

## St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

*Positive People, Learning, Living, and Growing in Christ Through Faith and Service*



*February 1, 2017*

### "Called to Serve"

Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I say this with great enthusiasm as we celebrate along with 176 Dioceses with Catholic Schools throughout the nation. This is a pretty big deal. We at St. Gregory the Great Parish School are proud to serve our 266 students out of the over 2 million students attending Catholic Schools in the US. We thank you, the parents and families, for choosing St. Greg's for your children and for supporting our mission to learn, live, and grow in Christ through faith and service.



### Catholic Schools Week

Because this is such a special week, you may have already heard about some of the events our students have and will be participating in this week. If you haven't already done so, please take a look at our schedule of events so you or your child do not miss out on any fun. Don't forget Thursday is our VIP Day. Parents and/or grandparents are welcome to come to school beginning at 8am and stay for our 9:30 all-school mass.

### Enrollment

Enrollment packets were sent out last week to current school families. February is our early enrollment period for existing families. We are now accepting Milwaukee Parental Choice applications through the 20th of February. Please have your documentation confirmed in the school office by this date if you plan to participate in the program next year. The next MPCP enrollment period will be March 1-20 and will be opened up to new families as well. Please remember that school Smart Tuition and MPCP enrollment is done online. We strongly encourage you to enroll as early as possible to secure a seat for your child in next year's grade. Most of our classes are at capacity this year and we cannot save seats for next year. Enrollment is on a first come- first serve basis. The enrollment process is not complete until you receive a confirmation letter. Questions and assistance can be addressed in our school office. We are here to help!!!

### Congratulations

We are so proud of our contestants who participated in our recent Geography and Spelling Bees. A special congrats to our Geography Bee winner, Mathew Kleist (7th gr.) and our Spelling Bee winner, Alex Krostag (4th gr.). Each winner will participate in an online test to determine a place in the regional Bee to take place at a later date. We wish them both the best of luck as they compete for advancement towards the national competitions. Go Great Greg's!!!

Kindest Regards,  
Amy Schlegel  
Principal

## **LLAMADOS A SERVIR**

1 de Febrero, 2017

Saludos a todos las familias de St. Greg's,

¡Feliz Semana de las Escuelas Católicas! Digo esto con gran entusiasmo al celebrar junto con 176 Diócesis con Escuelas Católicas en toda la nación. Esto es una gran evento. En la Escuela Parroquial St. Gregory the Great estamos orgullosos de servir a nuestros 266 estudiantes de los más de 2 millones de estudiantes que asisten a las Escuelas Católicas en los Estados Unidos. Les damos las gracias a ustedes, padres y familias, por haber elegido a St. Greg's para sus hijos y por apoyar nuestra misión de aprender, vivir y crecer en Cristo a través de la fe y el servicio.

### **Semana de las Escuelas Católicas**

Debido a que esta es una semana tan especial, es posible que ya hayas oído hablar de algunos de los eventos que nuestros estudiantes han participado y participarán esta semana. Si aún no lo ha hecho, eche un vistazo a nuestro horario de eventos para que usted o su hijo no se pierda la diversión. No olvide que el jueves es nuestro Día VIP. Los padres y / o abuelos son bienvenidos a venir a la escuela a partir de las 8am y quedarse para nuestra misa de 9:30 con toda la escuela.

### **Inscripción**

Los paquetes de inscripción fueron enviados la semana pasada a las familias actuales de la escuela. Febrero es nuestro período de inscripción temprana para las familias existentes. Estamos aceptando las solicitudes de Milwaukee Parental Choice hasta el 20 de febrero. Por favor tenga su documentación confirmada en la oficina de la escuela para esta fecha si usted planea participar en el programa el próximo año. El próximo período de inscripción del MPCP será del 1 al 20 de marzo y también se abrirá a nuevas familias. Por favor, recuerde que la matrícula escolar inteligente (Smart Tuition) y la matriculación de MPCP se realiza en línea. Le recomendamos que se inscriba tan pronto como sea posible para asegurar un sitio para su hijo en el grado del próximo año. La mayoría de nuestras clases están a capacidad este año y no podemos ahorrar asientos para el próximo año. El proceso de inscripción no se completa hasta que reciba una carta de confirmación. Preguntas y asistencia puede ser tratada en nuestra oficina de la escuela. ¡¡¡Estamos aquí para ayudar!!!

### **Enhorabuena**

Estamos muy orgullosos de nuestros concursantes que participaron en nuestras competiciones de geografía and Spelling Bee. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestro ganador de geografía, Mathew Kleist (7° gr.) Y nuestro ganador del Spelling Bee, Alex Krostag (4° gr.). Cada ganador participará en una prueba en internet para determinar su lugar en el Bee regional que será decidido en una fecha posterior. Les deseamos lo mejor de la suerte ya que compiten para avanzar hacia las competiciones nacionales. Go Great Greg's !!!

Saludos cordiales,  
Amy Schlegel  
Directora

## **Feast of St. Blaise**

This Friday, February, 3rd at 9:30 am in the Church, School Children and Staff will receive Blessing of Throats for the Feast of St. Blaise.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is approaching. The fair is being held the dates of Jan 28th - Feb 3rd during Catholic Schools Week. The Book Fair will be open after weekend masses (1/28-29). The children will be able to shop the Book Fair with their class. If your child will be shopping the Book Fair with their class please send the money in an envelope with them on the day the teacher has picked (days haven't been set yet). The fair will also be open during our Open

House on Jan 31st, 4:30-7:00pm. If you are going to send a check please make sure it's payable to St. Gregory the Great. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Kenney at 414-331-1045 or [stephanie.kenney09@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.kenney09@gmail.com)

[Book Fair Flyer](#)

## St. Greg's Athletic Association News

**SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION:** Registration for spring sports will take place in from February 2 - February 8th. Spring sports are Track/Field and Futsal. Track/field registration is only open to 5-8th grade boys and girls.

Due to inclement spring weather and the fact St. John the Evangelist would like to give the soccer fields a chance to recover in the spring from fall soccer we will no longer have spring soccer. Soccer is being replaced by a game called Futsal. Futsal is a soccer like game but is played indoors in gymnasiums. It's a fast paced game that is excellent for improving the same footwork and ball handling skills used in soccer.

Online registration will be available 2/2- 2/8th. A link for registration will be available on the Athletic Association web site. In person registration will be on Wednesday 2/8 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the gym concession stand.

**WINTER SPORTS PICTURES:** Pictures for basketball have been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 7th from 5:00 -6:00 pm. Contact your son or daughter's basketball coach for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Athletic Association is a volunteer driven parish organization and will exist only as long as people are willing to volunteer. We are looking for individuals to be our Assistant Athletic Director, Treasurer and Soccer Coordinator. Please contact the Athletic Director if you are interested in sharing your time and talents with the organization.

If you have any questions or you're interested in helping us by volunteering please contact Kurt Schwenke, St. Greg's Athletic Director, at (414) 294-3318 or email [athletics@stgregsmil.org](mailto:athletics@stgregsmil.org).

## Father/Daughter Dance

The Father/Daughter Dance is being held on February 18th. Home and School is looking for volunteers to make this a special night. Attached you will find a volunteer form as well as a ticket form. Please return your ticket order forms to school by Friday, February 3rd.

[RSVP Form](#)  
[Volunteer Form](#)

## Home and School Restaurant Night

Donate while you Dine!

Visit Culver's West Milwaukee on Thursday, February 9th from 4-9pm. Enjoy a burger while helping support St. Gregory the Great Parish School.

Only at Culver's of West Milwaukee  
1640 Miller Parkway

Present the attached voucher and we will donate 10% of your meal to show our support!

[\(flyer\)](#)

## ARISE Mardi Gras Dance Party

Children, teens and adults with AND without disabilities are invited to join the ARISE students for an evening of fun! Come dressed in bright colors and celebrate Mardi Gras with a dance party, table craft activities and refreshments!

Monday, February 27, 2017  
6:30-8:00pm  
3160 S. 63rd Street (corner of 60th and Oklahoma Avenue)  
Enter from parking lot near playground - Tenpenny Hall (lower level)

\$2/person donation at the door  
Please bring your favorite treat to share!  
Soda and water will be provided

Please RSVP by February 20th to help us plan this special event.  
Questions? Call Tom and Sue Klawien at 414-810-3702(home)  
or at [ariseprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ariseprogram@gmail.com).  
Family members and AFH staff/residents are welcomed to come!

[\(flyer\)](#)  
[\(volunteer form\)](#)

### Tax Deduction

Tax Day is coming up on April 18, 2017. Don't forget to claim your private school tuition tax deduction! For more information, please follow the link below.

<https://www.wcris.org/its-tax-time/>

### CUB SCOUT PACK 536 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 5th in Tenpenny Hall - 8:30 am to Noon

Come and enjoy All You Can Eat pancakes, 2 sausage patties, coffee, juice and milk all for only \$6 Adults / \$4 Kids.

Thank you for supporting Cub Scouts at St. Gregs!

[Pancake Breakfast Flyer](#)

#### Attachments:

[February Breakfast Menu](#)  
[February Lunch Menu](#)  
[February Calendar](#)

[Catholic School Annual Report](#)  
[Home and School Winter Newsletter](#)  
[Youth Choir/Schola Newsletter](#)

#### Links:

[Power School Parent Log In Instructions](#)

#### Flyers:

[UW-Milwaukee Mini Courses \(in the office\)](#)  
[Marquette Hilltoppers Wrestling Club & Football Clinics](#)

## Mark Your Calendars

### January 29 - February 4

Catholic Schools Week

Book Fair ([flyer](#))

[Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events](#)

### Friday, February 3rd

Blessing of Throats for School Children and Staff, 9:30am (church)

### Sunday, February 5th

Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast 8:30-noon (Tenpenny Hall)

### Thursday, February 9th

No School

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Home & School Restaurant Night at Culver's Miller Parkway 4-9pm ([flyer](#))

### Friday, February 10th

No School - Teacher In-Service

### Thursday, February 16th & Friday, February 17th

No School -Teacher In-Service

### Saturday, February 18th

Youth Choir and Schola sing on TV for Heart of the Nation

Father/Daughter Dance ([volunteer form](#)) ([ticket form](#))

### Saturday, February 25th

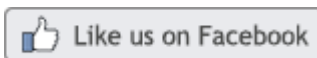
Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner (Tenpenny Hall)

### March 8-10

Parish Mission with Aaron Thompson ([more information](#))

### Sunday, April 1st

Youth Choir and Schola sing the National Anthem for the Milwaukee Admirals



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