



# St. Gregory the Great School Newsletter

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## *Mission*

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 Families of St. Gregory the Great School:

I know we are all surprised how fast September has flown by!

We have certainly had a fantastic month here...it's been incredibly busy, but the progress the students have made in just a few short weeks has been astounding! By now, everyone is settling in well to their new classrooms, their new routines and getting down to the business of learning. This year has so much in store, our entire faculty and staff are excited to witness their growth!

Now that October is approaching, we look forward to Fall weather, but remember we live in California! Please remember that our students go outside year round, and now is the time to bring sweaters or light jackets for recess time.

October is always a fun month at school...we'll be diving into all things Fall as we gear up to the busy holiday season. This year we celebrate our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 21st. Always a great time, this year we are hoping to see even more trunk participants and lots of costume clad kiddos enjoying their Trick or Treating at St. Gregory the Great.

Events like this are big productions! We could definitely use a few extra hands – if you are interested in donating your car or any other needs related to this event please let us know! As always, if you have any questions or concerns – please let Mrs. Walters (Parent Coordinator Trunk or Treat) or myself know. We are always here to help.

We are looking forward to a great October!

SLE of the Month

*A St. Gregory the Great student is a responsible citizen who:*

*Respects themselves and others*

*Demonstrates patriotism and school spirit*

Important Dates

10-1 Family Mass

10-7 San Pedro Regional Congress

10-15 Respect for Life Week

10-17 WASC Self Study due

10-18 MCA Mass (Grades 6-8)

10-19 Grade 7 Retreat

10-27 End of 1st Quarter

10-31 Halloween

FAITH

***First Family Mass is October 1,2017 at 8:30AM  
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church***

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, I know that You have a plan for my life. Please reveal it to me in a way that I understand. Help me get in tune with You and give me a clear vision, in the name of Jesus I pray.*

October 13,2017 marks the closing of the 100 years of **Our Lady of Fatima**. In honor and celebration of Our Lady, please bring a single flower to Mass on Friday, October 13th.

Prayers:

In thanksgiving for Mr. Padilla as he recovers.

Please keep the Corral family in your prayers. Malia Corral's grandmother (mother of Mrs. Mewzette Corral) recently passed away.

Reminder

Please remember Fridays are Mass days and complete Mass uniform should be worn for Mass. Thank you!

Excellence

We are still looking for Jr. High students to fill our **Decathlon Team** and begin the work so we are competitive this spring. Please contact Mrs. Beville, Grade 7 teacher.

**Band and Piano Lessons** have been cancelled due to low registration.

**Football and Volleyball - The seasons have begun and the teams are competing well. Good luck during the season. Remember to support our athletes at the games. SEE SCHEDULE**



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Congratulations to the students who were recognition for Student of The Month

*Active Faith Filled Catholic Christian who:  
Demonstrates the teachings of Jesus  
Prays Daily*

**Jazleen Espinoza, Robert Hernandez  
Yaretzy Portillo, Ryan Jimenez  
Zakk Harrison Annica Mota  
Derek Ocampo, Casey Gonzalez  
Joshua Muro, Elizabeth Paredes  
Paulina Sianez, Eric Alvarez  
Carah Gonzalez, Elias Mota  
Antonio Palencia Madison Lopez  
Isabella Peraza, Alexander Carlos  
Ethan Canty, Hayley Garcia  
Lauren Garcia, Eric Ortega**



## WASC

The WASC process is designed to allow us to go through an in-depth analysis of our school, focusing on our students and their success. We identify areas of strength and areas of need and then create an action plan to address those needs and better serve our students.

When a school becomes accredited, it:

- certifies to the public that the school is a trustworthy institution of learning.
- validates the integrity of a school's program and student transcripts.
- fosters improvement of the school's program and operations to support student learning.
- assures a school community that the school's purposes are appropriate and being accomplished through a viable educational program.



Scan and Read the latest WASC updates for St. Gregory the Great School.

*Below is one of our **WASC** surveys, which we are asking you to take on-line. It will be electronically collated and the results will be incorporated into our WASC study. For those of you not familiar with the process of accreditation, our school is certified by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or WASC for short. WASC is an association that ensures that schools meet various standards in all aspects of running a school. Please plan to complete this survey in one sitting. It will take about 10 minutes. Other surveys will follow in the coming weeks. All responses will remain confidential. Thank you for taking the time to answer this carefully and honestly. Your comments are important to us.*

<https://goo.gl/forms/WGQaQJABPLbZEiZj1>

## Stewardship



### Top Earners



1.Phil Harrison 2.Frances Cervantes 3.Vanessa Flores-Medina



**Box Tops Contest** Underway See it, clip it, turn it in. Prizes will be given to the top 3 classes that bring in the most box tops. This is a big fundraiser for our school and you don't even have to leave your home. Thank you for your support! This is a great way to give back to support our school.

### Community Clean Up Schedule 2017-2018

September- 6A- Date September 16th

October- Grade 2- Tentative Date October 14th

November- Grade 3- November 11th

December-Grade 5- December 2nd

January- Grades TK & K- Date-January 27th

WASC Clean up- Grade 1- Feb-3rd

February- Grade 3-Feb-24th

March-Grade 4- Tentative- March 17th

April- Grade 6B-Tentative April 14th

May-Grade 8-May 19th

June- Grade 7-June 16th

## **FINANCE- Stewardship Vision**

Administration communicates the mission, exhibits financial competency and ensures present and future sustainability of the school.

Your tuition is paid monthly, so please do not miss a payment. We cannot remain in good standings with companies that provide a service to us if your payments are late. Your child's presence for continued instruction depends on your timely monthly tuition payments. Some of you have asked to add daycare payment to your FACTS account, that can certainly be arranged. If you need to make any changes to your **FACTS** account, Mrs Giordano will be happy to assist you.

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who have helped in numerous ways in helping to keep the campus clean, students safe, and donating supplies. Every way that you donate your time, talent and treasure is a blessing to our community. We can't do it without you!

## **Programs for Children and Young People**

### **Overview of the Touching Safety Program**

[Teaching Touching Safety](#) program guide is a tool designed to assist parents and teachers in this important task.

### **Good-Touch/Bad-Touch®**

**Good-Touch/Bad-Touch®** for Children is a child abuse prevention curriculum designed for pre-school and Kindergarten through sixth grade students as a tool to teach children the skills they need to prevent or interrupt abuse. It works by teaching children what abuse is, by giving them skills development, and by empowering them into action if threatened or victimized.

### **Establishing Healthy Boundaries**

An extension of Good-Touch/Bad-Touch® for Children, **Establishing Healthy Boundaries®** is a personal body safety program for teens, designed to help teachers, counselors and other caring adults have a comfortable, informative discussion with girls and boys in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades about abuse issues. Discussions focus on sexual abuse, sexual harassment and bullying. Information about prevention of date rape for 9th grade girls is also included. [Read The Tidings' Article](#) about the Establishing Healthy Boundaries program.



## **Partnership**

### Dual Enrollment Class offered through ELAC

Our classes began September 5th and we have 25 students enrolled. This is such an exciting opportunity for us. We are able to participate in this program and the students are enrolled in a college course for credit.

## **Staying Healthy**



In the interest of promoting healthy lifestyle, I am asking that you consider different foods to share with the students during special celebrations. It is hard for a student to say, “NO” to a cupcake /donut. Unfortunately, we are adding to the risk of juvenile diabetes, obesity, and other health concerns related to unhealthy foods. As mentioned in the first newsletter we also want to protect our children who may have extreme allergies. Some more healthy birthday celebration snacks would be fruit cups, fresh veggies, or possibly stay away from food and give small party bags with school supplies.

I know it doesn't sound fun, but in the long run we will be promoters of good health.

### **Contact information**

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