

# St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

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

## **"Called to Serve"**

June 1, 2017

Greetings St. Greg's Families,

We are finally into the home stretch of the school year. I would like to thank you for your support in helping to make this a successful year for our students. We were so proud to celebrate the many student achievements at our awards presentation last Tuesday. Bravo to all!!!

### **School Improvement Progress**

You may recall that one of our three year school improvement plans included a goal for 80% of our students to make a 1.5 year gain in reading in one year's time. I am so happy to report that our scholars have made such high gains in this first year of the three year plan. 59.6% of our students have made a 1.5 year gain in reading growth this year! That is over a 21% gain from last year!

Another one of our school improvement plans was to increase the academic rigor in our instruction to help our student develop higher levels of thinking and learning. We have taken steps in this direction by utilizing a rigor coach for our teachers with support in the classrooms and four professional development sessions focusing on increased rigor strategies. Our teachers have also implemented a new form of flexible grouping for instruction and have created new methods of tracking student progress to boost achievement and growth.

Our third improvement plan focused on Catholic Identity. We attempted to increase the visual aspects and practices of our Catholic faith within our school building and school community. Besides the intentional effort to model Catholic values and display visual symbols of our faith, our students participated in multiple faith experiences and service projects this year including the living rosary, reconciliation service, stations of the cross, May crowning, weekly masses, advent gatherings, 1% Challenge, Rice Bowl Mission, retreats, vocation presentation, Capuchin hygiene bags, stuff the bus, and other service actions. Our main focus was to help our students truly understand the mission of our school to be positive people learning, living, and growing in Christ through faith and service.

### **Fidget Spinners**

Like many other schools, we, too are experiencing an increase of students who are bringing fidget spinners to class. Fidget Spinners are gadgets that are intended as an intervention tool for students who have a difficult time focusing in school. Unfortunately, they can also be distracting to some students. I would ask that all students leave the fidget spinners at home unless the classroom teacher has recommended the spinner as an intervention tool for a particular student. Only then will the spinner be allowed at school and under specific regulations set by the classroom teacher.

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

This year's spaghetti dinner was a great success. It was such a nice turnout despite the rain. We had a steady flow of patrons coming through the line all night coupled with non-stop ticket sales. We almost ran out of food! I would like to extend a special thank you to Stephanie Kenny, Maria Diener, Jaimie Sponder, Jill Schneider, and our fabulous chef Kris Kodaski and company. An additional thank you to all who baked, sold tickets, donated items, donated money, helped decorate, served food and drinks, and offered their time and talent to the event. The baskets and raffle prizes were fantastic! What a wonderful night of community and fun.

### **Goodbye to Mrs. Seitz**

Mrs. Seitz, our second grade teacher, will be leaving St. Gregory the Great after seven years of teaching here. She has taken a position at another school. We thank her for her years of dedication and service and wish her well in her future endeavors.

### **Parish Festival**

This year we will celebrate our 61st parish festival, September 7-10 and planning is in full swing. Please consider getting involved in our parish's largest fundraiser and community event. The more volunteers, the better the festival can be! There are many opportunities to get involved. Below are the positions that are open and critical to the success of the festival.

**Mexican Food Booth:** Captain

**50/50 Raffle:** Co-Captain

**Games and Prizes-** redemption center: Captain

**Cafeteria Beverages:** Captain

**Face Painting:** Captain

**Plinko:** Captain

**Fishing Pond:** Captain

**Twelve Pack Play:** Captain

If interested, please contact Eric Printz at 414-530-3742 or [eprintz@wi.rr.com](mailto:eprintz@wi.rr.com)

Watch the website at [www.stgregsmil.org](http://www.stgregsmil.org) for more information on food, music, and volunteer opportunities.

Kind Regards,  
Amy Schlegel  
Principal

## Cleaning Day

Students in grades 1st through 7th will be allowed to be out of uniform for cleaning day on Friday, June 9th.

## Fun Day

We are still in need of volunteers for FUN DAY, Monday, June 12th, 8am - 11am. If you are able to help please fill out the form attached and return to the office.

[Volunteer Form](#)

## Lost and Found

Just a kind reminder to have your children check the lost and found for any missing items before the end of the year. Our lost and found bin is overflowing with items. We would hate to have you leave for summer break with any items left behind.

## The Uniform Place

The Uniform Place is having a

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE**  
**ALL MERCHANDISE 60%-75% OFF**

Offering quite a bit of St. Greg's plaid jumpers and skirts as well as boys and girls pants, shorts, solid color shirts, sweaters, socks, tights, belts and hair accessories!

805 N. 68th Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53213  
414-258-7888

Store Hours:  
Tues. & Thurs. 12-7  
Wed. & Fri. 12-5  
Sat. 10-3

Expected last day is July 1st

## Graduation

*God gives His toughest Battles to His strongest Soldiers*

*Graduation Service will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2017*

*Doors open at 6:00 P.M.  
Service begins at 6:30 P.M.  
Reception to follow in Tenpenny Hall*



*Congrats!*

### *Congratulations Graduating Class of 2017*

*Ricky Alcantara  
Luigino Cetina  
Hector Chavez  
Nathaniel Cruz  
Amber Florczak  
Rosa Gomez Sierra  
Catherine Gonzalez Promotor  
Diego Gutierrez  
David Hernandez  
Ryan Jakubiak  
John Jimenez  
Peter Kowitz  
Payton Lesniewski  
Victoria Lueck  
Jasmin Marin  
Branden McNaughton  
Celeste Ortega  
Leila Ortiz  
Edgar Padilla  
Hannah Pitre  
Adelia Reed  
Valerie Rios  
Grant Rohrbach  
Sebastian Sanchez  
Cristina Sanfilippo  
Naomie Schultz  
Lukas Schwenke  
Grace Umek  
David Valdivia  
Elizabeth Wolf-Nowakowski*

## Save the Date Summer Cans for Computers

Please donate your rinsed and crushed aluminum cans to support the 4th & 5th grade service project.

We will have a special drop off on Saturday, July 22, 2017  
2:00-4:00 P.M.

All the money raised from recycling the aluminum cans will go towards St. Greg's Technology Fund

## Save the Date Soles for Catholic Education Walk - 5th Annual

The 5th annual Soles for Catholic Education Walk will be held on Saturday, October 21 at Mount Mary University. The Soles Walk is dedicated to ensuring that high quality, Catholic education remains affordable and accessible while celebrating our Catholic Schools and building Community.

When: Saturday, October 21, 2017  
Where: Mount Mary University, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Warm-up begins at 9:40 a.m.  
2-mile walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

## Summer Hours

Please note that the school office hours for the summer will be the following...

June 14-30: 9:00am-12:00pm  
July: office closed  
August: 9:00am-12:00pm  
August 21: resume normal school office hours 7:30am-3:45pm

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.

[Marquette Jr. Hilltoppers 2017 Football](#)

[Marquette Jr. Hilltoppers Summer Camps](#)

[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](#)

YMCA Summer Camp Brochures (available in office)

JB's on 41 Free Bowling Lessons (available in office)

**Attachments:**

[2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

[June Breakfast/Lunch Menus](#)

[June Calendar](#)

[Catholic School Annual Report](#)

[Youth Choir/Schola Newsletter](#)

**Links:**

[Power School Parent Log In Instructions](#)

**Mark Your Calendars**

**June 1st**

Junior Achievement Field Trip Grades 5-8

**June 5th**

6th grade YMCA water safety field trip

**June 7th**

8th Grade Graduation Brunch 9:30am (Tenpenny Hall)

8th Grade Graduation Prayer Service 6:30pm, Doors open at 6:00pm (church)

**June 9th**

K4 & K5 Bridging 9:00am (Tenpenny Hall)

**June 12th**

Fun Day

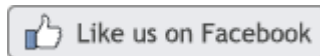
**June 13th**

Last Day of School

All school Mass 9:30am (church)

Dismissal 10:30am

**No After School Bookends**



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