

August 31, 2016

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter



CALLED TO SERVE

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Greetings St. Gregory the Great Families,

On behalf of the entire St. Greg's faculty and staff, I am thrilled to officially welcome you to a new school year. There has been much hustle and bustle these first few days of school and it warms my heart to hear the laughter and learning throughout the school again.

In Great Hands

Our dedicated teachers and staff have spent a considerable amount of time and energy in preparation for our students. They have worked individually and cooperatively to provide a quality educational experience for each child. At one of our August in-services, our teachers and staff were challenged to figure out how many years at St. Greg's and how many years in education they have collectively acquired. ***I am proud to report that we collectively offer our students and families 252 years of serving the St. Gregory the Great Parish School Community and 597 years of experience working in education!***

This is an outstanding testament of expertise and commitment to our students, families, school community, and the education profession. Please know that we love your children and they are definitely in great hands when they come to school each day.

Called to Serve

This year's school theme is "Called to Serve." As part of our commitment as Christians, we are all called to serve one another. With this focus, our classes will be taking part in various service projects and events throughout the year. You can support us in living out this theme at home by encouraging your child to participate in small service tasks around the house or neighborhood as well as providing opportunities for your child to serve by action. We want our students to recognize their personal call to serve one another in our local and global communities.

Accreditation Self-Study

Each year Catholic schools must be reviewed and accredited by two accrediting associations. - The Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. The process for accreditation is a seven-year cycle. In the 6th year of the cycle, the school must conduct a self-study, during which the school community takes an in-depth look at itself. The school community will study all aspects of the school to determine areas of strength and weakness. The self-study entails an examination of four domains, Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality, further defined by thirteen standards and over seventy benchmarks. St. Gregory the Great is in its 6th year of its accreditation cycle and will be conducting the self-study this year. Next year we will receive a visit in fall from an accreditation team who will review our self-study and determine our accreditation status. In order to prepare for this, we will be looking for volunteers to serve on various committees and help support us in our self-study. Much more information about this process will be conveyed as the year goes on. Stay tuned!!!

First Day Forms

Please fill out and return the first day forms as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Also, please be sure to update information throughout the year as any changes occur so our records remain current.

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Change in drop off and pick up route for Festival week

Every year St. Greg's festival takes place the week after Labor Day. For the safety of all students, there will be a change in drop off and pick up routines September 6th through September 8th. Please see the insert in this week's info packet for the change in route. It is our aim to keep everyone safe and on schedule during this interim, so please be sure to review and follow the temporary procedure changes. As a reminder, we are off of school on September 5th for Labor Day and September 9th and 12th for Festival set up and take down.

Wishing you a productive, safe, and enjoyable year. May God bless us all on this journey.

Kindest Regards,

Amy Schlegel
Principal

Many Thank You's!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society held it's annual school supply drive at the weekend masses and our parishioners were extremely generous! We are truly grateful for the kindness given towards the children of St. Greg's! The supplies were greatly needed and they will be used throughout the year by the students. Thank you!

Summer Cans for Computers Update!

Cans for Computers had another successful year! The Fourth and Fifth graders recycled aluminum cans during the 2015-2016 school year. On Saturday, July 30, we held a summer Cans for Computers drop off day on the playground. With a trailer full of crushed aluminum cans, we collected \$153.00. We really appreciate all the St. Greg's parishioners who continue to support us. Our grand total for the school year was \$866.00! Thank you to all the Fourth and fifth grade kids and their parents that donated their time crushing cans. Don't forget to continue saving your aluminum cans. You can drop off your crushed aluminum cans on the playground every **Monday morning at 7:45 starting September 19th**.

Mrs. Bayer & Mrs. Dahl

Home and School News

Hello St. Gregory Parents and Families,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and is successfully getting ready and geared up for the new school year.

If you are looking for a new way to get involved in the school community, meet new people, have some fun and help make your children's education a success, St. Gregory the Great Home & School Association has several Board and Coordinator positions open. These positions include...

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Board Positions

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Communications Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- At Large Members

Chair Positions

- Dells Weekend
- IncrediRoll
- Teacher Treats
- Non-Selling Fundraiser
- 2 New Fundraisers to replace Cook Book and Market Day

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like further information on any of them please contact Rich Medina, H&S President, at crazyballin23@aol.com or 414-378-5857.

Sincerely,

Rich Medina

St. Gregory the Great

Home & School Assoc. President