

February 6, 2019

Faces of Faith in Christ

Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

I recently heard that January is the month that most people request a day off of their regular schedule so they can take a break and recharge. It is understandable, especially since the days feel longer, darker, and colder, and spring seems so far away. God must have thought we were in dire need of a recharge that He gave us so many unscheduled days off in January. Then He teased us with a little sprinkling of spring as we stepped into February, just to top it off. God is good all the time.

Enrollment for 2019-20

Our plan was to hand out enrollment packets at open house, but because of the unfortunate cancellation of the event, we will have enrollment packets available at conferences on February 8. Parents are also welcome to pick up their packets in the office before or after school. Because of the disruption in the February preferred enrollment period, we will extend the preferred enrollment period into March for our existing families. We encourage families to enroll early as to ensure a seat for the following year. Classes fill to capacity very quickly.

Catholic Schools Week

I'm sure last week's CSW will be a memorable one. Unfortunately, it will be because of the extreme weather conditions rather than the celebration of our Catholic school. Rest assured that we will certainly reschedule some of the events we had planned. We are looking into new dates for our community recognition day, bowling trip, open house, and pep rally and will post them as soon as they are confirmed. Also, I am waiting for the official recommendation from the archdiocese to decide how to handle any make-up days. I will relay that information as soon as it becomes available.

Spelling Bee and Geography Bee Winners

Congratulations to Mathew Senn (8) who won our spelling bee on Thursday, January 24th. Michael Ivy (7) was our runner up. Congratulations to Dasan Williams (7) who won our geography bee on February 1st. Luis Ordaz (5) was the runner up. All contestants in both Bees did a great job. Go Greg's!!!!

Free Vision and Dental Screening

United Health Care has offered free vision screening and free preventative/restorative dental care to our students! Vision Quest is a vision screening computer program that would allow our staff to measure the vision capacity of students. Although this is not a diagnostic tool, it can identify a possible need for further intervention. A parent can request a screening, or a teacher may recommend one. No medical history or consent forms are needed as this is not an official medical exam.

DentaMed is a mobile dental clinic that provides professional preventative and restorative oral health care to our students. They set up a "clinic" right at the school, so no transportation is needed. Because these dental professionals provide cleanings, x-rays, and simple extractions, medical consent forms and Dental History forms must be completed by a parent/guardian. If you are interested in receiving *free* dental services for your student, please fill out the [medical history](#) and [consent forms](#) attached and send them to the school office. We will set up clinic dates based on the number of service requests and availability of the clinic. Students cannot receive dental services without written consent.

Standards Based Grading

St. Gregory the Great Parish School, along with the other schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, strive to provide the most accurate measurement of student academic performance in each subject area. In the last few years we have taken steps to implement a standards-based grading system that is based on the mastery of learning

standards. As part of a shift away from the traditional grading system of using letter grades to represent proficiency, we will be moving towards a system that does not rank students but rather focuses on growth. Students are assessed on clearly defined learning goals that are aligned with state standards. They are offered multiple opportunities and various ways to demonstrate proficiency and track their progress towards learning goals. Standards-based grading uses clear learning targets that allow teachers to grade for growth and provide parents with more detailed information. Please watch for more information regarding standards-based grading in future newsletters and know that parent sessions will be held to clarify and answer questions as we move through this transition. Our goal is to implement these new grading practices for the 2019-2020 school year.

Traditional Grading System	Standards-Based Grading System
1. Based on assessment methods (quizzes, tests, homework, projects, etc.). One grade/entry is given per assessment.	1. Based on learning goals and performance standards. One grade/entry is given per learning goal.
2. Assessments are based on a percentage system. Criteria for success may be unclear.	2. Standards are criterion or proficiency-based. Criteria and targets are made available to students ahead of time.
3. Use an uncertain mix of assessment, achievement, effort, and behavior to determine the final grade. May use late penalties and extra credit.	3. Measures achievement only OR separates achievement from effort/behavior. No penalties or extra credit given.
4. Everything goes in the grade book - regardless of purpose.	4. Selected assessments (tests, quizzes, projects, etc.) are used for grading purposes.
5. Include every score, regardless of when it was collected. Assessments record the average - not the best - work.	5. Emphasize the most recent evidence of learning when grading.

Adapted from O'Connor K (2012). *How to Grade for Learning: Linking grades to standards* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

Kind Regards,
Amy Schlegel
Principal

Geography Bee

On Friday, February 1st St. Greg's held the school Geography Bee which is sponsored by National Geographic. We had 10 amazing contestants who earned their spots in the competition by winning a preliminary competition in their classrooms. Congratulations goes out to the following participants:

Grade 4: Kylee Zarate & Luciano Orlando

Grade 5: Mason Kufahl & Luis Ordaz

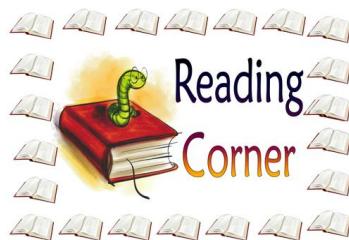
Grade 6: Genevieve Schneider & Isabella Schneider

Grade 7: Dasan Williams & Willa Moll

Grade 8: Collin Murphy & Carisa Marchena

A special congratulations goes to Dasan Williams who was the winner of our school Geography Bee. Dasan had to complete an online test to be considered for advancement to the state Geography Bee. We wish him the best of luck! Thank you again to all who participated as well as our respectful audience. We look forward to next year's competition.

(Mrs. Lisa Bayer)

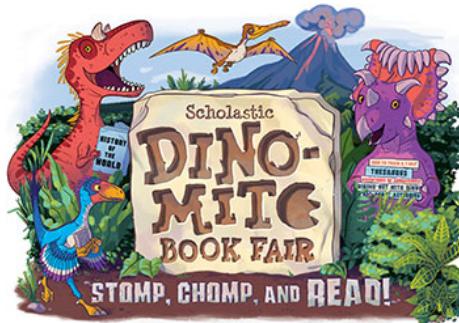


Welcome back from our second winter break! Being stuck inside due to cold and/or snow allowed me and my family some much treasured reading time. I brushed up on the latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dogman books, read a powerful YA novel entitled Dear Martin, a professional book called Game Changer! Book Access for All Kids and countless picture books with my kids.

Looking to build in more reading time with your family? Check out this article on how to make it work even with young children at home.
<https://www.readbrightly.com/find-time-read-young-kids/>

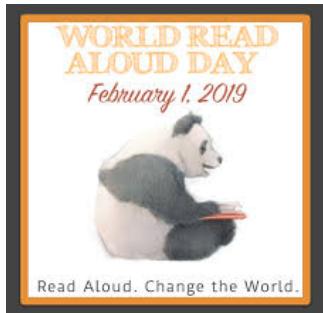
Unfortunately, all that time off meant our Catholic Schools Week plans were postponed. St. Greg's had some fun literacy events planned for our students and families. The first (and arguably most exciting) is the Scholastic Book Fair. This year's dino-mite theme is "Stomp, Chomp, and Read". The book fair was open after all masses the weekend of January 26th-27th and is now extended throughout this week, **including during conferences on Friday, February 8th**. Can't make it in person? New this year is an online shopping option. Use the link below to check out all the titles and explore our teachers' classroom wishlists. Proceeds from the online fair still benefit St. Greg's.

<http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/entrance.aspx?FID=3915450&direct=Y>



Did you know? Friday, February 1st was the 10th annual World Read Aloud Day. It's not too late to join millions of readers around the world in this celebration. The links below offer tips, book suggestions, resources on how to connect with authors and more.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/worldreadaloudday/>
<http://www.litworld.org/wrad/>



Mark your calendars:

Pal-entine's Day Celebration. Celebrate your friends, your pals and your buddies.

Make Valentine's Day cards for your friends to show them how much you care.

Mitchell Street library on Monday, Feb 11, 4:30-5:30 pm and Zablocki library on Wednesday, Feb 6, 4:30-5:30 pm

Can't attend?

Use this link to find Valentine's Day printables and activities galore (including some Wonder themed Valentines!)

<https://bit.ly/2TxDKxW>



Looking for a book to show your child(ren) how much you care about them this Valentine's Day? These titles are sure to please...



Literacy in the News:

~Chris Long of the Philadelphia Eagles was honored with the Walter Payton Man of the Year award Saturday, February 2nd. He donated his first four salary checks of the 2018-2019 National Football Association season to his organization "First Quarter for Literacy." The same program has donated 75,000 new books to children in underserved neighborhoods in 2018 alone.

~Last week, the American Library Association (ALA) announced the winners of their annual awards. Meg Medina has won the 2019 Newbery Medal for her novel *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*. Sophie Blackall has won the Caldecott Medal for *Hello Lighthouse*. The 2019 Michael L. Printz Award went to Elizabeth Acevedo for *The Poet X*. The Robert F. Sibert Award for the most distinguished informational book for children went to *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman. The Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for most distinguished beginning reader book went to *Fox the Tiger* by Corey R. Tabor. *A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919* by Claire Hartfield won the Coretta Scott King Author Award, and the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award went to *The Stuff of Stars*, illustrated by Ekua Holmes and written by Marion Dane Bauer.



Happy Reading!
Mrs. Wabiszewski,
Reading Specialist

Spring Futsal (Indoor Soccer)

The SWCSL (Southwest Catholic Soccer League) will again only be offering futsal to grades K5 through 4th grade for this spring. We will be holding online sign-up from Thursday, 2/7 through Wednesday, 2/13. You can access the registration link [here](#). There will also be an in-person sign-up on Monday, 2/11 from 5:30-6:30p in the gym's concession area. The cost per child is \$35. You must make your payment at the time of sign-up, either online or in-person.

The deadline for sign-up is Wednesday, 2/13 as we have deadlines to meet with the league. In order to meet the deadline, we must have all players signed up AND all coaches determined. Each team will also need an assistant coach. Please let me know if you are interested in coaching.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I would also strongly encourage parents to work together to determine coaches. The amount of effort that needs to go into coaching is greatly lessened when we, as parents, work together.

(Jennifer Williams, St. Greg's Soccer Coordinator, orchdlvr@aol.com)

Catholic Memorial

Catholic Memorial Performing & Visual Arts Shadow Day
February 7, 2019
All 7th & 8th Graders are Invited!

Visit Catholic Memorial to experience what a day as a CMH student is really like!

Shadow a current CMH student involved in the arts to see what their typical day is like, meet teachers and meet future Crusader classmates! Guests can shadow a specific

student they know or can be paired with one based on similar interests! Guests will also have the opportunity to tour the CMH theater, backstage, art spaces and meet members of the cast and crew of the musical and art students.

To schedule your shadow day visit www.catholicmemorial.net and click on CMH Performing & Visual Arts Shadow Day!

(Krissy Hartung, PR/Communications & Admissions Associate)

Catholic Memorial High School Musical

Thoroughly Modern Millie

What happens when a small-town girl comes to New York City to marry for money instead of love (a thoroughly modern aim in 1922)? Come find out what it's all about!

PERFORMANCE DATES:

Fri. Feb. 1st 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 2nd 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 3rd 2:00 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 8th 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 9th 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 10th 2:00 p.m.
Thu. Feb. 14th 7:00 p.m. Student Night!
Fri. Feb. 15th 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 16th 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 17th 2:00 p.m.

Purchase Tickets at www.catholicmemorial.net and click on CMH Musical!

(Krissy Hartung, PR/Communications & Admissions Associate)

Upcoming Events

February 8: No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences (signup [here](#))

Youth Choir/Schola sing at Admirals Game

February 9: Father/Daughter Dance 5-8pm ([flyer](#))

Youth Choir/Schola singing CANCELLED for 4pm Mass

February 15;18: No School - Teacher In-Service

Links

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