



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Confidence*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This is National Vocations Week. It is so fitting that Sr. Aurora visited last week. Her presentations to our students focused on the qualities and virtues of the saints, the heroes of our Church.

You may have noticed some dramatic developments around our school campus. Our students witnessed the



installation of enormous steel beams by crane last Friday. It is exciting to see our new building take shape and to chronicle daily progress.

Progress Reports are going home today. This provides yet another great opportunity to sit with your child and discuss spiritual and academic goals for the year ahead; Time to celebrate successes and to establish procedures and systems that support growth.

The January edition of *At Home with our Faith* is included in your Monday Messenger today. This edition focuses on the dynamic between siblings in the family, while also offering some great suggestions on *best practices* that support children in being responsible and accountable.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR at the end of the month. Please feel free to invite neighbors and friends to experience our Catholic school environment. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Meghan Abrom and Julia Pennington who earned A Honors for the first quarter of the school year, and to Chloe Torrence who earned B Honors. We are so proud of our sixth graders who maintain consistently high standards in academics and positive attitude.

As you know we have had some issues with our email server. Thank you for your patience – your emails will receive a response as soon as possible.

Blessings for a great week,

Mrs. O'Connell

Week-at-a-Glance

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| Monday- | Jan. 9 | Progress Report II |
| Tuesday- | Jan. 10 | |
| Wednesday- | Jan. 11 | PTSG Executive Board Meeting |
| Thursday - | Jan. 12 | Liturgy postponed |
| Friday- | Jan. 13 | Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 P.M. (Hosted by grades 2 & 4) |

Coming Soon!

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| Jan. 16 | No School/ Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Jan. 19 | PTSG General Meeting @ 6:30 P.M. |
| 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 |



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 lifelong Christian friendships that are nurtured in Catholic Schools. I see this developing with our children at St. Gregory's."

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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

The **Family Cancer Support Ministry** invites all parishioners to share a photograph of relatives or friends who have passed away due to cancer. All photos will be on display for the Annual Mass of Hope on January 12, 2012 at 7pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- Thursday and Friday, January 12 & 13- Pray before the Blessed Sacrament extends and enhances the spirit of prayer we experience together in the Mass.

Please don't forget to **bring canned goods every Sunday** for Our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Angels. They need our support!

National Vocation Awareness Week- January 8-12, 2012. Vocations week celebrates vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate or Consecrated Life in particular. During these days, families are urged to nurture the faith of their children to prepare them to respond to whatever God's call is for them.

Join us for a **"Journey through the Mass"** at St. Gregory the Great. This is an opportunity to learn more about the central practice of our faith. It will be held the next three Wednesday's. This Wednesday in the parish hall from 7- 8:30, the topic will be Preparation and Gathering.

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.**

Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us for the Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the 2nd and 4th grade! It will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday, January 13 with seating at 5:30 and 6:30. The cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child. Please purchase your tickets at the school office by Wed., Jan. 11. Thanks to Filippi's Pizza Grotto for providing the pasta and sauce for our dinner.

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.

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.



Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

Thanks to all our school parents, facility & staff for making our Barnes & Noble event a successful one. We raised close to \$2,000 to buy NOOKS and books for our school. A special thanks goes out to the parish American-Filipino Ministry for their lovely choir performance. What a great community event!

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

