

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the School Advisory Board: Mr. Wilson shared with the Advisory Board the results of the survey that all families had the opportunity to complete. The overwhelming majority replied that the school colors and mascot stay the same, that uniforms for gym and sports be replaced as needed, and that the school uniforms remain generally unchanged. Most of comments given tend to fall in the following categories: Be positive, optimistic and encouraging; Parishioners and Parents want to be informed and involved as much as possible; Families have concerns about any financial impact; Make the transition as gradual as possible. The majority of the written remarks were positive and constructive.

The School Advisory Board is always open to listen to your comments and concerns. Please submit any ideas for discussion through the school office or the link on the school website. Our meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the school library; all are welcome.

PARENTS/IMPORTANT: Coming home with the newsletter in the Monday mail-pack is a copy of the school year calendar, our Dress Code, raffle tickets for the summer festival, and the supply list for your child/children. For your convenience we will also have this information posted on our website. Please keep them in a safe place for your future reference.

In today's newsletter you will have an opportunity to read the statements of the candidates for the School Advisory Board. Please vote for your choices (3) and return the ballot sheet at the end of this newsletter to the school office by Friday, May 28th.

DOMINIC DELBALSO: I would like to be a member of the board for a number of reasons, all of which are to insure that the school grows stronger each year. My focus will be on financial accountability, leadership, enrollment growth, increased involvement, and quality of education.

Professionally, I have successfully led high performance teams in excess of 30+ people as well as managed a budget of approximately \$80 million per year. With these responsibilities comes the ability to make difficult, but intelligent, budget and personnel decisions. Leadership is not simply managing, it is about setting direction. In leading various teams, I believe that it is important to be out in front of issues and not sit back to see what happens. Take an aggressive approach to each opportunity.

I am a member of not only my company's senior leadership team, but also a member of an advisory board for a Fortune 100 technology company. In each, I work to set direction for the organization.

As St. Gregory the Great School transforms into Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy, it is important to place a strong emphasis on increasing our enrollment by actively going after new families. We should not simply wait for them to apply. As we continue to make positive strides, overall involvement from each family will increase as people see the results.

I am an alumnus of St. Gregory the Great. One thing that I took with me into life was the quality of the teachers that I had in every grade, some of which are still at St. Greg's. We need to always be sure to retain our top teachers and work with them to insure our children's needs are met.

CAROL FIORELLI: Over the years, as a fulltime working mother, I have had to make choices for myself and my family of how best to allocate my time. While I wasn't always able to "give back" as often as I would have like, I knew there would be a time in my life when that would be possible. The time is now. My two daughters, Julie and Amanda, both graduates of St. Gregory the Great School (2000 and 2002), are grown and I am now realizing a freedom to pursue my own interests and I think this opportunity would be a great fit. My husband Dennis and I have made it our priority to provide our daughters the best education possible and St. Gregory was part of that plan. Simply put, I would love to be part of a team to ensure the students and parents have the best experience possible at a school that means so much to us.

I am currently a Senior Vice President with Key Bank in the Enterprise Technology Governance, Risk and Compliance office. Over my 31 year career with Key Bank, I have managed large projects, large numbers of staff, and product development, with multi-million dollar budgets. I understand what it means to be accountable to make the most of limited resources. Prior to this career, I was a

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Math teacher for the Maple Heights Board of Education, teaching 7th and 9th grade. I have a BS in Education from Bowling Green State University and an MBA from John Carroll University. I myself attended St. Gregory the Great School through 6th grade, and then graduated from Memorial Junior High and Brush High School (1969-yes, we just celebrated our 40th high school reunion!). I think this demonstrates the deep roots I have for education, the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy and the community in which I have lived most of my life. While my daughters attended Gilmour Academy for high school (and they were very well prepared), I was an active member of the Women's Club and served on the board for several years. I participated in and was responsible for several fund-raising events in that role.

I, along with my husband Dennis, strongly believe the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy plays an important role in the South Euclid community and just maintaining its viability is not enough, continuing to move forward will be great for the students, parents, faculty, parish, community and the city. My time is now to make a commitment to that goal.

KATHY LYNCH: I have had four daughters graduate from St. Gregory the Great School, Erin 1997, Caitlain 1999, Megan 2007 and Colleen 2008. As you can see my relationship with the school has a span of over 20 years and in those 20+ years St. Greg's has been through many changes. What has remained consistent is the commitment of our teachers, and the type of student that graduates from the school. My daughters were well prepared for high school not only academically, but socially. So my strongest qualification would be that I believe in what we are doing at St. Greg's. I currently work at Gilmour Academy, and prior to that I worked at Regina High School which is closing at the end of this school year. For five years I worked in the Guidance office at Regina, but in the last three years I was their business manager. The experience and knowledge I gained in that position would be beneficial in this role on the advisory board. My last four years working at Gilmour Academy have been a great experience. I am working in a community that is always seeking better ways to serve their families which I feel is an important mindset to have if I were elected to the Advisory Board.

My husband Chris and I are firm believers and supporters of Catholic Education. We attended Catholic school at St. Ann's in Cleveland Hts. so those traditions, beliefs and way of life are instilled in us. St. Gregory's is facing some challenges, I feel my experience in working in a Catholic education setting for 12 years, along with my love and commitment to St. Gregory's Parish and School would make me a good candidate for the advisory board.

CARMEN MATZ: I have enjoyed serving the school as an Advisory Board Member for the past two years, and would appreciate the opportunity to continue that honor for another term. My belief is that the Advisory Board and its members should be a positive influence as the school embraces its new identity as Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy. I want to be that constructive force helping our school maintain its excellence and ensuring its longevity in this community. As a current board member, former teacher, and parent, I know that I have the qualifications to achieve these goals.

Please use this tear-slip to cast your vote. We ask that you return this to the school office by Friday, May 28th.

ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS MAY 2010

Please vote for no more than 3 candidates:

_____ Dominic DelBalso

_____ Carol Fiorelli

_____ Kathy Lynch

_____ Carmen Matz

DRAMA CLUB NEWS: Attention all current 6th & 7th grade parents - we know this year's drama club production just ended and what a show it was! However, we are already looking forward to 2011! We need you and your help in order to make the 2011 production as successful...so please plan on attending an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Church hall! Any questions, please contact Melissa Wenzler 440-725-0753. See you then!

BOX TOPS: The last turn-in date for Box Tops and Campbell Labels is tomorrow, Tuesday, May 25. The classroom with the most turned in will receive a movie and a treat! A reminder to all Box Tops volunteers that our cutting session will be Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 in the PFC. Thank you for your support of this program!