



St. Gregory the Great School Newsletter

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Mission Statement

St. Gregory the Great School fosters a caring Catholic Christian environment, which provides a faith community where each student recognizes their uniqueness and will be prepared to take on a positive role in our society.

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that summer is vacation is over and that the opening of school is here! As a reminder, all students are to be in their homerooms by 7:50 a.m. Any student coming after that time will be marked tardy. Remember that this goes on a student's permanent report card. We often get requests for records from high schools years after a student has graduated. If your child is absent/late, please call the school by 8 a.m. or use the St. Gregory the Great School App. This will avoid us having to call to see why your child is not in school. You may also use our online form to notify the office of absences or tardies. All absences and tardies are recorded (excused/unexcused).

Many exciting programs and activities are planned for the new school year.

Please stay tuned for more information. **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** August 29 at 6:30PM. We will have formal introductions of faculty and staff, introductions of programs for students as well as your introductions of the PTO Executive Team and Room Parents.



If you have not yet completed registration, call the school and talk to Mrs. Giordano. If you call after hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

At this time, most of you are aware that most of our classes have increased in size. We thank God for this healthy problem. This will give our students more opportunities for social and academic interactions with a diversity of peers. Welcome again, to all of our new students. Thank you to the fundraising efforts of the parents and PTO we were able to provide new desks for the fourth grade.



We are excited to partner with a new program, which will provide opportunity for TK-8 students to learn all skills related to STEM. We will provide more information during Back to School Night.



*SLE of the Month
(Aug-Sept)*

*! St. Gregory the Great
Student is an*

**Active Faith Filled
Catholic Christian
Who:**

Demonstrates the teachings of Jesus
Demonstrates and Catholic teachings and traditions.

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Uniforms Required

8/29 School Mass Mass
Uniform Required

8/29 Back to School Night

9/4 LABOR DAY

9/6 Mass on the Grass

9/12 Picture Day Mass
Uniform Required

9/20 Parent Workshop

9/27 Academic Progress Report
#1

9/28 Student of the Month
Recognition Assembly

The school website, social media, e-mails, and phone calls will be utilized all throughout the year to reduce the use of paper and keep you informed. Parents who are not connected to the internet are invited to contact the school office to discuss options like being put on a mailing list to access the posted school information. *Get ready for the unveiling of our new APP!*

Welcome back to school. We hoped you enjoyed your summer vacation. We know that we will have an excellent school year full of many successes for our students, families, teachers, and staff. We look forward to 2018-2019!.

Ms. Clagon

Activities Eligible for Service Hours

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If you are interested in starting Service Hours there are some opportunities that need immediate attention. Please call the school office 562-941-0750 EXT 771

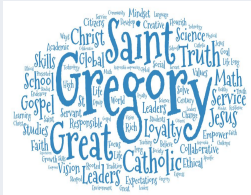
- Yard Supervision 7:30AM-7:45AM, 11:30AM-1:00PM Campus Angels
- Athletic /Academic Coaches
- **School Beautification and Cleaning (see special days)**
- Drivers and extra donations for School Activities
- Fall Play and Spring Musical
- Field Day/Fitness Day
- Working All School Events
- Committee Meetings
- Parent Workshops
- Write a review for St. Gregory the Great on www.GreatSchools.com

****Check service hour log on Gradelink**

FAITH

School Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, August 29th. On September 6th, we will celebrate the Mass in honor of St. Gregory the Great with a *Mass on the Grass*. All are invited to the Mass at 10:00 A.M. **(postponed)**. Our first Family Mass is the first Sunday in October 7th at 8:30AM. Please make family time to learn more about the Saints. Our special prayer intentions for this month are for our community of St. Gregory the Great; Families, Faculty and Staff, Father Brian and Father Huy. May we grow in God's love.

Lord, may our community work together to make this world a better, more moral and peaceful place. May we all have our hearts fixed on you and on heaven, and live in this world without being of it.



Vision Statement

Steeped in the rich Catholic tradition and Gospel values, St. Gregory the Great School works in partnership with church, family and community to continuously strengthen our faith and spiritual formation. Our students flourish in a collaborative, challenging, academic environment rooted in our Catholic faith. With high expectations we endeavor to develop in our students a

St. Gregory the Great

Feast Day September 3

Patron Saint of:

- ❖ educators/teachers
- ❖ students/scholars
- ❖ musicians
- ❖ masons/stonecutters



Click here to learn more... <https://youtu.be/HWvSdidzRcA>



CHECK OUT THESE NEAT KIDS IN UNIFORM!

growth mindset and a globalized focus in service learning. It is our goal to empower all students to be Christ-like leaders who can creatively and ethically respond to the challenges of the 21st century.

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Excellence

Thank you for working with us during the Data Week. We know it was new procedure for you. Our goal is to provide the best Catholic education and help each student be successful.

Student Emails:

All students in Grades 4-8 should have a school email account. Every student has an assignment which will involve them having their own email and access to Google Classroom. Please contact principal@sggknights.org if you have not been able to access your account.

Let's focus on our partnership. Partnership refers to our parental commitment to live and support all that we are teaching in school -- citizenship skills and academic skills. A child receives mixed messages when we teach and practice behavior and academics in our school environment when they are not aligned with your family value system. Going over our school handbook in detail will help you to know exactly what is valued and reinforced at St. Gregory the Great. Please submit the signed form acknowledging your reading of the handbook.

A positive parent partnership with the classroom teacher contributes to a successful school year for your child. When parents contradict classroom and/or school procedures a child is placed in the awkward position of not respecting school authority - a necessary condition of positive school interactions. Parents are always encouraged to communicate with our faculty ... especially in person in a prearranged conference.

Our Fall sports Program will begin during the week. Student must submit the proper activity form and athletic fees to participate. All students participating in Fall Sports the fee will be pulled from **FACTS on September 30, 2018, if not paid in the school office.**

Please arrange to cover the fee on that date. Please make sure your child is eligible the entire season by putting in the academic time inside and outside of the classroom. Athletic fees are non-refundable.





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Stewardship



All fees must be up to date before your child can begin school. For new families, if you have not submitted the FACTS tuition form, please do so immediately since the first monthly payment was due in July. If you any questions call the school at 562-941-0750. We need to increase our fundraising efforts for this year. The summer was spent remodeling two restrooms and installing our first round cameras to improve security efforts. Next summer we will remodel two more restrooms and add more cameras with your help. We are asking each family to fulfill their commitment in fundraising profits during the year by participating in the various fundraisers. There are options for fundraisers scheduled to help you reach or go beyond this goal.

We have a fundraising option with scripsense! You can help contribute to our organization all year long simply by shopping! To get started, email COORDINATOR



scripsense™
a lifestyle of giving

PRINCIPAL@SGGKNIGHTS.ORG and request a registration link. Once you receive your email from scripsense, click on your personalized link in your email to register. Shop for eGift cards or shop online and a percentage of every purchase goes

back to us. It's that simple! You have the power to help our organization by embracing a lifestyle of giving. We really appreciate you giving back.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Please help us maintain accurate school records. Notify the school office of any change of address or phone number (both home and work in case of emergency), email address or enrollment status.

Joint custody parents who do not receive the school newsletter and communications, may arrange to receive the information sent home by requesting to be placed on our email list.

St. Gregory the Great School
8th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, November 2, 2018
at the Newly Renovated La Mirada Regional
Golf Course

Register your
foursome by
September 28
for a discount
Hole-In-One
-Win a 2018
Ford Mustang

GOLF - BREAKFAST - CONTESTS
LUNCH - RAFFLES - AWARDS & MORE...

sggGolf@sggknights.org



**Fundraising Events are very important to the life of the school.
Invite friends, family, coworkers to join us for a fun day of golf.**

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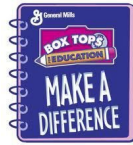
Fax: 562-903-7325

Email:

mainoffice@sggknights.org

Donations

Do you work for a company that gives matching grants to nonprofits or that donates money if you volunteer? Many companies do this. Check with your company and perhaps you could get additional funds for the school.



Box Tops We continue to save the Box tops for Education. We receive \$.10 for each box top that is submitted so be sure to send them to school with your child. This has been funding the materials for our music program over the years. Please continue to give generously. Ms. Irene Muro and Mrs. Sabina Jimenez will be volunteering their time to make sure that we receive the funds for Box Tops.

Extended Care

All TK-8 St. Gregory the Great Catholic School children are eligible to use our service. If you are in need of this service on a regular basis, or only in need of this service occasionally, please complete the registration form and return it to the school office. It is best to have your information on file in the Extended Day room prior to your use of the service. Important: Logistics - The afternoon Extended care will be in the Parish Hall. We have outgrown our space in the school. Please pray for a solution to this wonderful problem we have. *God provides.* There will be times when we will have to use alternative spaces around the school due to activities.



Reminder...

Students should be on the yard no later than 7:50 a.m. The teachers will meet the students on the main yard 7:40 a.m. Students are expected to come in full uniform. Students are attending school so should dress accordingly Also, students must wear appropriate school socks and wear black leather shoes that are closed in the front and in the back. Mass Uniforms must be worn on Wednesdays when Mass take place. When weather is forecasted to exceed 100 degrees, students may wear uniform shorts. No need for vests in extreme heat. Please check the PE schedule for your child's PE days.

PE Schedule

****TK-2 PE twice a week**

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday
TIME			
8:30-9:00	Grade TK	Grade TK	
9:05-9:35	Grade K	Grade K	
10:20-11:10	Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 1
11:15-12:00	Grade 2	Grade 4	Grade 2
1:00-1:55	Grade 7	Grade 8	
2:00-2:55	Grade 5	Grade 6	

NO PE: Special Mass Days: Thursday, November 1- All Saints Thursday, May 30 Ascension of Jesus

Immunizations

Please be sure your child is up-to-date on their immunizations/ appropriate documentation prior to school starting in the fall. Remember, pertussis (whooping cough) and meningitis vaccines are required for 7th grade. In addition, there are several important vaccines recommended for preteens and teens including varicella, hepatitis A, the HPV vaccine series and a seasonal flu vaccine.

Medication - A stringent state and district policy exists. If your child must take medication during the school day, stop by the office and complete the necessary paperwork to allow the medication to be taken. Please do this before school starts. New forms must be completed for each school year. **MEDICATION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT HOME WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AT NO TIME SHOULD STUDENTS CARRY ANY TYPE OF MEDICATION ON THEIR PERSON** with inhalers/epipens being the only exception. Please note that we are NOT able to dispense over-the-counter medications with parent permission over the phone.

You are probably aware of the growing concern of allergies to nuts, such as peanuts. Parents, please make sure you notify your child’s teacher each and every year if there is an allergy concern with your child. All parents should be sensitive to growing student allergy concerns as class treats are brought to school. Students with allergies should be trained by their parents to ask about ingredients and to ask for alternatives.

We're on the Web!

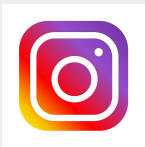
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VIRTUS/FINGERPRINTING CLASSES

Before you volunteer, please complete Virtus Training and fingerprinting through the Parish. Most information will be printed in the church bulletin. www.sggcatholic.org

Please contact the Parish Office at 562-941-0115; ext. 221 to make an appointment.

VIRTUS Training

Thurs. September 13 - 6:30pm - 9:30pm Protecting God's Children (English) Ruddy A-B Facilitator - Donna Brennan

Sat. October 13th - 9:00am - 12:00pm Protecting God's Children (English) Parish Hall Facilitator - Frances Cervantes

Wed. November 7th - 6:30pm - 9:30pm Protecting God's Children (Spanish) Ruddy A-B Facilitator - Brenda Lazaro

Thurs. January 10th -6:30pm - 9:30pm Keeping God's Promise Alive (English) Ruddy A-B Facilitator - Frances Cervantes

Thurs. January 24th - 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Fingerprinting

Wed. October 17, 2018 Ruddy A

Wed. Nov. 28, 2018 Ruddy A

Mon. Feb 11, 2019 Ruddy A

Thurs. April 11, 2019 Ruddy A

Web links

www.gradelink.com

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm

www.greatschools.org

A School Tip for Parents:

We know how hard it can be to keep track of all the STUFF your child carts back and forth to school. You could install a GPS tracker . . . or . . . be sure to write your child's name on as many items as you can! Our lost and found often gets filled with items which we could return to rightful owners if we knew who they were! Lunch boxes. Uniform items. Inside of shoes. Water bottles. If you can "name" it . . . you can have it back!