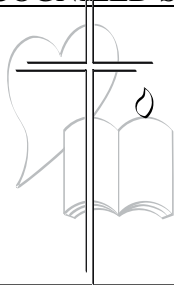


ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS” MAY 18, 2009

FESTIVAL NEWS: To all families of St. Gregory the Great School. The annual summer festival will be held on July 16th thru 19th this year. Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. **All families are required to buy/sell \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets.** To ensure that you are given proper credit for the sales, we would ask that you use the yellow ticket envelope to return the proceeds to the parish office. This is extremely important. It will help us track the sales and avoid any problems down the line.

Further, we would encourage each parent to work at least 2 shifts during the festival. **We are in need of captains for the Dice and First Aid booths.** So, if you are looking for a way to give back to the parish, we NEED your help.

Please consider being a captain of a booth. Remember, we need your help to continue to make the festival a success. Also, if you did not receive your raffle tickets, please contact Eileen Gerome at (216) 382-7601.

PRESCHOOL LAST DAY REMINDERS: The 3-year Preschool class will have their “*Picnic Party*” on Wednesday, May 20th from 8:15 to 10:45AM (includes both AM and PM classes). The 4-year Preschool class will have their “*Celebration Party*” on Thursday, May 21st from 8:15 to 11:00 AM (includes both AM and PM classes). Additionally, Preschool T-shirts with the Jaguar logo will be sold for \$5.00. Please contact your room parents with any questions.

PTC NEWS: As I complete my fourth year as treasurer of the PTC, I want to provide a financial report of the 2008-2009 school year. To date, we have had income of \$31,530.00 and expenses/expected expenses of \$25,225.00. The income comes from dues and fundraisers such as Box Tops for Education, Market Day and the Magazine Drive. This year we hosted/or will host a Pool Party, the Father/Daughter Dance, the Jr. High Winter Dance, Mother/Son Bowling, Breakfast with Santa, the Twinkle Shop, Pastries with Parents, a Skating Party, the Sock Hop, the Jr. High Spring Dance, Graduation, end-of-school preschool and kindergarten parties and end-of-school picnic for grades 1- 7 (signs will be posted soon). We hosted an assembly on Internet safety. We produced the school directories. Our hospitality volunteers provided meals for the teachers during Orientation, snacks for the teacher’s meetings, refreshments for Catholic Schools Week and Coffee with the Principal. We were able to show our children’s appreciation to their teachers with a small monetary gift at Christmas and the purchase of new, modest furniture for the teachers’ lounge. We supported Catholic Schools Week, Special Persons Day, the Auction, the Junior High Drama presentation and the marketing efforts of the school. We purchased guitars for Mrs. Freas to use in teaching the Junior High students. Throughout the school year we have continued to purchase Teacher Wish List items, including vacuums, board games for indoor recess, and toys for outdoor recess. We paid to have the school’s wiring updated to better accommodate computer technology, and we are continuing our work on our signage project. We will provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating eighth grade student. I am very proud to be a part of such a wonderful group. With the help of so many parent volunteers, we have successfully raised money, provided a number of terrific activities for the students, showed our appreciation for the teachers and helped improve the school. I pray that next year will be just as successful as this year. Have a wonderful summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Urbon

SEA MONKEY’S: It is once again that time of year to start thinking about the South Euclid/Lyndhurst Sea Monkey's swim team. We will have 5 meets this summer. Practices are at Victory and Lyndhurst pools. Registration is on Tuesday May 19th at the South Euclid City Hall from 6:30-8:30PM and on Wednesday May 27th at the Lyndhurst City Hall from 6-8PM. Please visit our website at selseamonkeys.com for more information or call Christine Novinc at (440) 446-9399 or Mary Jo Levand (216) 291-8999. Have a splash this summer and join the Sea Monkeys!!

ATTENTION...LOOKING FOR HELP: Confirmation is Sunday, May 24th. Anyone who is able to help with the reception in any of these areas please contact Michelle Farinacci at (440) 646.9250 (set up 5pm - serving during Reception 6:15PM - clean up at 7PM). Seventh grade students can earn service hours (hours will be turned in to your teachers). We know this falls during a very busy weekend. **Your help would be much appreciated.**

- S:** Students working to help other students.
- T:** Terrific activities organized to promote school spirit.
- U:** Universal support for community programs.
- D:** Determined class representatives reaching out to others.
- E:** Engaging older and younger classes alike.
- N:** Nonstop student leadership.
- T:** Teachers working with students to promote organization, friendship, and fun.



COUNCIL NEWS: St. Gregory the Great School Student Council is an important part of the spirit of our school community. This terrific organization of students lead this year by **Co-presidents** Tim McVey and Elise Mascia organized in-school fun including “Pajama Day” and “School Bingo.” However, there were other extraordinary successes in the community outreach activities as well. For example, the incredible generosity of our school community made our annual food drive one of the most successful collections ever. Another well received activity was the decorating of the Christmas tree and University Suburban Health Center on Green Road. The entire student body participated in making ornaments for the tree. Also, the Student Council trip to the Green’s Nursing Home and the “Penny Harvest” drive each made an impact in their own ways. Many thanks to our other members: **Treasurer** ~ Kevin Sonnhalter, **Secretary** ~ Grace Gielink, **Advisory Board Members** ~ Megan Best, Shannon Byrd, Chris Capretta, Charlie Casa, Nicole Greisl, Maddie Levand, Patrick Mohorcic, Nick Redding, Brittany Schreiber, and Chloe Sudduth ~ **Homeroom Representatives** ~ Christopher Sonnhalter, Alec Newlon, Emily Suppel, Sean Kelley, Mary Medovich, Maggie King, Michael Shaughnessy, Julie Novario, Michelle Krebs, Chaz Bottoms, and Anna Rieck, for all they did to help foster enthusiasm and cooperation in our school through Student Council this year.

Teacher Representatives: Mrs. Hanus, Mrs. Klug, Mrs. Liebenauer, and Miss Mascia

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PTC SCHOLARSHIP

The Saint Gregory the Great PTC Scholarship has been made possible through the generosity of the St. Gregory PTC. A five hundred-dollar, non-renewable scholarship will be paid directly to the Catholic secondary school of the selected recipient.

Open to any eighth grade student attending a Catholic secondary school in the coming year, the Alumni Scholarship is intended to assist a student who has maintained the expectations and standards of St. Gregory the Great School.

Applicants are asked to write an essay about the importance of their education at St. Gregory’s.

GREAT LAKES BILLING SERVICE AWARD

We are very grateful to Great Lakes Billing Associates who are once again sponsoring a service scholarship to any eighth grader. This scholarship will award \$1000.00 to a student who exemplifies service to school, church, or community.

This scholarship acknowledges a student whose commitment to service is a “shining example” to his or her peers. Students are asked to write an essay on their service projects, and plans for continued commitment to service as well as provide a letter of recommendation from a current teacher.

Information about each of these scholarships is being sent home with the eighth graders today. If you have any questions, please contact one of the eighth grade teachers. **All applications must be returned no later than May 27, 2009**

ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS: Fall Sport Registration

The CYO Fall Sports Registration Form is in today’s paper pack. The 2009 CYO Fall Sports are Football, Volleyball and Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer. Students in the 4th through 8th grade are eligible to register. Students in the 3rd and 4th grade are eligible to register for Intramural Flag Football. Please see the enclosed form for more details. The registration form and fee for CYO Sports must be returned by Tuesday June 2nd.

Football News: Please be sure to read the fliers on Football Evaluations and the Football Mini Camp in today’s paper pack. The Football Evaluation will be held May 27th and 28th from 4:30 to 5:30PM at St. Gregory the Great. Attendance is mandatory for all incoming 7th and 8th graders. The Football Mini Camp will be held Monday, June 1st, Tuesday, June 2nd, and Wednesday, June 3rd from 3:30 to 5:30PM at St. Gregory the Great. Details inside today’s paper pack.

Sports Exams: CYO requires that St. Gregory the Great must have a current Pre-participation Physical Exam Form for every student registered to play a CYO or Intramural sport. The CYO Pre-participation Physical Exam Form can be found on the Forms page on the school website. A good way to keep current is to bring the form to your child’s check up each year. If your child’s Pre-participation Physical Exam Form is not current, consider attending a Sports Exam Clinic at University Suburban Health Center at 8AM on July 18th. This time has been reserved for St. Gregory the Great students. The cost is \$15.00 per child. Please bring the CYO Form and a check or cash.