

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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‘HOME OF THE JAGUARS’ SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Curriculum Night is Wednesday, September 3rd, 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 7 – meet in room 204

Grade 5 – meet in room 211

Grade 8 - meet in room 202

Grade 6 – meet in room 208

Dear St. Gregory the Great Families;

We would like to thank you so much for all your help in getting us to the Mean Girls, Relational Aggression, and Other Forms of Bullying Conference in Orlando, Florida this past June. Our presentation went really well, and we enjoyed telling everyone about what we do at St. Greg’s with our **GEMS!** We heard inspiring talks from Rosalind Wiseman and Jodee Blanco, among others. We also shared ideas with educators from across the United States and learned so much. It was an amazing experience!

We are so pleased to expand our **GEMS** program this year to include our eighth-grade girls. Eighth-graders will have a six-week session, which also includes mentoring sessions. We have developed short, one-time sessions for our girls in Kindergarten through fifth-grade, and after a brief training session, each eighth-grade group will run two of those sessions. We have great activities for our sixth and seventh-grade girls as well. Of course, our third annual retreat in May will be something to anticipate, and we also hope to visit the Bedford Heights Daycare just like last year.

We have exciting new plans for this year. We hope to run a Mother-Daughter Workshop, and are adding another service project – an annual bake sale. The proceeds will go to help a women’s shelter. More information will follow. We are in the process, too, of setting up a new website – www.gemsonline.org. This site will have interactive features, and we are very excited about it.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our girls reach their God-given potential!

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Meek

MAGAZINE DRIVE: St. Gregory’s Annual Magazine Drive fundraiser began with a kick-off assembly on Wednesday, August 27th. **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. We’re hoping to reach our goal of 2000 sales in four turn-in days. They are as follows: **Thursday, September 4th is our first turn-in day for orders. Bonus prizes are the Deuce Weepul and a spin on the money wheel for every 5 orders.**

Tuesday, September 9th is our second turn-in day. Bonus prizes are the Proof Weepul and M&Ms for every sale.

Thursday, September 11th is our third turn-in day. Bonus prizes are Attitude Weepul and DOUBLE TICKETS.

Tuesday, September 16th is our fourth turn-in day. Bonus prizes are Bobble Weepul and a Mystery Bag for every 3 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 and mark which weepul and bonus prize you would like; call 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 Carol Sisson (216) 381-9317, or email her at pcja4639@sbcglobal.net, or just show up at the school in the morning.** Volunteers are also needed to help in the Prize Store later in September. Thank you!!!

MUSICAL NOTES: Rehearsals for the Children's Choir will begin Monday, September 8th from 2:45PM to 3:30PM in the Music Room. The September 8th rehearsal is open to boys and girls in grades five through eight. Fourth graders may attend choir rehearsals beginning Monday, October 6th. Sign-up forms will be distributed to interested students beginning the week of September 1st. Forms for students in grades five through eight (both new and returning choir members) are due Friday, September 5th.

I will be leaving for a pilgrimage on Tuesday, September 17th – 27th. I will be visiting on this pilgrimage Paris/Miraculous Medal Shrine – Lisieux/home of St. Theresa – Lourdes (celebrating 150 years) and Italy. If you would like to give me any prayer petitions to take with me, please give these to me by Monday, September 15th.
Mrs. Freas.

A heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PTC and the volunteers who graciously gave of their time to host a breakfast and luncheon 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!

GRADE EIGHT PARENTS: Please note date change for the Confirmation Parent meeting: Wednesday, October 29th 7PM – Church Hall

LOOKING AHEAD: Picture day for grades K-8 is September 23rd. Please make your checks payable to **RIPCHO STUDIO**. Thanks!

SPIRIT WEAR NEWS: Spirit Wear will be ordered four times during the school year (October, December, February, and April.) The October deadline will be Wednesday, October 1st. Order forms can be found in the school office or on the St. Gregory website under “forms.” If you have any questions please call Butchie Helton (216) 382-5816.

REMINDER: New Band Parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th in the PFC.