



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Stamina*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We expect to see many changes around our school campus over the coming months. Last Wednesday, as we began our prayer at Morning Assembly, the earth literally started to move! Our children are being exposed to the experience of a lifetime, as they witness the building of our new library building. We offer prayers of gratitude for a community of dedicated parents and parishioners who are committed to Catholic education and the expansion of our school and parish. We also pray for the safety of the workers as they facilitate the vision of expanding our school facility.

While the impact of construction on our parking lot procedures should be minimal, I ask for your increased awareness during drop-off and pick-up times. Also know that while construction is in process, a buddy system, as well as camera surveillance, will be adopted throughout the school day if our students have restroom needs.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity in support of the Food Drive for Our Lady of Angels parish. The October edition of *At Home with Our Faith* speaks to the issue of diversity, and this service project is a wonderful teaching opportunity to increase our children's awareness of their blessings, and the need to reach out to those who are less fortunate.

We are very grateful to Mr. Hernandez (Noah's dad) and his co-fighters for providing a fabulous safety experience, with their fire engine last week. In continuation of this theme, we are excited to announce that a helicopter and crew from the San Diego Sheriffs Dept. will join us on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10 A.M. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us for this unique experience. Please be at the lunch tables by 9:55 A.M. if you plan on joining us. Many thanks to the McIntosh family and to Corporal Kevin Randall for making this experience possible.

We are grateful for our blessings, because **we are truly blessed.**

Warm regards,
Mrs. O'Connell

Thank you STGGCS volunteers!

What a fantastic start to our school year! Thank you our faculty and staff for hosting the first Spaghetti Dinner of the year, and to Gina Duggan, Martha Morris, and Laryna Rodriguez for stepping up as Spaghetti Dinner Leads for the year! You did a fantastic job! Also, we would like to give a big thank you to the numerous parents who are helping with Hot Lunch Service and Playground Supervision. You are very much appreciated! Check out numerous opportunities to share your gifts of time and talent. 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.



School Photos NOW Available

School Photo images are now available for review and purchase at www.collages.net. Please contact the school office if you need additional information to access this password protected site. Purchases may be made online and images are shipped directly to your home. Picture Make Up day has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 19. Contact Bob Forrest directly with any questions (858) 357-6451.

Kids' News Day – Tuesday, Oct. 25

Bring your dollars! This special edition of the Union Tribune to benefit Rady Children's Hospital will be on sale at school in the morning.

Boy Scouts – Pack 1200

Pack Meeting and Halloween Party! October 18th 2011 at 6:30pm, Scripps Ranch Rec. Center (park across from St. Gregory Church). Wear your Halloween costume!

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

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

"The love the kids share."



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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 Sacred Heart at Coast Sports Plex on Oct. 23 at 1:15P.M.

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

Parish Connect

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. For more information contact Tim Hilgeman at the Music Office 858-653-3583, or thilgeman@saintgregorythegreat.org

Anointing of the Sick: Don't forget...the 1st Friday of every month there will be a noon Mass followed by the Anointing of the Sick.

Oktoberfest Couples Night Out!: Friday, Oct. 21st at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Just \$5 per couple! Bring your favorite beer or wine and have some fun welcoming fall! Enjoy Brats, pretzels and other goodies!

One Sunday For the Whole World: World Mission Sunday, October 23

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.**



Week-at-a-Glance

Monday 10/17	ITBS Standardized Assessment Food Drive continues
Tuesday 10/18	8-10 A.M. ITBS Assessment
Wednesday 10/19	PICTURE MAKE UP DAY 8-10 A.M. ITBS Assessment 3 P.M. Faculty Meeting
Thursday 10/20	7:45 A.M. Morning Assembly Gr. 3 Food Drive Ends 6 P.M. School Board Meeting 7 P.M. <i>Let It Be</i> concert @ St. Gregory the Great parish
Friday 10/21	8 A.M. Liturgy (Parish) Food Drive Pick Up
Sunday 10/23	Girls' JV Volleyball vs. Sacred Heart@ Coast Sports Complex 1:15 P.M.

Coming Soon!

Oct. 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25	Kids' News Day PTSG General Meeting @ 6:30 P.M. Used Uniform Sale
Oct. 26	San Diego Sheriff's Dept. Helicopter
Oct. 26	4 th grade field trip to Cabrillo
Oct. 27	Kindergarten field trip to Oma's Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 31	Halloween - Wear Black & Orange Day (Jeans OK)
Nov. 1	Feast of All Saints -8 A.M. Liturgy- Dress as your favorite saint (Optional)

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.

Contact the school office with any questions.