



# St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

## GUARDIAN NEWS



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### Virtue of the Week: **COMPASSION**

### Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

This is an exciting time as we approach Catholic Schools Week. Our students have been working on testimonials over the past week- sharing what Catholic education means to them, and expressing what they like about their school. Some of those testimonials recently showed up on my desk, and it warms my heart to share them with you:

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*"There are many reasons why I love my Catholic school. One reason is because we get to do more fun and educational activities like art, P.E., music, and Spanish. We also have lots of technology that helps us to learn, like NEOs, student computers, a Starboard, and a document camera. There are also less students in a class that a public school might have. This means it is quieter and easier to learn. We also pray together, learn about Jesus, and celebrate the sacraments together. I am so glad that my parents care enough about my education to send me to a good school!" (Lauren, Gr. 3)*

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*"My Catholic school is special because we stay with each other year after year. We go to mass together. We also treat each other with kindness and respect. The teachers teach us about Jesus and God and much more. At Extended Care we have snacks and play with our friends. I love St. Gregory the Great Catholic School." (Bella, Gr. 2)*

**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 from the parent perspective, via the form provided in last week's Monday Messenger (return in your Monday Messenger by Wednesday) or in an email to the school office.**

Thank you to all who attended the PTSG general meeting last Thursday. Carol Keefe shared some pearls of wisdom that certainly inspire one to attend her upcoming workshops at St. Gregory parish.

The construction of our new building is progressing at quite a quick pace. Please take special care to monitor your little ones at the gate, especially at the end of the day.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a lack of volunteers to help with serving Hot Lunch. We may need to suspend this program, and spend time researching alternatives for next year. Details to follow. *Blessings, Mrs. O'Connell*

### Week-at-a-Glance

Monday-	Jan. 23	Chinese New Year 7 P.M. Memorial Mass for Fr. Nick's mother
Tuesday-	Jan. 24	
Wednesday-	Jan. 25	
Thursday -	Jan.26	Bake Sale for the Missions (Sponsored by Gr. 2) 6 P.M. School Board
Friday-	Jan. 27	Grade 2 Field Trip

### Coming Soon!

Jan. 29	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 11 A.M. St. Gregory the Great Parish (Students in uniform please) 1-3 P.M. Open House & Book Fair
<b>Jan. 29- Feb. 1</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>
Jan. 30	Book Fair Donuts for Dads
Jan. 31	Lunch with a Loved One 3 P.M. Talent Show Auditions (Closed)
Feb. 1	Jump Rope for the Heart
Feb. 2	Student Talent Show
Feb. 3	11 A.M. Sports Jersey Day/ Spirit Pep Rally Minimum Day- 11:45 Dismissal 6:30 P.M. Father/Daughter Dance (St. Gregory Parish Hall)

### SAVE THE DATE!

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School  
**OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR**  
Sunday, January 29, 2012 ~ 1-3 P.M.

### 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:*

*"A loving spirit towards each other, and the good communication with staff."*

**\*\*\*Articles for the "Guardian News" must be sent to [newsletter@stggcs.org](mailto: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](mailto:mswan@stggcs.org) and website is [www.classroomwebites.com/mswan](http://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 next to the Guardian logo on the Home page of the school website. 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

Ministry of Mother's- **Mom's night out!!!** Join us for ZUMBA this Thursday night at 4 Ladies Only Fitness in Poway starting at 7pm! Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendar- January 30th- February 1st- As the **Master Goes so goes the Disciple** - Presentations based on the gospel of Mark will be held by Fr. Eugene Hensell in the church. Two different times, 9 am and 7 pm. Come learn more about Jesus and the gospel.

**Woman's Friendship Circle** - Meeting this Monday, January 23 at 7pm in the Trinity Room. If you are interested in socializing with other woman, spiritual insights and laughter please join us!

## PTSG UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended the PTSG General Meeting last Thursday. If you were unable to attend, you may view a copy of the meeting minutes posted in the office. We enjoyed many great tips from our speaker, Carol Keefe regarding "Hassles to Harmony" with homework and other chores. Ms. Keefe will be holding additional family workshops (yes, that means kids are invited!) at the parish on February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see last week's Monday Messenger for the informational flyer. The next PTSG General Meeting will be March 20 at 6:30 at the school.

"Hot Dog Thursday" is coming to the school on the last Thursday of the month in Jan., Feb., and March. Order forms were provided in last week's Monday Messenger. Proceeds will benefit our parish ministry, Build-A-Miracle, whose focus is building quality homes and communities in Tijuana, Mexico.

## Shop with Scrip!



Order your scrip gift cards online each week by 8 A.M. on Tuesday at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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](http://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.**

## FREE Parent Seminar

**"Little Girls Can Be Mean...Four Steps to Bully-Proof Girls in the Early Grades"**

Seminar, by author Dr. Michelle Anthony. Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:30pm-8:00pm. Chabad Hebrew Academy auditorium 10785 Pomerado Rd. San Diego, CA 92131

Please RSVP for this event: Cindee Sutton at [csutton@chasd.org](mailto:csutton@chasd.org) or 858-566-1996 or at <http://parentingforabetterfuture.eventbrite.com>

## Volunteer at STGGCS

Check out numerous opportunities to share your gifts of time and talent in support of STGGCS. Sign up to volunteer at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com).

Access the Sign Up Genius site directly by clicking on the button at [www.stggcs.org](http://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.



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