

September 15 Newsletter



St Gregory the Great Parish School

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through faith and service

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September 15, 2021

Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

The summer days are fading quickly as we are exactly one week away from jumping into the fall season. We are moving past the transition-to-school stage and settling down into classroom routines. It's time to get down to business and immerse ourselves in the joy of learning.

MAP Testing

It has been over a year and half since the students have participated in MAP testing, but we are gearing them up to begin the fall testing session next week. Students in grades 1-8 will be tested in reading and math as a diagnostic method of determining learning strengths and areas for improvement. The tests are given three times per school year to measure student learning growth throughout the year. Please make every effort to ensure full student attendance in the next couple of weeks.

Home and School Association

St. Greg's Home and School Board is in desperate need of members. We currently have a chairperson for the board, but it is difficult to plan and coordinate school events as a solo member. Boo Bash, Father/Daughter or Mother/Son events, spaghetti dinner, Santa's Secret Gift Shop, and any fundraising events will unfortunately fall by the

wayside without committed members on the Home and school Board. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact our Home and School Chairperson, Chris Bormann, at bormac00@gmail.com or at stgregshomeandschool@gmail.com.

Uniform Policy

We are enforcing the uniform policy this year. The policy can be found in the parent handbook, which was given out at Back to School Night. Please carefully review the guidelines and help your child to comply with the dress code. **Areas to note:** hair color, nail polish, skirt length, sweater/sweatshirts. Uniform items can be purchased at Walmart, Kohl's, or Target. St. Greg's has a limited selection of sizes of uniforms for free.

Spirit Day

This coming Friday, September 17, is our first Spirit Day. Students are able to wear St. Gregory the Great athletic wear, the yellow St. Gregory the Great T-shirt, or a regular uniform shirt. Bottoms can be jeans, shorts to the knee, skirts to the knee, or any other pants within the out of uniform guidelines found in the parent handbook. The order for new yellow St. Greg's t-shirts has been placed and we are waiting for delivery. In the meantime, students who do not have St. Gregory the Great spirit wear can wear a plain yellow shirt or the uniform shirt with bottoms of choice.

Soles for Education Walk

Have you heard the news? **On October 16, 2021, at 1pm**, St. Gregory the Great Parish and School will be holding a local Soles for Catholic Education Walk right on our own grounds! We will be celebrating Catholic education and raising money for our school. Students, families, parishioners, alumni, educators, principals and supporters are invited to rally together for this very important cause.

Donations raised by our school will help us reach our fundraising goal of \$5,000!

The impact of your donation will do even more to help our school, as generous Soles Walk sponsors have stepped up to match a portion of donations we receive. This year's walk proceeds will be used to support our school music program.

Support us by texting **SOLES1227** to 71777 or by visiting www.catholicschoolswalk.org.

You can also mail a check directly to our school at the following address:

St. Gregory the Great Parish School
3132 S. 63rd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53219

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and/or coordinate the event. Please email Amy Schlegel at aschlegel@stgregsmil.org if interested.

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September's Catholic Social Teaching Focus: Life and Dignity of the Human Person: "Belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of Catholic social teaching." In a time when the value and dignity of human life is being undermined, Catholic social teaching emphasizes the "belief that every person is precious, that people are more important

than things and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.”

We are all God’s people. How can we show care and respect for all people? What individuals or groups are often underserved or whose dignity is undermined? How can we help?

Grades K4-4th are sponsoring a toy drive for the refugee children at Ft. McCoy. If you would like to donate, we are collecting new or gently used toys through September 30.

**Kind Regards,
Amy Schlegel**

If You Need Help with Food

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am—Noon. The next pantry date is Saturday, September 18th, Because of COVID 19 the pantry is distributing bags of food outside Door #11 (Tenpenny Hall). Any school family in need of assistance is welcome to use the pantry. Please bring a photo ID and proof of address your first time. We offer bread/bakery, meat and produce along with canned/packaged food. We are here to help! For information please call 543-8292 (parish office) and ask for St. Vincent de Paul, or email svdp@stgregsmil.org

It's time to begin this year's

Cans for Computers

service project!

Please donate your rinsed aluminum cans to support the 3rd and 4th grades service project!

Cans can be dropped off before 8:00am on Monday mornings at the south end of the playground beginning on September 20.

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





Do You have a child older than 2nd grade
that has not received First Communion?

Did your child prepare for First Communion but due
to COVID has not yet recieved?

After school classes are starting soon for those that
need to prepare for Reconciliation and Communion
and only a refresher class & we can schedule your
child's celebration

Online Registration Available

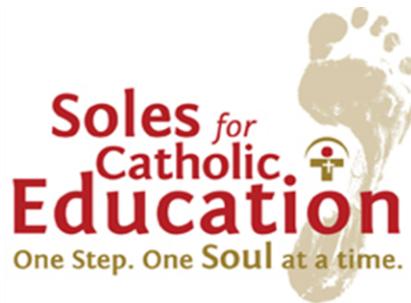
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Contact Lety Gutierrez-Kenny,
Director of Faith Formation
at 414-543-8292 or lgkenny@stgregsmil.org
for more information



Soles for Catholic Education

Join Our St. Greg's Team!

How has Catholic education impacted your life? Catholic schools provide a multitude of benefits including a high quality education, a foundation of moral and spiritual development, as well as the opportunity for students to become community leaders.

On behalf of **St. Gregory the Great**, I would like to invite you to support our school by registering and raising money for the annual Soles for Catholic Education Walk on October 16, 2021 at 1pm in our school parking lot.

Money raised by our team will stay right here at St. Greg's to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$5,000.

Join our team by visiting <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SOLES/team/StGregorytheGreat>

Or text SOLES1227 to 71777 to make a donation or register to walk with us!

To learn more about this year's Walk, visit www.catholicschoolswalk.org.

Together, let's step up for Catholic education!

Amy Schlegel

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