



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Hope*

Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I wish you abundant blessings for the New Year ahead. The virtue of *Hope* is appropriate as we begin 2012. We have much to be hopeful and thankful for as we begin this year: expansion of our campus with the construction of our library/admin. building; growing school community; addition of enrichment programs (in fact, the after-school guitar program begins next week); the expansion of our junior high with the addition of seventh grade in the fall. We ask God to continue to bless our school and parish community as we expand and develop.

This week we welcome Sr. Aurora Lopez-Ornelas, SJS, Director for Vocations at the Diocese of San Diego. This is Sr. Aurora's third year visiting our school, and her presentations to our students are both inspiring and thought provoking.

New Booster Seat Law

You may already be aware of a new state law that came into effect on January 1, 2012. The state's new child booster seat law requires that children **MUST** be secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint (safety seat or booster seat) **IN THE BACK SEAT OF A VEHICLE** until they are at least **8 YEARS OLD** or 4' 9" in height. Gov. Jerry Brown signed the law in October, replacing a requirement that all children under the age of 6, or 60 pounds, be secured properly in a rear seat with a child booster. This law has a major impact on the requirement for children traveling by carpool to field trip destinations. Additional information on may be found at www.chp.ca.gov/community/safeseat.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing good luck you all our student athletes and peewee soccer coaches who will play the first games of the season this coming weekend. We are very grateful to a wonderful group of parent coaches who make this program possible by gifting our community with their talent and precious time. Thank you also to you, our parents, whose generous support of school activities allowed us to purchase fabulous soccer shirts. I know our students will represent their school with spirit, pride, and an attitude of great sportsmanship. GO GUARDIANS!

Mrs. O'Connell

Week-at-a-Glance

Tuesday-	Jan. 3	School Re-opens Sr. Aurora visits from the Diocesan Office of Vocations
Wednesday-	Jan. 4	
Thursday -	Jan. 5	
Friday-	Jan. 6	11:45 Dismissal/ Minimum Day 12:30 Faculty Meeting

Coming Soon!

Jan. 9	Progress Report II
Jan. 11	PTSG Executive Board Meeting
Jan. 12	10:30 Liturgy @ School
Jan. 13	Spaghetti Dinner (Hosted by grades 2 & 4)
Jan. 16	No School/ Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 19	PTSG General Meeting

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!

During the September PTSG meeting, parents were asked to respond to this prompt:

What I Love about St. Gregory the Great Catholic School...

"I love helping this little school GROW."

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Sports Center

The Pee wee Soccer season begins this Saturday, January 7th, and runs for approximately eight weeks. Games will be held on Saturdays at other Catholic Schools in the San Diego Diocese. There are no make-ups for games cancelled by rain.

Pee wee soccer jerseys will be distributed this week. Jerseys are on loan for the season and must be returned to the Athletic Department at the close of the season. Student athletes should wear their soccer jerseys to all games.

Contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Swan, with any questions regarding after school sports at mswan@stggcs.org. Visit Mr. Swan's website at www.classroomwebsites.com/mswan. The password is available in your classroom handbook.

Information regarding game schedules is updated regularly on the Catholic Sport League of San Diego website. www.leaguelineup.com/catholicportsleague. You may also sign up on this website for text-alerts, which provide instant game-day updates, facility issues, and rain-outs. information.

Student Council

Thanks to all that donated needed sweats to the Clothes Closet at Rady Children's Hospital. The ER is very grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Stay tuned for our next Stewardship project for Rady's!

PTSG

The PTSG Executive Board would like to wish our families a very blessed New Year. Please note the first PTSG General Meeting for 2012 will take place on January 19 at 6:30 P.M.

Earn FREE CASH for STGGCS!

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.**



Parish Connect

Ministry of Mother's Monthly Meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday, Jan. 5, 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M., Come kick-off 2012 with the Ministry of Mothers' annual Bunco meeting! After all the rushing and craziness of December, the MOMs January meeting is a great way to relax, catch up with friends old and new, and have some fun!

The Epiphany of the Lord Schedule of Masses:

Vigil: Saturday, January 7, 2012 ~ 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 8, 2012, 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

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 17, 2012, at 7 P.M. Please submit photos with your name, phone number, and your dear one's name to Enes Andrews, Parish Receptionist. (Photo size requirement no larger than 5 x 5.) For more information, contact Margaret Lyn at 858 530-2560.

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.



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!

