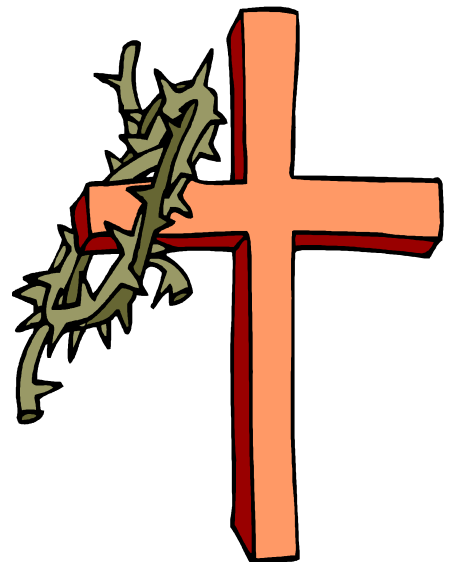
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from anger;
Feast on patience

Fast from anxiety;
Feast on hope.

Fast from worry;
Feast on Divine Providence.

Fast from yourself;
Feast on a silent heart.



We are grateful to the Licursi family, who throughout the years, have supported Catholic education. The Licursi family is offering two scholarships for the 2009-2010 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, April 6th** 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 \$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 30th.

PARENTS/IMPORTANT: Thank you to all the parents who sent in their registrations (forms and fees) for next year! We still have a few families that have not responded. The registration deadline was **Friday, February 20th**. For those families who have not sent in their forms and fees by that date, a **late fee of \$35.00** will need to be sent in with the initial registration fees (K-8 \$100.00 per child/Preschool \$130.00 per child) We thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. If you are not planning to return next year, please notify the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were winners in the LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest - **Sixth grade: 3rd place - Emily Clementi, Honorable Mention - Joe Bando; Seventh grade: 1st place - Sara Ciuprinskas, 2nd place - Rachel Windbigler, 3rd place - Charlie Casa, Honorable Mention - Rachel Novinc; Eighth grade 3rd place - Joanna Hallisy.** We are proud of their inspirational expression of support for all human life, from the moment of conception until natural death. The awards ceremony was on Sunday, March 8th.

The Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair was held on March 2nd-5th at John Carroll University. Over 600 junior high and high school students from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina Portage, and Summit counties participated. Twelve students from the seventh and eighth grades represented St. Gregory the Great School at the fair. The following students were awarded **Third place: Chris Capretta, Charlie Casa, Jacob Kowalczyk, Mia Mastroianni, Rachel Novinc, and Courtney Prebul.** The following students were awarded **Honorable Mention: Caroline Becker, Owen Grieves, Bridget Karboski, Kelsey Letizio, Anna Senchak, and Rachel Windbigler.** Congratulations to these students for their excellent work. A special thank you to Mrs. Maureen Becker and Mrs. Mary Carney for their work in preparing the students for this science fair.

PTC NEWS: Tonight's PTC meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be April 20th, 7PM in the PFC.

Attention all volunteers: Many items are missing from the PTC closet. If anyone has taken an item home to wash after an event and forgot to return it, please do so as soon as possible. Clearly mark the item "PTC" and send it in to the main office. We are attempting to recover many items that have not been returned over the years. We are grateful for your cooperation.

MARKET DAY NEWS: Thanks to all who supported Market Day in February! Unfortunately, we missed our goal for the \$250.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble bookstore by just \$300.00. Our next sale is on March 14, 2009. Hope to see you there. Jill McGuigan (216) 381-6349

Introducing... A New Singing Angels Chorus. For grades 1 & 2. Children will be taught beginning singing, performing skills, and music theory. If interested please call Mrs. Karen Harris at (216) 432-5555 ext. 12.

Lake Catholic High School Theatre Program presents their spring musical, Jekyll & Hyde on 3/14, 3/15, 3/20, 3/21 and 3/22 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) at 7:30pm in the Lake Catholic Auditorium. For more information call 440-951-0077 x253 or visit our website at www.lakecatholic.org.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM NEWS: Just a reminder that our Malley's Candy Sale ends next Monday, March 16th for orders placed through school. 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. Pick-up is March 23rd in the PFC from 6-7:30pm. Hop to it and order today...you receive 25% of your total sales!!!