

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

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

"Called to Serve"

March 15, 2017

Greetings Parents and Families of St. Greg's,

A great blast of winter has graced us once again. Get the boots and snow pants back out. Mother Nature sure likes to tease us with small tastes of spring. I wish she would make up her mind!

Fall Fundraiser Update

I know many of the families have been wondering about the fall fundraiser prizes, especially that limo ride that was promised. We definitely understand your frustration with this. Please be assured that we have been in frequent contact with Club Choice and are trying to sort this out. You can expect some information about this very soon. I apologize for the long delay in rewarding our students for a job well done with our fundraiser. Please stay tuned...

Curriculum Audit

Yesterday we had a visit from Associate Superintendent, Sue Nelson, from the Archdiocesan Office of Schools. Because we are in our year of self-study for accreditation, she came out to take a look at our instructional practices and the way that our teachers support learning growth at all levels. Over the past two years, our teachers have raised the bar in terms of supporting student learning. They have taken on a more rigorous form of curriculum and unit planning, participated in literacy development workshops, developed new methods of assessing and tracking student progress, established and implemented consistent grading practices across the board, and have received classroom coaching in effort to increase the level of academic rigor. I am happy to report that we received high accolades from Sue Nelson on our curriculum audit. She was very impressed with the work our teachers are doing and said that we are forerunners in instruction and curriculum development. All this hard work has truly paid off. We are seeing a bigger increase in student growth levels. Congratulations teachers and thank you for all your hard work!!!!

Registration for 2017-18

Thank you to those of you who have enrolled in the 2017-18 school year. We continue to accept applications for registration, but for those who wish to apply for the MPCP, this month's enrollment period ends on March 20th. Remember the MPCP application must be completed and submitted online, but supporting documents must be confirmed in the school office during the enrollment period. Please know that the sooner you complete the enrollment process, the better chance you have in securing a placement for next year. One grade is already full and three more are pretty close. The school office staff is available to assist in any way with this process.

Wisconsin Forward Exam

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requires our third through eighth graders to participate in state testing. All students will be tested in the areas of math and Language Arts, but our 4th and 8th graders will additionally be tested in social studies and science. The tests are administered online and are designed to measure the achievement of our students in these specific academic areas. Our testing window begins March 20th and will run through the beginning of May. It is important for our students to feel comfortable, energized, and confident during these tests. We ask that you help your students prepare by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast, get enough rest, and are at school on time for their testing session.

Third Quarter Ending

The third quarter ends on March 30th. Report cards will go home on April 13th.

Kind Regards,

Amy Schlegel
Principal

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

15 de marzo de 2017

Saludos a todos los padres y familias de St. Greg's, Una gran explosión de invierno nos ha llegado una vez más. Vuelve a sacar las botas y los pantalones de nieve. Madre naturaleza le gusto tentarnos con unos días de primavera. ¡Ojalá se decida!

Actualización de recaudación de fondos de otoño

Sé que muchas de las familias se han estado preguntando sobre los premios de la recaudación de fondos de otoño, especialmente sobre ese paseo de limusina que se prometió. Entendemos su frustración con esto. Por favor tengan paciencia, hemos estado en contacto frecuente con Club Choice y estamos tratando de resolverlo. Pueden esperar algo de información sobre esto muy pronto. Discúlpanos por el largo retraso en recompensar a nuestros estudiantes por un trabajo bien hecho con nuestro recaudador de fondos. Por favor denos unos días mas...

Auditoría del Currículum

Ayer tuvimos una visita de la superintendente asociada, Sue Nelson, de la oficina arquidiócesis de escuelas. Debido a que estamos en nuestro año de auto-estudio para la acreditación, ella salió a echar un vistazo a nuestras prácticas de instrucción y la forma en que nuestros profesores apoyan el crecimiento del aprendizaje en todos los niveles. En los últimos dos años, nuestros maestros han levantado la barra en términos de apoyo al aprendizaje de los estudiantes. Han adoptado una forma más rigurosa de plan de estudios y planificación de unidades, han participado en talleres de desarrollo de la alfabetización, han desarrollado nuevos métodos de evaluación y seguimiento del progreso de los estudiantes, han establecido e implementado prácticas consistentes de clasificación en todos los ámbitos y han recibido entrenamiento en el aula en el esfuerzo de aumentar el nivel de rigor académico. Me hace feliz informar que recibimos muchos acoladas de Sue Nelson por nuestra auditoría del currículum. Ella estaba muy impresionada con el trabajo que nuestros maestros están haciendo y dijo que somos precursores en la instrucción y el desarrollo del plan de estudios. Todo el trabajo duro que hemos estado haciendo ha valido la pena. Estamos viendo un mayor aumento en los niveles de crecimiento de los estudiantes. Felicidades profesores y gracias por todo su trabajo!!!!

Inscripción para 2017-18

Gracias a aquellos de ustedes que se han inscrito para el año escolar 2017-18. Seguimos aceptando solicitudes de registro, pero para aquellos que deseen solicitar el MPCP, el período de inscripción de este mes termina el 20 de marzo. Recuerde que la solicitud de MPCP debe ser completada e enviada por internet, pero los documentos de apoyo deben ser confirmados en la oficina de la escuela durante el período de inscripción. Por favor, sepa que cuanto antes se completa el proceso de inscripción, mayor será la probabilidad de obtener un sitio para el año que viene. Un grado ya está lleno y tres más están bastante cerca. El personal de la oficina de la escuela está disponible para ayudar de cualquier forma con este proceso.

Examen de Wisconsin Forward

El departamento de instrucción pública de wisconsin requiere que nuestros alumnos de tercer a octavo grado participen en las pruebas estatales. Todos los estudiantes serán examinados en las áreas de matemáticas y lenguaje, pero nuestros estudiantes de cuarto y octavo grado también serán examinados en estudios sociales y ciencias. Las pruebas se administran en internet y están diseñadas para medir el logro de nuestros estudiantes en estas áreas académicas específicas. Nuestra ventana de pruebas comienza el 20 de marzo y se extenderá hasta principios de mayo. Es importante que nuestros estudiantes se sientan cómodos, energizados y seguros durante estas pruebas. Les pedimos que ayuden a sus estudiantes a prepararse asegurándose de que coman un desayuno saludable, descansen lo suficiente y estén en la escuela a tiempo para su sesión de exámenes.

Finalización del tercer trimestre

El tercer trimestre termina el 30 de marzo. Las calificaciones se mandaran a casa el 13 de abril.

Saludos cordiales,
Amy Schlegel
Directora

Schedule of Events Correction

There is **NO** Boy Scout Fish Fry this Friday, as was published in the weekly schedule of events this week. There is one scheduled for next Friday, March 24th at 4:30PM. We hope you can come out and enjoy this fish dinner and visit with some St. Greg's families!

St. Patrick's Day Out of Uniform Information

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day this Friday (3/17), we welcome students to show their Irish pride by wearing a green shirt or appropriate St. Patty's attire with jeans. Please refer to the "School Uniform Policy" in the Parent/Student Handbook with any questions.

[Addendum to Out of Uniform Policy](#)

St. Gerard Scholarship

The St. Gerard Scholarship is now available. Please follow the links below for application. The deadline for the scholarship is April 7th. Please bring in the application and supporting documents to the school office.

[Scholarship Information](#)

[Scholarship Page 1](#)

[Scholarship Page 2](#)

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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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

StGreghomeAndSchool@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:

[March Breakfast Menu](#)

[March Lunch Menu](#)

[March 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](#)

Mark Your Calendars

March 3, 10, 24, 31

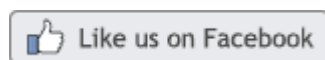
Fish Fry 4:30-7pm (Tenpenny Hall)

Sunday, April 1st

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

Saturday, May 20th

Spaghetti Dinner



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