

## St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

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

### **"Called to Serve"**

May 3, 2017

Greetings St. Greg's Families,

The May flowers should be popping up soon if they haven't already. We certainly have had enough of the April showers. It is so nice to see the sun shining today so the students can get outside and soak up some of that vitamin D.

### **Ice Cream Social and Young Artist Exhibition**

It was so nice to see such a fantastic turnout at Monday's art show and social event. Thank you to Diane Sherman for the beautiful display of our students' artistic talents. Ten gallons of ice cream, gorgeous artwork, and time for socializing made for an enjoyable community event. Smiles were in abundance!

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

We are heading into the home stretch of the spaghetti dinner planning. Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help out in different capacities. We truly appreciate all the work that is being done in preparation for a successful event. The classroom baskets are sure to be a hit as well as the bigger raffle items. We encourage dinner tickets to be purchased ahead of time for planning purposes, but tickets will also be sold at the door. Please see the flyer for more details. Hope to see you there on May 20th!

### **Staffing Changes for Next Year**

Some bitter-sweet changes will be made as St. Greg's says goodbye to a few staff members for next year. Mrs. Karli Koralweski-Flores (5K) has seized the opportunity to teach with her aunt at another school, Mrs. Jill Bellford (1st gr.) has decided to retire after 33 years of teaching, Mrs. Michele Zampino (music) has signed a full-time contract with Seton Schools which requires her to stay within the Seton system, Ms. Clara Rose (Classroom Aide) will be graduating with her Master's Degree and pursuing a career in counseling, Mrs. Jaimie Sponder (Library), and Mrs. Kim Smazal (Learning Specialist) has decided to pursue alternative employment as well. We thank them for their hard work, care and commitment to St. Greg's and wish them well in their future endeavors.

In addition, we will be shifting our current specialized art instruction to classroom-based instruction. Please be assured that the Archdiocesan and State Curriculum Standards will continue to be met. Classroom teachers are certified to teach art, as it is a required component for elementary education training. This shift in the art instruction model has led to the termination of the specialized art teacher position. Consequently, we will have to say farewell to Mrs. Diane Sherman (Art Teacher) after 31 years of dedication to St. Gregory the Great School. Please join me in expressing our gratitude to Mrs. Sherman for her years of creativity, commitment, expertise, and dedication to student learning. She has touched the lives of so many children and will be greatly missed.

As we continue to strive to best meet the needs of our learners, we will seek to hire a full-time Reading Specialist to support the literacy development of all students. Our current library will be expanded into a Literacy Resource Room on the first floor that will serve our students with specialized literacy instruction, access to reading-level-appropriate materials, an updated variety of resources, and an increased support system for teachers.

I have been receiving applications for a full-time Spanish Teacher and am happy to see some qualified candidates. It is my hope to fill this full time position for next year.

### **Fundraiser Limo Ride**

Finally, we have a date for the limo/lunch reward from the fall fundraiser. Students who qualified will receive their permission slips today to participate on May 9th. Details are on the form.

### **Spring Concert**

Grades 5-8 will be performing at the 1:30 and 6:30 performances on May 10th. Younger grades will be invited to the 1:30 performance, but it will be left up to the individual teachers as to whether their classes will attend. Please note that we will not pull individual students from classes to sit with family members during the 1:30 performance.

### May Crowning

Please join us for the May Crowning ceremony directly after mass on Thursday, May 11.

### Talent Show

We are looking forward to showcasing 10 acts of student talent on May 15th at 1:30. All are welcome! Auditions have been rescheduled for next week Monday (5/8) and Tuesday (5/9). They will be in room 204 from 3:15-5:30pm.

### All School Bingo

We met our goal! Operation Rice Bowl was a huge success this year. We raised \$1111.30 to donate to those in need of food. We will celebrate this big accomplishment with an all-school BINGO game on May 18th.

### Awards Day

It is always an honor to recognize our students and staff for the good work they do. Please join us for our awards day on May 23rd at 1:30 in the church to celebrate the greatness of St. Greg's.

Kindest Regards,  
Amy Schlegel

### School Spirit T-Shirts

We are ordering a free T-shirts for all students for the 2017-18 school year. The students will receive their shirts on "Back to School Night". The shirts can be worn on the designated "Spirit Wear" days or other days as designated by the principal or classroom teacher. Sample sizes are available to view in the school office. If you did not fill out an order at the Ice Cream Social, a form is being sent home today. Please return it to the school office no later than, Friday, May 12th.

## St. Greg's 2017 Spring Concert

Grades 5-8  
Tenpenny Hall  
"Folksongs and Festivals Around the World"



Wednesday, May 10, 2017

\*1:30 pm Rehearsal

\*6:30pm Performance

\*Please note time change\*

**\*\*Come see our students perform music from around the world in their native languages!!**

Please Remind Your Students:

- Students should arrive by 6:10pm
- All Students are expected to sing at Both Programs
- Concert Dress includes dress pants and nice shirt or skirt or dress.

### 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](mailto: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](#))

**[\(Pre-order ticket Form\)](#)**

### Spring Flower Fundraiser

The Home and School Association has partnered with Morgan Avenue Greenhouse for our Annual Spring Flower Fundraiser. This year the fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 11th and Friday May 12th, which happens to be right before Mother's Day. Flyers are located in the sacristy. Please present this flyer when you purchase your plants, flowers, vegetables and/or hanging baskets on one of these two days. Morgan Avenue Greenhouse will provide St. Greg's with 20% of all proceeds from those that turn in this flyer. If you need more flyers, they will be available in the school office, parish office and at the entrances in Church. Please do not photocopy the flyer, as the flyer needs to be on the pink paper. Please contact Kathy Princer at (414)322-3804 or [kathleen.princer@aurora.org](mailto:kathleen.princer@aurora.org) if there are any questions or if you need more flyers. Thank you for supporting St. Greg's Home and School Association.

## Calling All Bakers



We are in need of **bakers** to bake their favorite desserts for this year's Spaghetti Dinner.

We are looking for some NUT FREE desserts as well this year!

Donations may be sent to school on Friday, May 19th. PLEASE email Jaimie Sponder at [mjsponder77@gmail.com](mailto:mjsponder77@gmail.com) to let me know what you will be baking.

## Dress Down Days for Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, May 12th will be our last out of uniform day for Spaghetti Dinner. Students who bring in a \$1 donation towards the children's raffle baskets may be out of uniform for the day. Please be sure to review the out of uniform policy in the parent handbook for appropriate attire on these days. Students in violation will be asked to change and/or forfeit any remaining out of uniform days.

## St. Greg's Annual 10 ¢ Book Sale

Bring in your dimes and get some books for your summer reading.

When: May 18th & 25th

Where: In the Library during regular class Library times



Summer is fast approaching and camps are starting their registrations. Below are links to some camps to provide some enrichment while school is out. More information is available in the school office.

[Thomas More High School Athletic Summer Camp](#)

[Marquette University High School Summer EXPLORE 2017](#)

[UW-Milwaukee Summer Reading Skills Programs](#)

[Pius XI Summer Camps](#)

[Pius XI VEXRobotics](#)

[Camp Superkids a camp for kids with asthma](#)

[Bucks Summer Basketball Camp](#)

### Attachments:

**2017-2018 School Calendar**

[May Breakfast Calendar](#)

[May Lunch Calendar](#)

[May Calendar](#)

[Catholic School Annual Report](#)

[Home and School Winter Newsletter](#)

[Youth Choir/Schola Newsletter](#)

**Links:**

[Power School Parent Log In Instructions](#)

**Mark Your Calendars****April 30th - May 6th**

Safe Environment Week: "Serve with Love" (visit the Archdiocese [website](#) for more information)

**May 7th - 12th**

Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 8th**

Rescheduled Talent Show Auditions 3:15-5:30pm (room 204)

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**May 10th**

Spring Concert, 1:30pm & 6:30pm (Tenpenny Hall) \*Note: Time change\*

**May 11th**

May Crowning

**May 11th & May 12th**

Home & School Morgan Avenue Greenhouse Flower Sale Fundraiser

**May 15th**

Talent Show 1:30pm

**May 20th**

Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30pm/Raffle to follow ([volunteer form](#)) ([ticket order form](#))

**May 23rd**

Awards Day 1:30pm (church)

**May 24th**

8th grade Brewers Game trip

**May 25th**

K4, K5, & 1st grade Betty Brinn Field Trip

**May 26**

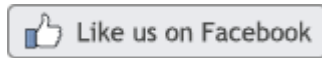
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**May 29**

No School - Memorial Day

**May 31**

3rd grade Historical Milwaukee walking Field Trip



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