



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2016

Dear Parent:

It doesn't take scientific research to convince us that an attitude of gratitude is a powerful contributor to a happy life. Some believe that it may be the single most effective way to increase happiness in life.

What is Gratitude? Gratitude is expressing thanks for anything we have received. People who take the time to notice and appreciate the good things that come their way through grace, or the goodness of others are happier and more peaceful. There is research consistent with the thought that people who demonstrate high levels of gratitude do better on cognitive tests and tests of problem solving skills. They practice healthier habits, have better relationships, are more optimistic and live longer. Gratitude is one powerful emotion. How do we cultivate gratitude in our children and ourselves? Developing gratitude is surprisingly easy. Here are 4 solid methods:

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1. Keep a gratitude Journal. Every day or so, write about the good things that happened to you that day. Try writing in a journal daily for 3 weeks and see the results!

2. Write a letter of appreciation. Express your gratitude to people who have helped you, particularly those who have helped you without special reward. Others everyday touch us.

3. Make a gratitude list. This can often be a quick pick-me-up. Set a goal of listing 100 things you have to be grateful for, and then keep adding to your list until you reach that number. Some days it is hard to get started, but persistence pays as the longer list pushes us to examine our blessings more deeply.

4. Take a gratitude walk. This method works a little like the list in that you have a set time period of the walk to focus on deepening your gratitude. The movement of a walk can help the brain and heart to work better.

Each day the transition from work & school to home can be a good transition time to, for example, take a deep breath, look up to the sky, and commit to thinking of something in your life deserving of gratitude. Ask your children each day, as you are going through these transitions times, to also take a deep breath, look up to the beautiful sky, and state what in their day is deserving of gratitude.

Whatever method you choose to incorporate into your child's day, there are quick and easy ways to develop gratitude. So take the time to help children develop an attitude of gratitude and we can all enjoy a happier life.

Together in Christ, Ms. Clagon

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Faith

Family Mass will be celebrated Sunday, November 6, 2016
at 8:30 a.m.



We love to see as many families on this day. We know there are plans that you make for your family, but we ask that you give this one Sunday a month to celebrate as a school and take this opportunity of fellowship with families. If you have not filled out the survey about Mass there will be some outside your child's room during conferences. You only need to fill out one at the grade of your oldest child. This will help us be attentive to the needs of our families as we plan our Masses and gatherings.

During the month of October, we raised awareness for Childhood Cancer. The Student Council sold special cupcakes and items to donate to Cancer. We remembered to very special children; Angel (graduate St. Gregory) and Katy who blessed this earth in the short time they were with us.

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Thank you to the PTO for partnering with Student Council for this special day of remembrance. Father Luis ended the month of October with a great message for our students. He reminded them to respect each other, their parents and teachers. There have been some instances where our students have prevented others from learning in the classroom. As first teachers of our children, it is important that you partner with the teachers to reinforce exemplary behavior to promote the best learning environment for our students.



We welcome two new families to St. Gregory the Great, Navarro Family Emma in TK and Harrison Family Trent, (4) Sid (2) and Zakk (K). Please make them feel welcomed when you cross their paths.

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Excellence: Congratulations to the Student of the Month Honorees. We spent the entire month focusing and practicing the Student Learning Expectation; Respects Themselves and Others. The Report Card conferences are scheduled for November 2, 3, & 4.

Please make effort to meet with your child's teacher and it is beneficial for your child to be attendance. We completed our second round of STAR Testing. We had some significant growth school wide in the area of Math. We have some challenges in Reading and would like your help, parents, to improve in this area. Strongly encourage your children to read every night. In order to build vocabulary an increase in non-fiction reading must be a priority.



Thank you to our coaches of Volleyball and Football for terrific seasons. Our Varsity Football team made it to the play-offs. Congrats Team. There are a few games remaining for our "B" Football team. Thank you to our parents and our Pep Squad for all your support!

To our Volleyball Teams – Congrats for all your hard work put into the season and all your victories against the opposing teams. W.I.N. – What's Important Now!

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Stewardship

Thank you to the fourth grade families who came to help beautify the school grounds and the church. This is a great way to bond with other families and the teachers in service and love for our community.

Our Golf Tournament was a success! We hosted 96 golfers at the private club, Candlewood. We are very grateful for the efforts of the Golf Tournament and all the parent volunteers who helped make the golf tournament a success.

Our December Raffle will begin November 1,2016 - November 30,2016. Each family is responsible for (5) Calendars \$100, but if you can sell a few extra it would certainly help with many of our programs and equipment we have/will purchase during the year. Please try to sell as many calendars as possible. I would ask that you keep our community in prayer asking God for strength, wisdom and courage to do His will.

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Thank you to the families that participated whole-heartedly in the St. Agnes Raffle. The following individuals must claim their prizes with proof of their ticket number. Please contact our school office for more details.

Sandra Espitia
263672

Giliberto Rojo
255369

Edwin Songu
122631

Fatima Aves
143455

Marcus Vivas Jr.
88950

Brenda Alonso
146063

Alex Alarcon
23016

Tony Q
174005

Shanna Amador
146070

Salvador Lopez
156929

Kimberly Gallo
40811

Jose Placencia

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173639

Cindy Ruiz
216149

Carlos Valdez
224329

Martha Jackson
57190

Andres
Hernandez
237179

Armando Reyes
89729

Alize Trujillo
255443

Ampi Naranjo
125933

Eliecer
Rabanalles
57167

Enrique Mendez
168805

Richard Prieto
31509

Katie Guzman
228156

Jeanette Carmiol
59833

Ania Tysarczyk

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Ines Escobar
196677

David Cuchillo
185800

Amelia Lopez
47436

Danny Lopez
168261

Deisy Canol
198835

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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Technology Upgrades

As you know technology is forcing our educational practices to change here at St. Gregory the Great School. We are continuing to create engaging learning environments which will challenge our students question, evaluate and improve their critical thinking process. Most recently, we have installed six (6) LED Interactive display monitors in some of the classrooms. We are excited to incorporate this technology into the instructional practices and student engagement. Our goal is to build skills in our students that will prepare them for the global world in which we live. We are thankful for God's blessings in our community and may we continue to grow humbly and prosperly.

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November 4
Honor Roll Recognition
Mass Grades 5-8 After Mass

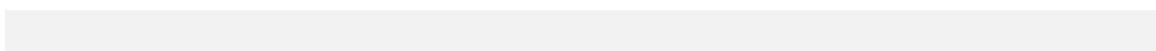
November 2, 3 and 4
Parent-Teacher Conference
12:30 p.m. Dismissal

Report Cards have a new look: The faculty and staff have worked to educate the whole child. In our efforts to develop our children spiritually, academically and physically we recognize the importance of the Student Learning Expectations.

This year the SLE's will be included on the report card. We invite you as partners in your child's educational journey to discuss these expectations with your children, as we are hopeful they will align with your family values.

November 23
Thanksgiving Feast

Students will bring **two cans of food for NHN** on Wednesday, November 23 the day of the luncheon.



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JR. HIGH DANCE 2016!!!

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OUR JR. HIGH DANCE WAS A BLAST!!!

THANK YOU STUDENT COUNCIL FOR HOSTING THE HALLOWEEN DANCE. THANK YOU MRS. RUSSELL, MRS. WALTERS AND MRS. TAMEZ FOR DECORATING AND FOR THE DELICIOUS TREATS. THANK YOU DJ MARTINEZ FOR ALLOWING MR. GUEREQUE BE THE GUEST DJ FOR THE PARTY!!! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FACULTY AND STAFF WHO STAYED LATE TO CLEAN UP, MRS. BROWN, MS. DOUGHER, MR. & MRS. "G" AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SISTER WIRSCHEM AND SISTER REINECKE FOR PRAYING THAT EVERYONE STAYED SAFE. LOOKS LIKE MS. CLAGON REGAINED HER STRENGTH AFTERALL.

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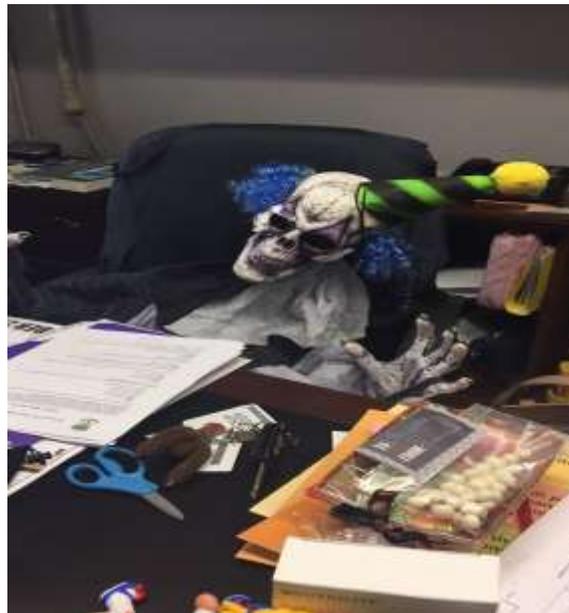
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Mrs. Romo



Fr. Brian Castaneda



Mrs. Clagon

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PAID A VISIT TO
OUR SCHOOL TODAY.
GOOD THING WE HAVE INSURANCE. THANKS FLO FOR COMING TO
OUR RESCUE!
HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL!

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Thank you for your support from the Pep Squad!!!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – WE WILL BE ATTENDING MASS AT
8:30 A.M. – MASS UNIFORM ATTIRE**

**SAVE THE DATE!!
OUR ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION
FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

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