



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Safety*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Red Ribbon Week! Our Student Council has organized a number of fun events for the student body. The highlight of our week will be the landing the Sheriff's Department helicopter here at our school on Wednesday. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and using virtues to make good choices are particular areas of focus in our classrooms this week.

You may be aware that the first Sunday in Advent (November 27) heralds some significant changes in the mass. These changes are revised translations of the original Latin texts and pertain to the responses, songs and prayers recited at mass. Each week, between now and Advent, we will be sending home a newsletter from St. Anthony Messenger Press, titled *Catholic Update: Guide to Changes in the Mass*. The focus of this week's newsletter is on the history of the Missal and the significance of language in the Missal.

Our hope is that this resource will support your family in understanding the rationale behind the changes in the mass, so that you can fully participate and embrace these changes in late November. Students in grades 3-6 will learn about changes in the mass during their religion classes. Look for a book titled, *What's New about the Mass*"; it's a valuable resource to support ongoing discussion with your child at home. If your child is in kindergarten, first, or second grade we will be sending a copy of this book home to families without an older sibling. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops offers additional valuable resources on this topic at www.USCCB.org/romanmissal.

An active partnership between school and home is integral to the mission and philosophy of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School. Our goal is to support parents in their role as the primary educators, and to facilitate student learning and development here at school. Working together, we will support our children during this time of transition and change by continuing to nurture and deepen our love of the liturgy.

Blessings,

Mrs. O'Connell

PTSG Update

Mark your calendars for the next PTSG General meeting on Thursday, October 25th, at 6:30pm, in the Faculty Room. We have several important topics to cover: Kathy McIntosh will review the great feedback from last year's parent focus groups. Jim Scelfo will report on the redistricting efforts for the City of San Diego. Might the school have a new City Council representative? Mr. Swan will lay out the sports programs for the year. Mrs. O'Connell will provide an update on the construction and effects on drop-off, pick-up and parking. Refreshments will be provided by Kindergarten. It's an easy way to earn a service hour!

Student Council Update

Student Council is excited to host a number of fun activities during Red Ribbon Week. Let's see your school spirit as we SAY NO to DRUGS. Go Guardians!

Kids' News Day – Tuesday, Oct. 25

Bring your dollars! Our very own Stewardship Commissioner, Lianna Treitler, and members of the Student Council will sell this special edition of the Union Tribune to benefit Rady Children's Hospital. Papers will be on sale at school in the morning! Read about inspirational patients and their families.

Hot Lunch Reminder!

Hot lunch orders are due by tomorrow, October 25th. Orders received after that date cannot be accommodated.

Annual Parish Dinner

Save the date for the Annual Parish Dinner which will be on Friday, November 18. This will be a special edition of our usual Spaghetti Dinner.

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

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

"Very open policy and awesome staff."



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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 St. Charles Catholic School at Coast Sports Plex on Oct. 29 at 2:15P.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

All Souls day is November 2nd. There will be a Mass at 7pm. Come join us and light a candle in remembrance of a loved one.

New Hymn books can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. This makes a wonderful gift. Minimum donation of \$15.00 per book please.

Life Walk is on Sunday October 29th, 10:30am at Mission Bay Park. Contact Liesl if you are interested in walking or would like to sponsor someone who is walking.

Winter Collection: Our Outreach Ministry is holding their annual winter collection on Oct. 29 and 30th to benefit our Sister parish, Our Lady of Angels. They are accepting new or gently used blankets for those in need.

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.

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 10/24	Red Ribbon Week Student Drug-Free Pledge Wrist Bands distributed Door Decorating competition begins
Tuesday 10/25	Kids News Day - \$1 per paper Sock It to Drugs Day 6:30 P.M. PTSG General Meeting- Used Uniform Sale Helicopter Landing @ School 3 P.M. Faculty Meeting
Wednesday 10/26	7:45 A.M. Morning Assembly Gr. 2 Hugs Not Drugs 6 P.M. School Board Meeting
Thursday 10/27	Wear RED Day Girls' JV Volleyball vs. St Charles @ Coast Sports Complex 2:15 P.M.
Friday 10/28	
Saturday 10/29	

Coming Soon!

Oct. 31	Halloween – Black & Orange Day
Nov. 1	Nov. 1 Feast of All Saints -8 A.M. Liturgy (Parish)- Dress as your favorite saint (Optional)
Nov. 4	Minimum Day -11:45 Dismissal
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day – No School

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.