



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL

**13925 Telegraph Road
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Dear Parents:

The year is progressing so quickly. Parent/teacher conferences are behind us, students are working hard in their studies, our athletes are doing well and we are about to complete our 2nd fundraiser of the year.

This year so many new families have joined our school community in helping complete our goals. Returning families are now heading activities such as our most recent Santa's Brunch on December 2nd. This year we will be hosting a Valentine's Day event on February 9th in the hall. This event will be in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. Mrs. Rose Drieslein is representing our school in coordinating this event. On December 8th, we will walk in the Whittier Parade to show our "St. Gregory the Great" pride. We ask families to join us in making this happen. Our athletes, students and cheerleaders will be walking in the parade.

This past week, our Annual Fitness Day occurred. This event is run by our own physical education teacher, Adam Padilla. So many activities took place such as relay racing, running against the fastest principal in town, cheer clinic taught by our own cheer coach, Nicole Vargas (Aja-3rd grade) for both boys and girls and Zumba lessons in the hall instructed by Lori Maier. Since the Zumba lessons were such a hit with the faculty and kids, we have been given permission to offer lessons for our community in the hall every Monday night beginning next month. More information regarding the Zumba lessons will be forthcoming.

Our students also had the privilege of speaking Dr. Ryan Garcia who is a doctor from SCU Sports Medicine Clinic. Mr. Garcia volunteered his time to talk to the students about things they may have not known about health, exercise, foods that help you stay healthy and how important it is to treat your body well.

So many things occurred on campus in such a short amount of time but the students learned new things about themselves, exercised, cheered, Zumba'd and had refreshments donated from families and were able to purchase nutritious smoothies from Jamba Juice.

In addition to this letter, certain items of concern will be addressed that require your attention as families of our school. We ask that you please be sure to read through this letter carefully so you won't miss any deadlines or important information.

On November 20, 2012, our students, faculty and staff will once again celebrate the blessings God has given us at St. Gregory the Great School. This meal will be blessed by Fr. Ik and we will join in praise for all the our heavenly Father has given us. El Camino will be preparing and serving our food and we would like to remind all families that lunch will be served to all students. Please do not bring a lunch. If you have any medical restrictions, please notify the office and/or teacher.

Thanksgiving Mass – November 22 at 10:00 a.m. we will have some of our students celebrating the Mass with our community, please come and celebrate all that we are thankful for that God has given us a family.

May God bless all of you and your families during this upcoming Thanksgiving. We as a community have so much to be grateful for during this time in our world. Please find time to join in prayer as a family during this busy time and count all of your blessings.

From your school to your homes, May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,
Paulette Clagon
Principal



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MICHAEL'S UNIFORM SALE – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH IN THE HALL FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. SCRIP WILL BE SOLD.

SANTA'S BRUNCH AND BOUTIQUE – DECEMBER 2, 2012

The Class of 2020 will host our First Christmas Brunch on December 2nd. This is an opportunity for our families in the school and parish to come together and share a meal.

Please join us in kicking off the holiday season with good food, vendors and Christmas music. Hope you can bring your family and friends.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR – DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 29TH

Sell, sell, sell...deadline is Thursday, November 29th. 5 calendars are mandatory at \$20.00 per calendar. Late fee will be implemented on November 30th.

SAFETY AND COURTESY IN THE PARKING LOT

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the safety in our parking lot has come to my attention in several instances. Making illegal U-turns in the parking lot, drop off and pick up students at the bottom of the hill and getting out of your car to unload students. The drive through line is strictly for dropping off and picking up. When the line is held up for certain reasons it causes parents to find alternate ways of avoiding the line. Traffic cones have been donated by Nolan Mendoza's family from 6th grade. Thank you so much for assisting us in controlling the traffic.

ACELLUS PROGRAM:

The Acellus program has officially launched. Most students have experienced the lessons and seem to be quite excited. The program will support every learner we have at St. Gregory the Great School.
The Fee is \$20.00 per child.

WORLDSTRIDE TRIPS:

There is still time to register for all Worldstride Trips. Washington, D.C., Florida and Sacramento.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS:

As we come closer to the holidays, we ask that you honor your financial commitments to the school. Each family must participate in all fundraisers. There is still a few families that need to clear their outstanding balance from St. Agnes Raffle. We are currently selling the Christmas Calendar. Please do your part to sell the calendars. Our goal is \$30,000.00. This is the 2nd of our mandatory fundraisers.

Pay your tuition on time. Late payments affect the overall operation of the school.



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HONOR ROLL FOR 1ST QUARTER

8th Grade

Honors

Arturo Cervantes – First Honors

Armand Reyes – First Honors

Raymond Balandra – Second Honors

Alina Formano – Second Honors

Jessica Kirk – Second Honors

Valerie Lopez – Second Honors

Anthony Mata – Second Honors

Jordan Melendez – Second Honors

7th Grade

Honors

Michaela Corral – First Honors

Jasmine Enriquez – First Honors

Brenda Ceja – First Honors

Clarissa Arias – First Honors

Viviana Lopez – First Honors

Oscar Perez – First Honors

Julian Pint-First Honors

Anissa Pizano-First Honors

Dalton Ramirez – First Honors

Mireille Santoso – First Honors

Amanda Soto – First Honors

Michael Soto – First Honors

Miranda Claisse – Second Honors

Alessandra Arevalo – Second Honors

Marissa Lozano – Second Honors

Miguel Quicho – Second Honors

Jared Ramos – Second Honors

Celia Toney – Second Honors



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6th Grade

Honors

Krystal Guerrero – First Honors
Vanessa Herrera – First Honors
Marco Nakano – First Honors
Emmanuel Rodriguez – First Honors
Madison Rosa – First Honors
Brandon Sadorra – First Honors
Bethany Cardenas – Second Honors
Melissa Carrillo – Second Honors
Gabriela Corona – Second Honors
Andrew De La Rosa – Second Honors
Chloe Gonzalez – Second Honors
Ashley Guerrero – Second Honors
Laneyya Guzman – Second Honors
Aaron Ibarra – Second Honors
Scarlett Malvaez - Second Honors
Andres Mota – Second Honors
Savanna Piette – Second Honors
Nicole Robles – Second Honors

6th Grade

Outstanding Effort

Luis Alvarez
Karina Armero
Anna Marie Zavala

5th Grade

Honors

Alexia Arroyo – First Honors
Lorena Garcia – First Honors
Brianna Guerrero – First Honors
Hayley Melendez – First Honors
Andrea Reynoso – First Honors
Kylie Ortega – Second Honors



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5th Grade

Outstanding Effort

**Analisa Ayers
Dean Russell
Isaiah Saldana
Matthew Garcia
Michael Garcia
Brianna Campos
Dustin Castro
Andrea Mendez**

4th Grade

Honors

**Adam Arias – First Honors
Brianna Ceja – First Honors
Olivia Enriquez – First Honors
Robert Hernandez – First Honors
Isaiah Perez – First Honors
Julian Pizano – First Honors
Camryn Redmond – First Honors
Eric Brown – Second Honors
Refugio Cervantes – Second Honors
Kennedy Granados- Second Honors
John Malvaez – Second Honors
Joshua Piette – Second Honors
John Paul Tamez – Second Honors**

4th Grade

Outstanding Effort

**Dylan Lawler
Nicole Long**



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3rd Grade

Honors

Lou Ong – First Honors

Lauren Garcia – Second Honors

Eric Ortega- Second Honors

3rd Grade

Outstanding Effort

Aja Castro

Adam Dolor

Mateo Nakano

Allen Reynoso

Christopher Robles

Madison Tell-Belmont

Congratulations to all students and their achievement!



Santa's Secret Shop Begins December 3, 2012-December 7, 2012
envelopes will be sent home next week for your child to purchase items.

**FISH FRY- Cardstock donations: 8 ½ x 11 light yellow, green, blue
pastel colors. You will receive service hours for donations.**



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Religious Formation:

It is always wonderful to celebrate Mass with all the families. I hope there will be many more families in December, celebrating Mass with us. I was so moved and inspired to see a number of our students last Sunday (November 11) at Mass. "Little Church" is a blessing to the community. We should all embrace God's gifts of unity, grace and love.

Young Rembrandts - ART

An art program will be offered during our Afterschool program beginning November 30th. Please turn in registration forms with your payment of \$54.00 for six sessions. Checks must be made payable to "Young Rembrandts", if you wish your child to participate. In order to have a final count, you must turn in the registration no later than Monday, November 26th. (forms will be sent home in family envelope).



Basketball season has started for boys and girls. If you are coaching any sport, you must attend the below clinics if you have not already done so. Fingerprinting must be completed with the VIRTUS training.

Play Like a Champion Clinic

Wednesday November 28, 2012 6:00PM	St. Louise de Marillac	Gutierrez	1728 E. Covina Blvd. Covina, Ca. 91724
Thursday December 6, 2012 6:00PM	Holy Family (So. Pas)	Cook	1301 Rollin Avenue South Pasadena Ca. 91030

Fingerprinting Schedule:

BEATITUDES OF OUR LORD Wednesday, December 12th
13013 Santa Gertrudes Ave. 12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:20pm - 7:20pm
LA MIRADA For appointment call (562) 943-5678

RACE AGAINST THE CLAGONATOR: THE WINNERS OF THE RACE ARE AS FOLLOWS...

**JACOB GARCIA (2ND), JOSH PIETTE (4TH) TOMMY BLANCHARD (8TH), NICOLAS CERON(8TH),
BRYAN LEMON (8TH) AND ANDRES SALGADO (8TH). GREAT JOB!**

FOR FULL COVERAGE OF THE RACE, PLEASE VISIT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL FACEBOOK.