

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘HOME OF THE JAGUARS’

Welcome to the new school year! I am certain that your child is beginning this year with excitement and anticipation of the good things ahead. What can you do to use the excitement of these opening days to help your child succeed this year? Your child may need you to help them organize all the new materials: books, folders, calendar, and plan book. They may need a particular place at home where these items will belong. They may need a quiet place where they can focus on their homework.

Talk with your child about the new year as they go through the necessary tasks: covering books, marking calendars, and writing their name on everything. Listen well as they tell you the stories of new procedures and upcoming events.

Remind your child that you have placed your trust in St. Gregory's and that you are working together with your child's teacher.

Have a great start to the school year!

Peter Wilson

We welcome our new kindergarten class and our new students and families in grades one through eight. We also welcome our new staff members: Mrs. Angela Mullins/grade 6, Mrs. Edith Quimper/Spanish, Ms. Susan Clark/Computer, Mrs. Laura Kennedy/Band, Mrs. Pat Proctor/Speech, and Mrs. Joanne Berkovitz/Psychologist. We look forward to a great year!

ALL WELCOME: Please join us for the Opening School Liturgy on Thursday, August 30th at 8:45AM as we gather together for the first time in the 2007-2008 school year! We will then come together after the Mass for juice and donuts (in the Cafeteria) provided by our PTC.

PTC NEWS - Please Mark Your Calendars:

August 29- Magazine Drive Begins

August 30 - All School Mass followed by juice and donuts sponsored by the PTC

ALL PTC FORMS DUE - Volunteer Checklists and Dues.

September 4 - Room Mother's Meeting - 7PM in the Cafeteria. You will be notified by phone if you should attend. Thanks to all who volunteer to be a part of this hard working group! Any questions call Maria Clifford at (216) 691-8968.

September 10 - PTC meeting - 7PM in the PFC

September 13 - PTC Volunteer Call-Out Meeting - 7PM in the PFC. All PTC Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs are asked to attend.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

The School provides supervision from 8:00AM-2:35PM. Before or after that time students are to be enrolled in the Extended Care program. Even though many of our teachers are on the premises, this is their time for grade level meetings and scheduled conferences with parents. Please, for the safety of your children do not drop them off until 8:00AM. Some bus riders arrive before 8:00AM. They wait in the parking lot until 8:00AM when they enter the building.

Student absences must be called in to the Attendance office at (216) 381-7781 by 8:30AM. For your convenience a parent may call anytime before that and leave a message on the school's answering machine. A note must accompany your child when he/she returns to school to verify their absence. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in these important matters!

MONDAY COMMUNICATIONS: The all school newsletter, calendars, corrected papers and notices from the school will be sent home on Mondays. Please look for these communications to come home on this day. Therefore, we ask all school organizations to send in articles for the newsletter by 9:00AM on the Wednesday before the article is to run. Please submit the items to Carole Wenzel in the Attendance Office. Thank you!

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION RESULTS: Elections for seats on the St. Gregory School Advisory Board were held in May, 2007. The newly elected members are Gary Novinc, Mark Geyman and Marty McGuan, whose terms will run for two school years. They join current members Chris Lynch, Katie Rahill, Don Schuele and Gene Andres. The meeting dates for the 2007-2008 school year are listed on the school website and are normally the 3rd Wednesday of each month from August through May. Congratulations and good luck to the newest board members!

CAFETERIA CORNER: Please remember to write checks for lunch tickets or milk tickets for the exact amount. Full-priced lunch tickets are now **\$2.50 each** (price includes milk) and milk tickets for packed lunches are \$0.35 each. **Example:** 9 lunch tickets x 2.50 = \$22.50. We cannot give change from checks. Also, please make out checks to **St. Gregory the Great Cafeteria**. Checks for lunch tickets cannot be combined with payment for any other fees or purchases. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any questions, call Mrs. Stanziano at 381-7922.

Any family that may qualify for free or reduced-lunch should make sure to fill out an application as soon as possible (attached to this newsletter). We request that applications be submitted by September 28th. **NOTE:** If your financial status changes at any time through out the school year, new applications are always available. Any questions about the lunch program, call Mrs. Stanziano at 381-7922.

Magazine Drive: St. Gregory's Annual Magazine Drive fundraiser is about to begin with a kick-off assembly on Wednesday, August 29th. **This is a terrific fundraiser as our school keeps 40% of all subscriptions and items sold.** Last year our school sold just over 3000 subscriptions totaling a little more than \$60,000 in sales; our school kept approximately \$20,000. We ask that you purchase new or renewal subscriptions as well as asking relatives and friends to purchase them from your children. Again this year, our Magazine Drive is an order now and pay later program. A packet of information explaining the Magazine Drive will be sent home. **Thursday, August 30th** is Postcard Day. Any student returning a completed booklet (at least 7 out-of-town names and addresses) will receive a Bear MP# Holder. All holders have a cash prize of \$1 - \$20 inside.

Thursday, September 6th is our first turn-in day for orders. Bonus prizes for this day are the Salsa Weepul and **DOUBLE TICKET DAY!**

Our second turn-in day is **Tuesday, September 11th**. Bonus prizes for this day are the Spike Weepul and Gobstoppers (limit one) for every 2 or more sales.

Preschool parents – we realize the turn-in days do not coincide with your child's school days – if you would like to participate, just turn in orders at your convenience; call one of us if you have any questions or concerns. We need your help to make this year's Magazine Drive better than ever! **If you can volunteer with counting on the turn-in days, please call Patty Urbon (440) 461-9382 or Carol Sisson (216) 381-9317 or just show up in Room 102. Volunteers are also needed to help in the Prize Store later in September. Thank you!!!**

AUGUST CALENDAR

27-29 – Kindergarten staggered entrance 9-10:30AM
29 – Magazine Drive Kick-off Assembly 9AM
3 & 4Yr Programs/Parent Mtg. 7PM Cafeteria
30 – Opening School Mass 8:45AM Grs. 1-8
All Kindergarten 9-10:30AM
Volunteer Checklist Turn-in Day
31 – Teacher Professional Day No School

Sept. 3 – Labor Day No School

Dear Parents, please note an addition to the school calendar that you received on Orientation day. There will be no school on April 21st. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Gregory the Great Back to School Social
Sponsored by the St. Gregory the Great Athletic Club
Saturday, September 8th * 6:30 PM 'til Midnight
\$15 per person * Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausage
Sides, Dessert, Pop, Water, Beer and Wine.
Questions, call Liz Jamieson at 691-9315

Dear Parents, please contact the school office (216-381-0363) if any information regarding legal custody of your child/children has changed. Thank you.