

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

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

November 30, 2016

"Called to Serve"

Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

It is my hope that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and is gearing up for the holiday season ahead. Please join us in preparing our hearts for Jesus by living out our advent theme, "Let every heart prepare Him room."



Advent

Speaking of Advent, we welcomed the first Monday in Advent with an all-school prayer gathering to light our advent wreath. We will begin each Monday during Advent with a candle-lighting prayer gathering at 8am. The students may begin entering the building at 7:45am on these mornings. Students arriving after 7:45 will be directed down to Tenpenny Hall for the gathering. The bell schedule will remain the same.

New Bell System

You may have noticed a new beeping sound in place of our school bells. A new PA system was recently installed which signals arrival, dismissal, and lunch times. Our new system also allows for better communication with classrooms and increased security.

Conferences

Thank you to all who attended parent teacher conferences last week. We strive to maintain a partnership with parents to support our students in the best way possible. Open communication between home and school is key to this partnership. Please know that our teachers and staff can be contacted to discuss concerns or answer questions as needed through email, phone call, or PowerSchool. If you were unable to meet for conferences during your scheduled time, please be sure to make arrangements with your child's teacher to reschedule a meeting time.

Out of Uniform Days

Information was sent home at conferences to clarify our out of uniform day policies. The intent was to illuminate any further confusion or frustration these days may have caused. Spirit days or clothes that support specific causes are meant to highlight and celebrate special events. In an attempt to allow for appropriate deviance from the St. Gregory the Great Dress Code Policy on these special days, we have allowed three options: a shirt that specifically supports a St. Greg's activity (or the named cause or celebration), a solid color shirt (specified in the announcement), or the school uniform. We feel that these three options allow for the focus to remain on the named cause or celebration and allows students to maintain the appropriate attire for our school environment. Further information about the dress code and out of uniform days can be found in the parent handbook.

Club Choice Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall Fundraiser. From the looks of things, we had over \$9,000.00 in sales! Our final profit will be reported at our next Home and School meeting. Our top prize winners will be given information about the limo ride and other prizes in the next week or so.

Kindest Regards,

Amy Schlegel
Principal

30 de noviembre 2016

Saludos a los todos los padres y a las familias de St. Greg's,

Espero que todos hayan disfrutado de sus vacaciones de acción de gracias y se estén alistando para los festivales que pronto llegaran. Por favor únense con nosotros preparando sus corazones para Jesús viviendo el tema de adviento, "Deje que todos los corazones le preparen espacio"

Adviento

Este ultimo lunes fue el primero de adviento y lo empezamos con una reunión de todo el colegio, dijimos una oración entre todos e iluminamos la primera vela en la corona de adviento. Empezaremos todos los lunes de adviento con la iluminación de la vela de la corona de adviento y una oración a las 8:00am. Los estudiantes pueden empezar a entrar el edificio a las 7:45am durante estas mañanas. Estudiantes que lleguen después de las 7:45am serán dirigidos a Tenpenny Hall para esta reunión. El horario de la campana seguirá siendo el mismo.

Nuevo sistema de campana

A lo mejor se hayan fijado en el nuevo sonido o 'beep' que tenemos en vez de campanas. El nuevo sistema de altavoces señala la hora de llegada, salida y del almuerzo. Nuestro nuevo sistema también permite mejor comunicación con las aulas y un aumento en seguridad.

Conferencias

Gracias a los que hayan venido a conferencias la semana pasada. Nos esforzamos para tener una buena colaboración con los padres para poder ayudar a nuestros estudiantes lo mas posible. Una comunicación abierta entre casa y escuela es la clave mas importante para tener una buena colaboración. Es importante que sepan que se puede contactar por email, llamadas o PowerSchool con los maestros y personal cuando tengan preguntas o preocupaciones. Si no pudieron venir a las conferencias durante su tiempo programado, por favor pónganse de acuerdo con el maestro/a de su hijo/a y hagan una nueva cita.

Días fuera de uniforme

Mandamos información a casa durante conferencias sobre las normas de los días fuera de uniforme para clarificar dudas. El razonamiento por mandar eso fue para quitar cualquier tipo de confusión o frustración que estos días especiales pueden haber causado. "Spirit days" o ropa que apoya una causa especifica son destinados para destacar y celebrar eventos especiales. En un intento de desviación apropiada de la política de código de vestir de St. Gregory the Great en estos días especiales, hemos permitido tres opciones: una camisa que apoya específicamente una actividad de St. Greg (o la causa o celebración nombrada), un color sólido de camisa (especificado en el anuncio), o el uniforme escolar. Sentimos que estas tres opciones permiten que el enfoque permanezca en la causa o celebración nombrada y permita que los estudiantes mantengan el vestimento apropiado para nuestro ambiente escolar. Más información sobre el código de vestimenta y días fuera de uniforme se puede encontrar en el manual de los padres.

Recaudo de fondos para 'club choice'

Gracias a todos los que hayan participado en el recaudo de fondos de otoño. Hemos tenido mas de \$9,000.00 en ventas! Nuestra ganancia final será reportado en la próxima reunión de 'Home and School'. Les informaremos a los ganadores de premios sobre el paseo en limusina y los otros premios durante la próxima semana.

Saludos cordiales,
Amy Schlegel
director de escuela

Santa's Secret Gift Shop

Santa's Gift Shop will be held in Tenpenny Hall on: Friday, December 16th 2016.

It is time again for Secret Santa Gift Shop. Secret Santa's Gift Shop offers a selection of quality items for our children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for their Family, Friends and Pets. After the children have selected their gifts, free gift wrapping is provided. The gifts are moderately priced, with most under \$5 with only a few items slightly

over that amount. Secret Santa's Shop offers a worry free event with gifts the children will be proud to give to their family and friends. Attached is an envelope where you can select who you want your child to buy for and how much to spend. Fill Out tags for each gift bought and send with child along with envelope the day of shopping. Extra Tags can be printed from the school newsletter.

If your child is not shopping please send a note for their teacher.

Please include cash or check payable to "St. Gregory the Great".

THEN: On Friday, 12/16, please return attached envelope with your child to school. Be sure to place their name on the envelope and fill out the Gift List with your child. Include the following in that same envelope:

1. Gift Tag for each gift. Please cut out each gift tag and complete the "To" and "From" sections. You may include your own tags if you prefer something different.
2. Cash or check payable to "St. Gregory the Great Home and School" for gift items.
3. Envelope or receipt will be returned with your child indicating total amount of their purchases.

*****Please remember to send a shopping bag to carry gifts home*****

Gift tags will be provided

[Gift Tags 1](#) [Gift Tags 2](#)

Volunteers Needed

Need volunteer help with the Santa's Secret Shop on Friday, December 16th 2016. This year, the gift shop will be offered by "Holiday Treasures" again, who will be providing a selection of quality items for our children to choose gifts for their family and friends. The gift shop will be held from 8:30AM until approximately 3:30PM. We will need your help to set up, to assist children with buying, wrap items, and to pack unsold merchandise. Please indicate below if you have a preference where you would like to help, and the time in which you are available.

Return to school Attention: Kelly Kleist or email Kellykleist@yahoo.com. Again, thank you for considering volunteering to help make this a memorable and fun event for our children. We look forward to see you on December 16th, at 8:00AM.

Volunteer Form

Attention All Bakers

The Youth Ministry is looking for your help for our Christmas Cookie Bake Sale being held the weekend of:

December 17th & 18th after all Masses

Please help our Ministry by making your favorite Christmas cookies and bringing them to Tenpenny Hall no later than Friday, December 16th. We will be there at 5:00 p.m. to accept your generous donation. Or you can drop your treats off at the Parish or School offices during the week.

Please contact Gail DeFrancisco at 414-543-8292 ext. 238 or gdefrancisco@stgregsmil.org and share what delicious treats and how many you are able to provide.

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Concert 2016!



K4 and K5 Program

The kindergarten classes are getting ready for their Christmas program. The performance will be held on Wednesday, December 7th in Tenpenny Hall. The program will begin at 9:30am. The children are being asked to wear their "Christmas Best" clothing. That means dresses, skirts, ties of any color. There should be no writing on the shirts. Please, no jeans or shorts. The children are always welcomed to wear their school uniform. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, the school office or Michele Zampino at mzampino@stgregsmil.org.

Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 Program

This year's Christmas Concert is just around the corner. The children have been working very hard preparing their music. The concert will be held Wednesday, December 7th in Tenpenny Hall. The afternoon performance is at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend. The evening performance starts at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm. Children performing should be in their classrooms by 6:10. I am asking that everyone dress in his or her "Christmas Best" clothing. That means dresses, skirts, ties of any color. Please, no jeans or shorts and there should be no writing on the shirts. Students are always welcomed to wear the school uniform. Please choose shoes so the children are able to walk safely. We will need to walk up and down risers so please keep that in mind. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or Michele Zampino at mzampino@stgregsmil.org.

Jackson Park Tree Lighting

The Jackson Park Community Association and North Shore Bank will be sponsoring the 28th annual Jackson Park Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. on the triangle of South 43rd Street, West Forest Home Avenue, and West Oklahoma Avenue. Please join your neighbors, the Audubon Technology and Communication High School band, Our Lady of Lourdes church choir, and local dignitaries for caroling, followed by a reception across the street in the Vida Explosiva Maranatha church hall. Refreshments will be served.

Attachments:

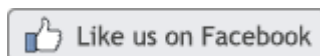
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