

St. Gregory The Great Parish School

December 7, 2022

Faith In Action

Dear St. Greg's Parents and Families,

At the return from Thanksgiving break, we were met with Elf on a Shelf and songs of the holiday season. Excitement is in the air. We still have two weeks of Advent to prepare our homes and hearts for Jesus, and the anticipation is building. We wait with joyful hearts... O Come, Emanuel.

Advent

God gave the world His most precious gift of His son, so we should bring peace to the world. Our students made prayer pledges for the season of Advent. Each class created a display to show how they would bring peace to the world to prepare for our Savior's birth. Watch for pictures on social media or see the display in person at our Christmas concert tonight.

Christmas Concert Event

Wednesday (tonight) at 6pm in Tenpenny Hall is the place to be! Grades K3 through 4th grade will be participating in a choral presentation led by Mr. Joyal. Students are to dress in holiday/dressed-up attire. No jeans or shorts, please. All dresses and skirts should be to the knees and shoulders should be covered. Be sure students can walk safely in their shoes. Students will come directly to the hall and sit with their classes on the designated benches. Doors open at 5:45pm.

Secret Santa's Workshop

One of our great holiday traditions is returning to St Gregory the Great. During the school day on December 16, 2022, each child have an opportunity to shop at Santa's Workshop and purchase inexpensive gifts for their families, friends, and their loved ones. The children will then be able to bring the gifts that they purchased back home to put under the tree or in stockings. Most items are between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Families can determine how much money they wish to send with their child. Please send cash in an envelope with the child's name and grade labeled. Volunteers and older students are

available to help younger ones with their purchases. Please do not send money in advance, as teachers cannot keep money in their classrooms, per the parish financial policy.

From Home and School Association

Dear St. Greg's Families,

Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of our Lord, the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, the giving of gifts, and the sharing of our faith, hope and love. The Home & School Association offers you an opportunity to share in the gift-giving tradition at our school by giving to the St. Gregory the Great teacher and faculty gift fund.

This season of giving brings to mind the dedication and caring that teachers and faculty provide each day to our children. The generosity and support of this fund in past years has made it possible to present the teachers, faculty and support staff with a wonderful Christmas gift. Best of all, this gift fits everyone perfectly!

The gift fund seems to be the ideal gift-giving solution for many families. For others, it supplements the loving gifts that are given by the children. Whichever option you choose, your gifts are truly appreciated by all.

Families can choose to contribute any amount to this fund. While the gift amount will be confidential, the family name will appear in a card along with a scrip certificate that will be presented just in time for Christmas vacation.

Please list your family name on your contribution. The contribution should be returned to school with attention to: The Home & School Assoc: Gift Fund. Checks should be made payable to: St. Gregory the Great.

Thank you for your help and support throughout the year. We wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Library News

I am very happy in my new role as Library Coordinator aka Story Gramma. Many of you know me from being the Administrative Assistant in the School Office. This new role gives me great pleasure to spend time with the students and my favorite activity is reading to them. The students have been very responsible in taking care of the books and returning them on time.

As you know the library was closed for almost 3 years due to COVID. Many of our books are old, outdated and well used. It is my hope to get new and updated books in the library for the students.

I have received monetary and book donations, all of which are much appreciated. This year during Catholic Schools Week (January 29-February 3) we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information in the coming weeks in the Newsletter and the website.

Have Fun Reading!

Sherry Fritz

First Trimester Report Cards

The 1st trimester ended last week and report cards will be distributed this Friday. Please know that these reports are a look into how well each student is meeting grade level standards at this time. Students learn at different rates and the proficiency rating tells us where the student is in the learning process towards grade-level mastery. For a review of standards-based grading, please check our

school website under resources and documents. Information regarding standards-based grading can also be found in our parent handbook.

December's Catholic Social Teaching

This December we respond to the Call to Family, Community and Participation: The family is the “central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined.” The bishops write that as society “often exalts individualism,” the Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community,” and that people have “a right and a duty” to participate in working for the common good and “well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.”

God calls us to act as a member of his family. Every member of his family is important and deserves love and care. How do we reach those who may be poor, sick, alone, or suffering? What can we do for them?

We call them home for Christmas. We invite them to St. Greg’s Parish Christmas mass. We pray for them. We make family ornaments to be given out at mass. We treat them like family.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

The St. Vincent de Paul Society operates two thrift stores in the Milwaukee area, located at 2320 W. Lincoln Ave. and 4476 S. 108th St. (Just north of Layton Ave.) The stores currently have a variety of low cost holiday items including toys, clothing and decorations. Use the coupon below for even bigger savings! If you need assistance purchasing items from the store, the St. Vincent de Paul society at St. Greg’s can write a voucher (gift certificate) for any school family in need. If you would like to talk with someone about a voucher for store purchases, please call the SVDP Neighbor Help Line at 414-491-9687, or email us at svdp@stgregsmil.org. All requests for assistance are confidential. We are here to help.

Parking Lot Reminder

Please be sure to review the parking lot procedures with the ones who pick up or drop off students each day. Remember that there is no exit onto Oklahoma Avenue during pick-up or drop-off. Please slow down in the lot. Children can be impulsive and often are not watching for cars as they dart out into the lot. Please do not cross over from one aisle to another or across the lot diagonally through the empty spaces. Only drive down the aisle you are parked in or plan to park in. Use the far east lane at the back of the lot to get to the exit or another aisle.

Kindest Regards,

Amy Schlegel
Principal

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St. Greg's Winter Spirit Wear Sale

December 7-December 19th

Trojan Basketball apparel and more!

Show your team spirit!

<https://bsg.chipply.com/stgregsmil/>



Go Trojans Go!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			07 Christmas Event 6:00pm	08	09 Report cards go home	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Spirit Day Santa's Gift Shop	17 SVDP Food Pantry 10am-12



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