

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As we start this school year I am aware of the many ways we are missing Sister Ann Patrick. Her loving care for all of us was a part of every day. She had a wonderful way of making sure that children had what they needed, especially when they were hurt or sick or upset. We will continue to miss her in the many tasks she took on each day in her quiet and unassuming way.

Sister Ann Patrick's first assignment at St. Gregory's was in the school library. Since those years she continued to coordinate the school's Junior Great Books Program. Because her love of books was well known, we are in the process of naming the school library in her memory.

The St. Gregory faculty and staff have presented to the school a beautiful statue of an angel with outstretched arms in a gesture of giving and accepting. The statue is displayed near the school entrance in memory of Sr. Ann Patrick. She will be remembered also at our school Mass on Friday, September 11th.

May we all grow closer to our Lord through the blessings we have received in the time we shared with Sister Ann Patrick.

Peter Wilson

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“HOME OF THE JAGUARS”

TRAFFIC PATTERN/IMPORTANT: For the safety of our students we ask that you comply with the traffic patterns specified below for before school and after school procedures: No child is to be dropped off in front of the school (Rushton Road). This is a BUS ONLY ZONE. Parents dropping off or picking up students are asked to enter by way of Green Road (keep in a single file line in the Church parking lot) and come around by the PFC for both drop off/pick up. At dismissal we ask that you move up as far as possible before stopping to pick up the children. For our K-8 parents who arrive early, please wait behind the cross walk by the PFC until 2:35PM. This will allow our Preschool parents to go to the front of the carline and pick up their child/children at 2:15PM which is their dismissal time. No cars are to park on the sides of the Church at any time. No child is to walk in the area where cars are parked unless accompanied by an adult. We ask for your patience and we thank you for your cooperation in this important matter!

Curriculum Night is Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30PM beginning in our PFC with a mandatory meeting with Fr. Ireland. Following you will go to the classrooms where school policies, curriculum and other pertinent information will be presented by the teachers (K-8 families).

First session: 7:00PM-7:40PM – Second Session: 7:45PM-8:25PM

Grades 1-3 in your child's homeroom classroom

Grade 4 – meet in room 104

Grade 6 – meet in room 209

Grade 5 – meet in room 211

Grade 7 - meet in room 204

Grade 8 – meet in room 202

ALL WELCOME: Please join us as we celebrate as a school community the Feast Day of Pope St. Gregory the Great at the 8:45AM Mass on Thursday, September 3rd. We will then come together after Mass for juice and donuts (in the cafeteria) provided by our PTC.

PTC NEWS...Please mark your calendars:

September 1 Head-checks K-8 by Bernadette Company

September 2 ALL PTC FORMS ARE DUE-Volunteer checklist and dues
Magazine Drive begins

September 8 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 please call Mary Bujoll at (216) 382-3073

September 10 PTC volunteer Call-Out meeting-7PM in the PFC. All PTC committee chairs/co-chairs are asked to attend. Questions call Lisa Amantea (216) 382-5274.

September 14 PTC meeting- 7PM in the PFC

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. Thank you!

IMPORTANT: Our lunch monitors play an important role in assuring the safety of our students during the noon recess. They supervise the students during the time they are outdoors after lunch. Each adult serving in this role is responsible for grade-level groups of children from 11:20AM to 1:00PM. They are scheduled to work one or two days each week, depending on their availability. Five lunch monitors are needed each school day. Would you consider joining our lunch monitor staff? This is a paid position (\$12.00). For more information please call Laura Campbell at (216) 381-1128. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

MAGAZINE DRIVE: St. Gregory's Annual Magazine Drive fundraiser will begin with a **kick-off assembly on Wednesday, September 2nd. This is a terrific fundraiser as our school keeps 40% of all subscriptions and items sold.** 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.

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 Carol Sisson (216) 381-9317, or email her at pcja4639@sbcglobal.net, or just show up at the school in the morning.** This year turn-in days are once a week on Thursdays. Volunteers are also needed to help in the Prize Store in early October. Thank you!!!

Thursday, September 3rd is Postcard Day. Any student returning a completed booklet (at least 7 out-of-town names and addresses) will receive a Hoody key chain and a take-home slushie.

Thursday, September 10th is our first turn-in day for orders. Bonus prizes for this day are Lollipop Weepul and **a spin on the money wheel for every 5 orders.**

Preschool parents – we realize the turn-in days do not always coincide with your child's school days – if you would like to participate, just turn in orders at your convenience and mark which weepul and bonus prize you would like; call if you have any questions or concerns.

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT: The Children's Choir will meet for their first rehearsal on Monday, September 14th from 2:45 to 3:30PM in the Music Room. New and returning Choir members in grades 5 through 8 are invited to attend rehearsals during the month of September. A permission slip will be distributed the week of August 31st. Interested fourth graders will begin rehearsals in October. More information will be given later in September.

The Junior High Chime Choir is open to 7th and 8th Graders. Rehearsals will be on Fridays from 12:30PM to 12:50PM in the Music Room. The first rehearsal will be on Friday, September 11.

Please contact Mrs. Marilyn Freas at extension 45 or email mfreas@stgregoryonline.org if you have any questions.

To Our PTC...A heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PTC and the many volunteers who graciously gave of their time to host several breakfasts and lunches for the faculty and staff during our opening meetings. We are blessed to be welcomed back to another school year in such a kind and generous way!

JAGUAR READERS

Many thanks to the following students for donating books to the library: **Sabrina Bauman, Katelyn Evans, Peter and Connor Hurley, Clare Karboski, Kelsey and Halle Letizio Luke Stergar, Elizabeth Wright, and Aden Watson.**

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