



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

GUARDIAN NEWS



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Virtue of the Week: *Fairness*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This week we are sending home the second in a series of six newsletters from St. Anthony Messenger Press, titled *Catholic Update: Guide to Changes in the Mass*. The focus of this week's newsletter is different forms of prayer, with particular emphasis on the difference between private and public or communal prayer. The US Catholic Conference of Bishops reminds us that, "Now is the time to seize the opportunity given to us for all Catholics in the United States to **deepen, nurture, and celebrate** our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy." www.USCCB.org/romanmissal.

As the month of November begins, our thoughts and studies in the classroom turn to the lives of the saints; ordinary people in the world, who through their holiness and God's grace, achieved extraordinary things. The saints inspire us to be passionate about our faith, and to constantly seek out opportunities "to do little things with great love" (*Mother Teresa*).

On another note: In order to facilitate a safe, smooth and timely arrival and departure from the school parking lot, I ask that everyone please observe the following system: **Parents wishing to get out of their car for any reason must park in a marked parking space on the Stonebridge Parkway side of the parking lot. The carpool lane is the lane closest to the school side of the lot. Pull as far forward as you can while waiting for your child in the carpool lane. Please DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAR IF YOU ARE USING THE CARPOOL LANE. Staff members are on hand to get your child to you as soon as possible. Patience is the ultimate virtue here - a few additional minutes of your time will ensure safety for all.**

As always, I thank you for your support and cooperation in all matters related to the welfare of our fabulous children. As I visit the classrooms I am reminded of Fr. Nick's homily at our most recent liturgy. He shared with us that, "Our God is an Awesome God- our children are AWESOME children - we are called to be AWESOME, and then some."

Blessings in Christ,
Mrs. O'Connell

PTSG Update

Thank you to all that attended last week's PTSG General Meeting. Congratulations to Anne Grissom for winning our door prize, reserved front row seating for the Christmas Program! Thank you to the Kindergarten class for hosting refreshments. If you were not able to attend, meeting notes will be posted on the PTSG Bulletin Board. The next PTSG General meeting will be January 19, 2012.

If you are interested in investigating and evaluating new enrichment programs for our school related to academics, sports, arts and music and more, please consider joining our new task force now forming for this purpose. For more information, or to volunteer, please send email to PTSG@stggcs.org. **The deadline for submission of ideas and interest to participate in the task force is Friday, Nov 4th.** We are seeking involvement from 4 to 6 parent volunteers for this project from all grade levels.

From the THINK Tank: Out of consideration and respect for our Principal, prayers and flag please refrain from cell phone usage during morning assembly. Let's set a positive, courteous example for children!

Father/Daughter Dance

The Father/Daughter Dance Committee will be meeting in the STGGCS Faculty Lounge on Friday, Nov. 4th immediately after morning assembly until 8:30am. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Bautista, lvnnbautista@gmail.com.

Dad's Group

Please join us on Thurs Nov 3 @ 5:30 at the Green Flash Brewery: 6550 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, ca [92121](http://www.greenflashbrewery.com)

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.

Student Council – Stewardship

This is the LAST week to bring in a new, unwrapped toy for the sick children at Rady Children's Hospital. Our goal is to collect 100 toys. Every student that donates a toy will receive a free "Pop-In Playtime" pass for the Pump it Up in Poway. Thanks to the Saffee family for generously donating these passes!

*****Articles for the "Guardian News" must be sent to newsletter@stggcs.org no later than 12:30 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to the week of publication.**



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Sports Center

Your children in K-4th grades were recently sent home an invitation to participate on the STGGCS Peewee soccer team. Please paper clip the payment to your filled out paperwork by November 18th. If you wait, you may be too late. Consequently, Mr. Swan is requesting you to act promptly.

Our J.V. Girls Volleyball team plays All Hallows at Coast Sports Plex this Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Go Guardians!

Contact Mr. Swan, our Athletic Director, with any questions regarding Peewee soccer or your child's physical development. If you are looking for volunteer hours, we are always searching for head coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers. Your schedule would need to be clear for at least one practice per week, beginning promptly at 2:45 p.m. All practices begin after Thanksgiving and the first game is the Saturday following Christmas break.

Mr. Swan's email is mswan@stggcs.org and his website is www.classroomwebites.com/mswan. The password is available in your classroom handbook.

Parish Connect

The **Gardening Ministry** is looking for new members to continue their work with keeping the Church grounds beautiful! Interested contact Betty Otto.

All souls Day is Wednesday, November 2nd. There will be a mass at 7pm. Come light a candle in remembrance of a loved one.

The **Military Friendship and Support Group** needs anyone who is active duty, reserve or retired military families to carry up the gifts at the Veteran's Day masses on Saturday, November 12th and Sunday November 13th. Please contact Jenny Cornelissen at 858-689-8871 if you are interested in participating.

Come join us for the **Ministry of Mom's** meeting on Thursday, November 3rd starting at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. This month's topic is giving back to others and we will have 3 speakers highlighting ways to get involved with our community. See you there!

There will be one more opportunity to help educate parishioners on the **changes in the liturgy**. This will be held on November 6 at 12:30 in the parish hall.

Shop with Scrip!

Order your scrip gift cards online each week by 8 A.M. on Tuesday at www.shopwithscrip.com. The school office manages 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

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| Monday 10/31 | Halloween –Wear Black & Orange Day |
| Tuesday 11/1 | Feast of All Saints 8 A.M. Liturgy (Parish) Honor the Saints Day |
| Wednesday 11/2 | Helicopter Landing @ School 3 P.M. Faculty Meeting |
| Thursday 11/3 | Morning Assembly- Gr. 1 |
| Friday 11/4 | Minimum Day-11:45 Dismissal 12:30 Faculty Meeting |
| Sunday 11/6 | Students asked to wear uniforms to mass this weekend Girls' JV Volleyball vs. All Hallows@ Coast Sports Complex 2:15 P.M. |

Coming Soon!

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| Nov. 9 | Sr. Eva Rodriguez visits from Holy Childhood Association |
| Nov. 11 | Veterans' Day – No School |
| Nov. 14 | Report Card I |
| Nov. 18 | Spaghetti Dinner (Annual Parish Dinner) |
| Nov. 21 & 22 | Minimum Days 11:45 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Nov. 22 | 11 A.M. Thanksgiving Prayer Service |
| Nov. 23-27 | Thanksgiving Break-No School |

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

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

"How all the children know each other's names!"



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.