



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Wisdom*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we begin our second week in October, I hope that you have had an opportunity to talk with your child about what he/she has learned about praying the Rosary. Perhaps you have purchased rosaries for your family!

Included in your Monday Messenger today is your October edition of *At Home with Our Faith*. The sacrament of Reconciliation is highlighted this month with a focus on confession and "self-forgiveness". Check out the section on R-E-S-P-E-C-T; an interesting perspective is shared about this core virtue.

This week, we begin the annual administration of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills; a norm-referenced, standardized assessment. Unlike the STAR test, offered in the spring by the public schools, the decision of the Diocese to administer in early October ensures that teachers, administration and parents receive feedback in early November, which supports effective curriculum planning and appropriate allocation of resources. Let's keep this standardized assessment I perspective, however, as it is merely a "snap shot" of your child's academic performance. Ongoing summative and formative assessments in the classroom are the real indicators of student progress and growth. Parents can support their children during this time by ensuring the child has a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast. Getting to school on time and having a positive attitude set the stage for a successful testing experience. Additional test-taking tips were emailed to you last week.

We look forward to a very productive week.
Blessings, *Mrs. O'Connell*

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:

"How happy my daughter is when I pick her up every day."



Week-at-a-Glance

Monday 10/10	7:45 Morning Assembly Progress Report I ITBS Standardized Assessment Begins Food Drive begins
Tuesday 10/11	7:45 Morning Assembly 8-10 A.M. ITBS Assessment
Wednesday 10/12	7:45 Morning Assembly 8-10 A.M. ITBS Assessment 3 P.M. Faculty Meeting
Thursday 10/13	7:45 A.M. Morning Assembly Gr. 4 8-10 A.M. ITBS Assessment
Friday 10/14	7:45 Morning Assembly 8-10 A.M. ITBS Assessment
Saturday 10/15	Girls' JV Volleyball vs. Madeleine @ Coast Sports Complex 3:15 P.M.

Coming Soon!

Oct. 16	Stewardship Sunday
Oct. 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25	PTSG General Meeting @ 6:30 pm Used Uniform Sale
Oct. 26	4 th grade field trip to Cabrillo
Oct. 27	Kindergarten field trip to Oma's Pumpkin Patch

FOOD DRIVE- SERVICE PROJECT

Please help us restock the food pantry at Our Lady of Angels Parish (our sister parish) to help those in need. You will receive a grocery bag with a list of suggested items. Food donations should be returned to the school office by October 19. This service project is undertaken in partnership with the Sister Parish Outreach Ministry at our parish. Thank you for your stewardship and generosity!

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Sports Center

JV Girls Volleyball practices are scheduled for Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:45 to 4 P.M. each week. Our girls play School of the Madeleine at Coast Sports Plex on Oct. 15 at 3:15P.M. They will proudly represent our school wearing their new volleyball jerseys!

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

Women's Retreat: October 14-16, 2011

El Carmelo Retreat House is the perfect setting for a weekend away to get recharged! This is a relaxing, peaceful retreat in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. Meals are buffet style in a dining room with full view of the mountains. There are three new dynamic Carmelite priests to conduct the weekend. For inquiries & reservations, please call Terry Stevens at 858 566-5889.

Free Concert: The parish is hosting a concert in the church building on Thursday, Oct. 20th at 7pm. With the month of October being the month of Mary, the concert is called "Let It Be". It is a walk through Mary's life in song. School parents and families know they are invited. The concert is free with a free will offering at the end.

Monthly Children's Choir: Children in grades 3 thru 8 are invited to sing in the St. Gregory the Great Children's Choir. The next Mass for the choir will be Saturday, Oct. 15th at the 5pm Mass. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday Oct. 5th & 12th from 5:15 - 6:00pm in the parish hall, and on Saturday Oct. 15th before Mass at 4:30pm in the church. For more information contact Tim Hilgeman at the Music Office 858-653-3583, or thilgeman@saintgregorythegreat.org

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.**



Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

If you have an interest in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or need a refresher course, please join us at a practical training session on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm in the Church. Training lasts about 90 minutes and will answer any questions you may have regarding the ministry, and how you will be scheduled. If you're interested, please contact Greg Tom at 858 271-9490 or email gtom@san.rr.com.

New Hymn Books: Our parish will be replacing the old Gather hymn book with a new 3rd edition. This is due to the implementation of the new translation of the revised Roman Missal. Memorial or dedication labels will be available for the new hymnals at a \$15.00 suggested donation. The memorial or dedication label will be placed in the hymnal.

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. Search for email volunteer@stggcs.org for volunteer opportunities. 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.



Clip Box Tops!

Check your cereal, cake mix, ziplock baggies, and many more products and clip the box tops. Your child is a box top detective and will check with you before clipping. Send your box tops to school. Each box top is worth 10 cents. Last year our school earned \$597 in box tops.

Contact the school office with any questions.