

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

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

February 15, 2017

"Called to Serve"

Greetings St. Gregory the Great Parents and Families,

It is so refreshing to feel a hint of spring in the middle of February. What a nice break from the gloomy grey skies we had through the beginning of the month. We all know that spring is not here to stay just yet, but I think the spring fever may be sticking around for a while. Only 47 more days until The Brewers Opening Day!!!



New Parking Lot Procedure

We are going to try something new. Starting Monday, February 20th, the drop-off lane will attempt a new practice to try to eliminate some of the driveway congestion. The first four cars will stop and unload at the first crosswalk. An adult will be at the drop off area to assist with exiting cars. We will allow students to cross at the crosswalk during this unloading time only. Then we will let those four cars pass through and the next four cars will unload. Please only unload if you are in the unloading zone. **Most importantly, please have your students ready with all belongings to exit the car quickly in the unloading zone as to not hold up the rest of the line.** With any new practice, it takes time to iron out the glitches and start an efficient routine. Please be patient and support us in keeping our students and families safe.

VIP Day Thank You

Our VIP day during Catholic Schools Week was a success. Thank you to all who were able to join us in the classrooms and at our school mass. The students were very proud to show off their school and feel the support of their VIP's.

Middle School Leadership Conference

A few of our 6th and 7th grade girls were recently invited to a Middle School Leadership Conference at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. They were chosen to participate with 290 other students from 44 other schools in various break-out sessions and team-building exercises. The students who represented St. Greg's at the conference were Josie, Mariana, and Paige from 6th grade and Ximena, Abby, Emily S. and Emily R. from 7th grade.

Conferences

Thank you to those who attended conferences last week. Please know that teachers are available at any time throughout the quarter to discuss any parent concerns. You do not have to wait until conference time to speak to your child's teacher. We encourage you to monitor your child's academic progress on PowerSchool on a weekly basis.

Enrollment

We are still accepting enrollment for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program through February 20th. The next enrollment period will begin again on March 1st. As always, we encourage early enrollment to ensure a seat for next year.

Kindest Regards,
Amy Schlegel
Principal

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

15 de Febrero, 2017

Saludos a todos los padres y familias de St. Gregory the Great,

Que refrescante sentir un toque de primavera a mediados de febrero. Es tan agradable un descanso de los tenebrosos cielos grises que teníamos a principios de mes. Todos sabemos que la primavera no está aquí para quedarse todavía, pero creo que el "Spring fever" se quedara por un tiempo. Sólo nos quedan 47 días más hasta el día de apertura de los Cervceros!!!
Procedimiento nuevo en el estacionamiento

Vamos a probar algo nuevo.

A partir del lunes 20 de febrero, el carril de descenso tentará una nueva práctica para tratar de eliminar parte de la congestión en el estacionamiento. Los primeros cuatro coches pararán y descargarán en el primer paso de peatones. Un adulto estará en la zona de entrega para ayudar a los caros que van saliendo. Permitiremos que los estudiantes crucen en el cruce de peatones solamente durante este tiempo de descarga. Después de que crucen dejaremos que los cuatro coches pasen y los próximos cuatro coches descargarán. Solamente se podrá descargar si se encuentra en la zona de descarga. **Lo más importante, por favor, tenga a sus hijos listos con todas sus pertenencias para salir del coche rápidamente en la zona de descarga para no sostener el resto de la línea.** Con cualquier nueva práctica, se necesita tiempo para eliminar los fallos y comenzar una rutina que sea eficiente. Por favor, se paciente y apóyenos para mantener a nuestros estudiantes y familias a salvo.

Gracias a nuestros VIP en su día

Nuestro día VIP durante la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas fue un éxito. Gracias a todos los que pudieron acompañarnos en las aulas y en la escuela. Los estudiantes estaban muy orgullosos de mostrar su escuela y sentir el apoyo de sus VIP's.

Conferencia de liderazgo de la escuela intermedia/secundaria

Algunas de nuestras chicas de sexto y séptimo grado fueron invitadas recientemente a una conferencia de liderazgo de escuelas intermedias en la Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. Fueron elegidas para participar con otras 290 estudiantes de otras 44 escuelas en varias sesiones de break-out y ejercicios de team-building. Las estudiantes que representaron a St. Greg's en la conferencia fueron Josie, Mariana y Paige de 6º grado y Ximena, Abby, Emily S. y Emily R. de 7º grado.

Conferencias

Gracias a los que asistieron a las conferencias la semana pasada. Por favor, queremos que sepan que los maestros están disponibles en cualquier momento durante el trimestre para hablar sobre cualquier preocupación que tengan los padres. No tienen que esperar hasta las conferencias para hablar con el maestro de su hijo. Les animamos que supervisen el progreso académico de su hijo en PowerSchool semanalmente.

Inscripción

Aún estamos aceptando la inscripción para el programa de Choice hasta el 20 de febrero. El próximo período de inscripción comenzará de nuevo el 1 de marzo. Como siempre, les animamos a que hagan su inscripción temprano para asegurar que tengan un sitio el año que viene.

Saludos cordiales,
Amy Schlegel
Directora

Pius XI

Pius XI Catholic High School
7th grade Shadow Day Opportunities
Meet teachers, coaches and students. See a class in Theater, PLTW, Visual Arts and More!

Thursday, Feb. 16
Monday, Feb. 20
Monday, March 6
Friday, March 10
Friday, March 17
Monday, March 20

Friday, March 24

Registration is on-line at <https://www.piusxi.org/shadow-days/>

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Night at Incredi-Roll

Home and School is hosting a community fundraiser night at Incredi-Roll. Come out and have some fun with our St. Greg's families!

Monday, February 20th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

\$4.50/skater
(no fee if you don't skate)

10928 W. Oklahoma Ave
West Allis, WI 53227

Lace up your skates and come join the fun!

Service Project

During Catholic Schools Week school families and St. Gregory the Great Parish and school staff participated in a community service project to support the needy in our community. The Capuchin Community Services program ministers to the needs of the poor, hungry, and homeless. Thank you to all who participated and donated items for the Capuchin Hygiene Bag Drive. We collected a total of 36 hygiene bags that contained items such as, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, facial tissue, and toilet paper. We are also donating 3 boxes of items that can be used to fill more hygiene bags that the Capuchins will hand out at the House of Peace and St. Ben's.

We were also very fortunate to have a visit from Brother Carl Schaefer. He spoke to the school children about his vocation and encouraged the school children to be open God's calling.

Mrs. Lisa Bayer

Annual Soup & Bread Meal

March 1st after 6 pm Mass
Soup, Bread, Coffee, and Juice Provided*
Bring your own place setting --- soup bowl, bread plate, utensil,
and topping for your bread.
*There will be a free- will offering to offset the cost of the meal.

RSVP BY February 24th - RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY!
SIGN UP AFTER MASSES ON February 18th/19th in Tenpenny Hall.
Or you can call the Parish Office at 543-8292
OR email Kim Fex@ kfex@stgregsmil.org with the number attending.

Save the Date!

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by Home and School Association
Date: May 20, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Hello St. Greg Families,

We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner again this year and we hope to see you and your family members there. As you know, this is one of our TOP fundraisers of the year. The money raised will help fund the Playground Project as well as additional activities for the teachers, students, and families throughout the year. At this time, we would like to reach out to any individuals that are willing to help with the event this year. We need at least 40 volunteers the day of the event in order for this event run smoothly. Please email us at StGregsHomeAndSchool@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with the event. At this time, we are also asking for any suggestions on ideas for raffle items and kid baskets so that we have baskets that each child would be interested in winning. If you know of any organizations that would consider donating to this event please let us know and we will gladly reach out to them! Feel free to email us with any questions about any volunteering opportunity. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

Kind regards,
Maria Diener

(Please see attached [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/>

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](#)
[Surviving the Deep Freeze: 5 Ways to Keep Kids Safe this Winter](#)

Flyers:

[Marquette Jr. Hilltoppers Tackle Football](#)

Mark Your Calendars

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

Saturday, February 25th
Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner (Tenpenny Hall)

Monday, February 27

ARISE Mardi Gras Dance ([volunteer form](#)) ([ticket form](#))

Wednesday, March 1st - Ash Wednesday

All school Mass, 8:30am, gr. 8 (school office closed during Mass)
Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes (only) at 6:30am, Mass 6pm
School Rice Bowl Collection Service Project begins
Soup & Bread Meal 7pm (Tenpenny Hall)

March 8-10

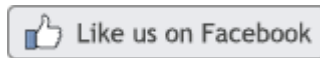
Parish Mission with Aaron Thompson ([more information](#))

March 3, 10, 24, 31

Fish Fry 4:30-7pm (Tenpenny Hall)

Sunday, April 1st

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



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