



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL
JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

May the peace of our risen Lord and the prayers of all of the angels and Saints guide us to a peaceful end to our school year. The work that you do as parents and that we do as educators is not easy, we all know and understand that. Every minute of every day presents a new challenge and calls for a new prayer. Congratulations and thank you parents, faculty and staff members, volunteers, and students on your positive and productive work together!

Please follow the dates and events for June carefully. Your child has about three weeks of school. Our 8th graders graduate on June 9th, but our last day for students in Grades 1 through Grade 7 is Friday, June 16th immediately after 8:30 a.m. Mass. (9:30 a.m. dismissal No Daycare)

Kindergarten and TK will have their final ceremony and last day of school Tuesday, June 13th.

Please help your child make it a very productive and positive closing. I know that there are no surprises about your child's academic achievement, your financial responsibilities, or our school events because we communicate everything in writing to you.

GradeLink will be locked on June 9, 2017. Please take a look at your child's grades before June 9, 2017. Grades fluctuated during times when teachers are inputting grades. Speak with your child so that you are aware of all upcoming assignments and tests. Verify any of these things by checking teacher webpages or sending an email to the teacher.

Report cards will be available for viewing/printing on Gradelink June 30,2017. We will not be sending report cards home in June.

Let's work together to make these final weeks of school peaceful and positive.

Trust that our Uniform Code will not change, so if your child verbally informs you that he/she has, please do not go along with the information or request. If there **are** any changes or special out-of-uniform days, you will receive it in writing or via email.

As far as the official school uniform, we will offer some options for you in the area of shoes. At this time the school shoe will be all black and leather. Any student in Grades TK-5 may wear black and white oxfords that will be acceptable. Students Grades 6-8 may wear Penny Loafers. See pictures below.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, main office or me. We will be happy to work with you to help you end the year smoothly. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Ms. Clagon

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Faith

Congratulations to the First Communion students. Thank you to the teachers who prepared them so well.



Our last **Family Mass is June 4, 2017** at 8:30 a.m. It would be great to fellowship with all of our families as we close out the year. Students wear their Mass uniforms and sit with their families. The choir will sing and lead the Mass. The choir has done a phenomenal job in their role as an important part of our parish ministry. We hope more students will join the choir next year.

Looking forward to additional religious formation experiences in the new school year, retreats for Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be facilitated by Net Ministries. The dates and important information should be finalized over the summer.

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Pentecost People

***Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions and temper our impulses.
Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.
Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.
Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word
and deed. Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.***

Excellence

We have an excellent group of educators at St. Gregory the Great School. I am pleased to say that the following teachers and Instructional aides will return for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Romero, Mrs. Macias, Ms. Guerrero, Mrs. Ramirez, Ms. Dougher, Mrs. Young, Ms. Wirschem, Mrs. Dolor, Mrs. Romo, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Beville, Ms. Iniguez, and Mr. Valenzuela.

We are thankful for the Ms. Yanez stepping in as replacement teacher in the middle of the year. Mrs. Yanez will move on to continue her studies in education which will include acceptance of a new teaching assignment in another Catholic School. We wish her the best!

**WE ♥ OUR
TEACHER**

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Summer School begins June 26, 2017- July 29, 2017

We are offering a variety of programs along with our Afternoon of Fitness Fun! Check in the office for details: Art classes, Music (Violin and Piano), Soccer Camp, Coding, Gymnastics, Dance Lessons and Robotics.

Currently we are working on the details to bring a college course in STEM/Robotics to the school campus. The course will be taught by a college professor. It is for 7th and 8th graders at this time. The successful completion of the course will yield transferrable college credit! More details to follow later in the summer.

We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for in this school year. We had a grand year in academics and sports teams:

Robotics Team SeaPerch Regional Champions and 16th Place in Nationals Competition. Great job to the students who participated and placed in the Academic Decathlon. Boys Varsity Basketball League Champions and Sweet Sixteen, Cheerleading and Pep Squad CYO Champions, Boys Varsity Soccer League Champions, Boys Varsity Volleyball Elite Eight, and the Girls Varsity Softball Team returned after a six year lay off. We also had an increase in participation on Cross Country this year. I want to congratulate every student who contributed to our athletic and academic teams this year. Thank you to all of our coaches and moderators who guided and coached our students this year.



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Thank you to Ms. Shannon Kane for directing our musical, Lion King, Jr. The children were outstanding! We welcome Ms. Kane back in the new school year.



Stewardship

Handbook Updates

In an effort to be responsible citizens and “save trees”, the revised **Handbook will be posted online August 1**. Read through policies, discuss and explain to your children. Please sign and return Handbook Agreement no later than **September 1**

We were able to roof the main building this year, which was quite expensive. During the summer, the painting of the trim will be completed and some minor repairs and painting inside the buildings. Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant to remodel at least two restrooms, so that project will have to be delayed a little longer.

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Website

www.sggknights.org

Volunteers

Volunteers must complete the following requirements before participation:

1. Virtus Training Sessions- Read and respond to all subsequent bulletins via email
2. Volunteer form
3. Fingerprinting- please do this through the archdiocese.
4. Online Course for Child Abuse Mandated Reporting(coaches only) including CYO Training, Code of Conduct

Mandatory Meetings

- Athletics- All families who will/anticipate their child participating in SGG sports- **August 9th or 10th at 6:30PM**. Choose one meeting date. The information will be the same.
- STEM/Robotics Course Information Night- Grades 7&8 **July 26 6:30PM**

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Important Dates To Remember

June 4	Family Mass- Pentecost
June 6	Baccalaureate Mass
June 9	8th Grade Graduation Breakfast and Mass
June 13	TK/K Ceremony and Last Day
June 13	PE Hike
June 15	Field Day
June 16	Last Day of School Grade 1 -7
June 26	First Day Summer School
June 30	Report Cards available online
July 3 & 4	School office/School closed
July 26	Registration day/Michael's Uniform
July 28	Last Day of Summer School

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**SHOES OPTIONS:
TK - 8**



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Shoe Options: Grade 6-8



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P.E. Shoes



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Important Links:

Grade TK and K

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/7-ways-to-boost-your-childs-early-literacy-skills-without-a-book-in-sight/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_k&utm_medium=email

Grade K & 1

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/graduating-from-kindergarten/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_k&utm_medium=email&utm_content=052617

Grade 2

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/how-kids-can-sweat-their-way-to-better-grades/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_2&utm_medium=email&utm_content=052617

Grade 3

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/find-a-passion/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_3&utm_medium=email&utm_content=053117

Grade 4

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/tips-helping-a-discouraged-child/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_4&utm_medium=email&utm_content=053017

Grade 5

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/social-media-fame-seeker/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_5&utm_medium=email&utm_content=053017

Grade 6

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/low-self-esteem-in-children/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_6&utm_medium=email&utm_content=053117

Grades 7 & 8

http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide/?utm_source=newsletter_gbg_7&utm_medium=email&utm_content=053117

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