



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Cooperation*

Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

As we near the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the following information may be of interest. The source of this information is the National Catholic Educational Association. NCEA is the largest private professional education organization in the world, representing 200,000 Catholic educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, in religious education programs, in seminaries and in colleges and universities.

TOP TEN REASONS TO CHOOSE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (NCEA 2012)

1. Christian virtues and academic excellence in a close knit community.
2. Balanced curriculum, aligned with state standards, which includes enrichment programs, such as art, music, foreign language, physical education.
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills.
4. Strong preparation for high school.
5. Safe and disciplined environment.
6. Exceptional faculty who inspire students to reach their fullest potential.
7. Individual attention in a caring community.
8. Commitment to ethical use of technology to enhance the learning experience.
9. Good stewardship of resources.
10. Family environment and strong support system.

Our students are currently working on assignments that support them in reflecting on the benefits of their Catholic education. **If you can spare a moment or two, I invite you share your thoughts about St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in a brief testimonial, via the form provided in your Monday Messenger today (return in your Monday Messenger by Wednesday) or in an email to the school office.**

St. Gregory the Great was one of nine Catholic elementary schools in the nation founded in 2009. As we see our school community, programs, and campus grow, we thank the Lord for continuing to shower us with his abundant blessings.

Mrs. O'Connell

Week-at-a-Glance

Monday-	Jan. 16	No School/ Martin Luther King Jr.
Tuesday-	Jan. 17	
Wednesday-	Jan. 18	
Thursday -	Jan. 19	Liturgy at School- 10:30 A.M. PTSG General Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Friday-	Jan. 20	

Coming Soon!

Jan. 23	Chinese New Year
Jan. 26	Bake Sale for the Missions (Sponsored by Gr. 2) 6 P.M. School Board
Jan. 29	11 A.M. Catholic Schools Week Liturgy @ St. Gregory the Great Parish Church 1-3 P.M. Open House & Book Fair

YEARBOOK 2012

Yearbook orders are due this Friday, January 20.
(Order forms went home last week. Additional forms available in the office. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to have a pictorial keepsake of this memorable school year!)

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School **OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR** Sunday, January 29, 2012

Our OPEN HOUSE begins a nationwide celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is: Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service. The theme expresses Catholic schools' focus on learning about faith, maintaining high academic standards, and serving the community. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors!

What I Love about

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School...

During the September PTSG meeting, parents were asked to respond to this prompt. Check this space each week to read their comments:

"I love the staff, the families, daily morning assemblies, and the mention of God throughout the day."

*****Articles for the "Guardian News" must be sent to newsletter@stggcs.org no later than 12:30 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the week of publication.**



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Sports Center

Contact Mr. Swan, our Athletic Director, with any questions or concerns regarding Peewee soccer or your child's physical development. My email is mswan@stggcs.org and website is www.classroomwebites.com/mswan. The password is available in your classroom handbook.

You can access schedules and other information regarding Peewee soccer at the Catholic Sports League of San Diego webpage. You will find a link to this webpage at the bottom of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School's front webpage. You can also find a link on the bottom of my webpage listed above. Sign-up now for text-alerts on the Catholic Sports League of San Diego Webpage, providing you instant game day updates, facility issues, and rain outs.

Parish Connect

New Hymn Books - our parish is replacing the old Gather hymn books with the new third edition. This is due to the new implementation of the new translation of the revised Roman Missal. Memorial or Dedication labels will be available for the new hymnals at a \$15 suggested donation and be placed in the books. Contact Tim Hilgeman with questions- 858-653-3583.

Save the date - Thursday January 26th, Ministry of **MOM's night out- Zumba class!** Come join us at 4 Ladies Only Fitness in Poway at 7pm for some cardio fun!

The **Family Cancer Support Ministry** invites all parishioners to share photographs of relatives or friends who have passed due to cancer. Photos will be displayed at the annual Mass of Hope on January 17th at 7pm.

PTSG News

We are pleased to announce an exciting event taking place at our upcoming PTSG General meeting on **Jan. 19 at 6:30 P.M. at the school**. Inspirational speaker and author Carol Keffe will be presenting practical and creative strategies to get you from "Hassles to Harmony" with homework and other chores! Your attendance will qualify you to win our door prize, a copy of Ms. Keffe's book and a one hour phone/ or in-home session. You also receive a stewardship hour for your attendance. In addition, Ms. Keffe will be offering a more in depth "Hassles to Harmony" family workshop at the Parish. Please see the flyer in this week's Monday Messenger for additional information.

Also, thank you to our fabulous 2nd and 4th grade classes for hosting another amazing Spaghetti Dinner last Friday. These evenings are a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our school community.

Father-Daughter Dance

Friday, February 3rd @ 6:30pm
St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall
\$25/couple \$10/per additional daughter
See flyer for purchasing tickets in Monday Messenger
Volunteers needed for Dance committees.
Email Lynn Bautista, lynnbautista@gmail.com

Shop with Scrip!



Order your scrip gift cards online each week by 8 A.M. on Tuesday at www.shopwithscrip.com. The school office finalizes your order and gift cards are available for pick-up on Friday afternoon of that week. A percentage of each gift card purchase comes to our school. Gift cards are same as cash. A complete listing of vendors is available www.shopwithscrip.com. Payment at pick-up. Checks payable to STGGCS please. Write "Scrip" on memo. **Scrip gift cards are also available in the school office.**

Volunteer at STGGCS – WE NEED YOU!

HOT LUNCH SERVICE is a particular area of need! Check out numerous opportunities to share your gifts of time and talent in support of STGGCS. Sign up to volunteer at www.signupgenius.com. Access the Sign Up Genius site directly by clicking on the button at www.stggcs.org Home Page.

Register for eScrip!

Click on the eScrip icon on the Support Your School page on the school website. Follow the prompts and insert the **School ID 136559297**. This one-time registration of your Vons card and credit card(s) ensures that a percentage of your purchases at participating merchants goes directly to our school.



Thank you so much for clipping those box tops. Our school just received a check for \$289.89! Way to go, Guardians! Remember Remember, each box top is worth 10 cents for our school. Thank you for your support!

