

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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A few thoughts from Fr. Ireland: Know of my prayers for our Confirmation Class and our First Communion Class. I am very happy for them as they continue to grow in holiness. A special thank you goes out to our teachers who worked so hard in preparing them.

Thanks goes out to our Cub Scouts and the Knights of Columbus for their hard work over the weekend cleaning up the grounds around Mary's Statue. God job!

Speaking of the Knights of Columbus...we have just been granted our own council. Dads, why not consider joining this important group in the life of the church. If you join within the next couple of weeks you will be one of the charter members. Come and learn the many benefits of membership. We're meeting this Tuesday, May 4th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

We're looking forward to a wonderful performance of "The Music Man" by our junior high. The youth and many adults have been working very hard over the past months. I know it is going to be wonderful.

In merger news, we are going to miss Fr. Holland very much. He has been a very good presence in the school, bringing the faith to our children. We wish him well as he begins his assignment in Stow in June.

As was announced at the Masses on Sunday, Bishop Lennon met with me on Friday and appointed me to be the new pastor of our new Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. I have been honored to be the pastor of St. Gregory the Great and look forward to continuing to work with all of you. If you have some ideas for our future Parish and Academy I would be very happy to hear from you. Let us continue to build on our strong foundation and step forward in faith. Please keep me in your prayers as I strive to do God's work. Please know of my prayers.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for seats on the School Advisory Board will be held in May

The School Advisory Board is comprised of at least seven (7) individuals concerned about our school and its community. Currently there is a minimum of three (3) seats available. Please consider devoting your time and energy to ensuring a bright and promising future for our school and our children. The board usually meets on the third Wednesday each month at 7PM during the school year. Subcommittees 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 **Monday, May 17** to the main office or to any SAB member. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website or are available in the school office. Elections will be held between May 19th and May 26th. The SAB bylaws are available in the school office. If you have any questions contact Carmen Matz (216-932-3475) or email: cbmatz@yahoo.com

PTC NEWS: We are looking to fill the following PTC Committee head positions:

Confirmation/Graduation (This should be a parent of a 7th or 8th grade student), 3rd and 4th Grade Socials, and 5th and 6th grade socials, Box Tops, Hospitality, Jr. High Dances, Market Day and Room Parents. This is a fantastic way to get involved and be of service to your child's school! Please feel free to sign up with a friend. If you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions, please contact Sarah Tuggey at (216) 409-9289.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT: Don't forget that paid orders for **Summer Solutions** should be returned to the school office by **Tuesday, May 4th**. Orders after this date can be placed directly at www.SimpleSolutions.org or by phoning 1-877-382-7537. Should you have any questions regarding your order please contact Joanne Paulett in the Modular Unit at 216-291-4653.

Teachers that will be available for summer tutoring:

Mrs. Ball

Mrs. Hanus Grades 1-7

Mrs. Meek Grades 4-9

Mrs. Mullins

Mrs. Rybka Grades K-4

PAPER RECYCLING: For the month of March St. Gregory the Great has recycled 2.85 tons of paper! This has saved 11,690.70 KWH of energy. Did you know that this amount of energy would power the lights for 1 home for 1 year or one refrigerator for 7 years or a TV for 39 years? Please encourage your friends and neighbors to recycle. Bring all newspapers, magazines, office paper and mail to our brightly colored yellow and green bin located off of Rushton Road by the Credit Union.

NOTES FROM THE BAND: Congratulations to all the participants in the Spring Instrumental Concert! Mrs. Kennedy would like to thank all the members of the Advanced Band, Beginning Band, Jr. High Chime Choir, and the 4th and 5th Grade Recorder Club. We had an excellent concert. Thank you for all the hard work you have put into preparing this year. You should know that many of your teachers have said that this was the best concert ever! Thank you to the parents of the Band students for your support of the Band program. We look forward to another very successful year in the fall. Those 4th thru 8th grade students who are interested in participating in the band for the next school year, please contact Mrs. Kennedy at the school. **Current Band Members:** Lessons will continue throughout May; however we will not have band on May 5th due to the Spring Musical. **3rd Graders:** Mrs. Kennedy will be coming to speak to your class about Band very soon. It's your turn next year to join the Band!

Special Recognition: These Students from St. Greg's were nominated to participate in the Summer Honors Band Program: Peter Hurley, Chip Foust, Kyle Cappotto, Joe Matz, Jackie Gueulette, Corey Perron, Meghan Loya, Ellie Plucinsky, Stephen Matz, Matt DiNovo, and Anthony Jim. These students have shown extra dedication and commitment to the band and have exhibited an above-average playing ability for their grade level. Thank you, good work and good luck!

DRAMA CLUB: Attached you will find the ticket order form for "The Music Man", St. Gregory Parish Drama Club's 17th annual performance! The musical will run May 5th through May 9th. Orders can be sent in to school or by mail (see form for more information). Please encourage your friends, family and neighbors to come see the show!

Wednesday, May 5th will be "**St. Greg's Night!**" Tickets purchased by St. Greg's families are just \$5.00 for this performance -- a \$5.00 savings on each ticket! Bring the whole family to see the show! (The \$5.00 tickets are advanced sale only; all tickets purchased at the door the night of the show will be regular price.) Also, attached to this newsletter is an order form to purchase "The Music Man" t-shirts.

Thank you for your support of the St. Gregory Parish Drama Club.