



St. Gregory the Great School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

FAITH

We will celebrate Mass on the Grass Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30AM. If you are able to provide your child with a folding lawn chair, that would be great! We are also in need of EZ-Ups to shade the students during Mass. This is a special Mass, the dress will be Class Color T-shirt and PE shorts.

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.



Samples of Mass Uniforms



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

SLE of the Month

*A St. Gregory the
Great student is
a faith filled
Catholic
Christian who:*

*Demonstrates the
teachings of
Jesus and
Prays daily*

Excellence



All students deserve to be in school learning each day.

Red: 3 or more absences each month: High risk for academic difficulties or not being promoted or graduating

YELLOW: 2 absences each month: At risk for academic difficulties or not being promoted or graduating.

GREEN: 0-1 absences a month: On target for academic success, promotion and graduation.

Partnership "Attendance Matters"

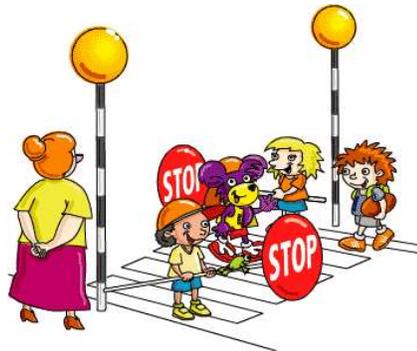
Good school attendance is one of the primary indicators of school success. Students cannot learn if they are not in school, so in advance, thank you for ensuring that your child is here on time each day. The first bell rings at 7:45a.m. and the official start of the school day is 7:55a.m. Our teachers work extremely hard to prepare and deliver instruction from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Unless necessary (medical appointment, family emergency), please do not pick up your child early from school. Every minute of our learning day counts!



Congratulations to the Reading Club Finishers!

The students successfully completed the summer reading program at the local library. Great job, Knights!

Jacob Ceballos
Lauren Ceballos
Alma Leon
Joshua Leon
Anabel Russell
Camille Tabanera
Elijah Tabanera
Kylie Kennedy
Mia Kennedy
Daniel Lopez
Noah Lopez
Annica Mota
Elias Mota
Pablo Mota
Tomas Mota
Isabella Olmos
Antonio Palencia
Christian Palencia
Jude Palencia
Teresa Rabina
Dominic Ramirez



Stewardship/Safety First

Everyone at St. Gregory the Great understands that safety is our number one priority. This edition of our newsletter will cover our policies and procedures that help keep our students safe. Thank you for taking the time to read and explain these points to your children:

Drop-off/Pick-Up

We promise to never leave your child unattended in the classroom, in the building, at lunch and recess, and before and after school. We have staff members that supervise our students as specific times of the day in order to ensure they are safe while at St. Gregory the Great. All children that arrive before 7:30AM are required to have a parent sign them in at daycare.

We have a "**Kiss-and-Go**" lane at St. Gregory the Great for both drop-off and pick-up. Please note that if you are in the **Kiss-and-Go** lane you must remain in your car—both before and after school. Although you may think you can quickly drop off or pick up your child and get back to your car sometimes it takes longer than expected and we do not want to hold up that moving line. If you need to get out of your car to pick up your child or put them into car seats, please park in the lot and pick up your child in the supervised area. If your child is a walker and gets themselves to school, please remind them to use only the sidewalks and official walkways walking to or from school.

DAYCARE



With the many activities that are offered at St. Gregory, it is important to know what your child is involved in. We will try to make sure you understand where your child/children are after school. The Afternoon Daycare is split at different times due to age range and also to give students an opportunity to work on their studies.

TK-1 is in the Parish Hall from 3:00PM- 6:00PM

2-4 -Study Hall- Computer Lab/Mrs. Romo's classroom from 3:00PM-4:15PM

5-8- School Library/Music Room from 3:00PM-4:15PM



Many other activities will be going on simultaneously in different parts of the school. We will communicate with you the location to pick up your child. Most sports teams will be outside on their respective fields:

Football- Grass area (outside)

Volleyball- Back courts (outside)

Cheerleaders - Field and Blacktop (outside)



BAND FOR TODAY

Band for Today Classes will be held Friday afternoons in the Choir Room at Ruddy(30 minute sessions) beginning 1pm-3pm. **ALL LESSONS WILL START THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18th.**

Demonstration: Thursday, 9/7 9:00AM-9:30AM

Instrument Matching: Thursday, 9/7 10:00AM-12:00PM

Parent Sign Up: ONLINE at www.bandfortoday.com

Parent Sign -ups: ONLINE! We have an online format to make it easy for parents to register their children at their own convenience and with security. The information families will receive have all the details necessary to register and include our phone number if they experience any problems.

Finally, please have a specific plan for pick-up and communicate that to your child. Where will you pick them up? Is it okay for them to walk home? What should they do if you are late picking them up? Students need the same clarity in your directions as they do from their teachers in the classroom. Thank you for doing this as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe all the way from your door to St. Gregory the Great and back each day.

Vision Statement



Important Dates

9/5 Feast of St. Gregory the Great In & Out Hamburger Lunch

9/6

Hot Lunch begins

9/7 Recruitment Band for Today

9/18

Virtus recertification:

7:00pm-8:30pm

9/20

Fingerprinting Noon-7:00pm

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Get Involved!

One of the best ways to embrace the new school year is to get involved—both students and their parents. For our students, we have Fall Athletics (Football, Volleyball, Cheerleading and Cross Country), Dance, Gymnastics, Drama, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Robotics, and more. For parents, joining and participating in the many activities best way to stay connected to your school and all that is happening. Volunteering around the school, the lunch area /recess and coaching gives you a glimpse at what your child is experiencing at school. Please be sure to complete the Volunteer Application (see the Parent section of the St. Gregory the Great homepage to access the online application) in order to work with or supervise our students. We are so proud of the St. Gregory the Great School community and look forward to our continued partnership with you, our valued parents and guardians, throughout this school year.

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 healthier birthday celebration snacks would be fruit cups, fresh veggies, or possibly stay away from food and give small party bags with school supplies.

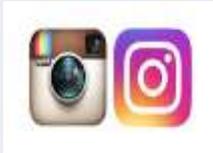
I know it doesn't sound fun, but in the long run we will be promoters of good health.



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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.



Web links

www.gradelink.com

www.acellus.com

<http://thegreatlunch.weebly.com/>

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

www.greatschools.org

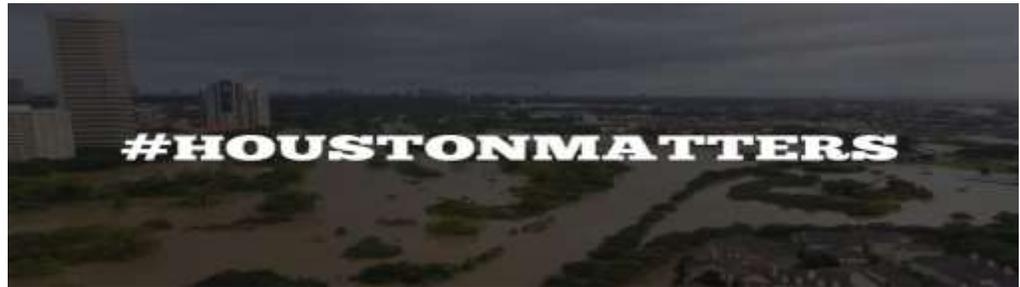
We have a fundraising option with scripsense! You can help contribute to our organization all year long simply by shopping! To get started, email COORDINATOR



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.



Helping Our Neighbor

We have all seen the images. Some of them are tragic and surreal, while others more hopeful and inspiring. Behind every tragedy is an opportunity for all of us to come together to support one another, build community, and do our part to help those impacted. Now is that time.

We are not necessarily saying how to help or what to do, rather that we know that small actions done by a lot of people can make a big difference. So let's collectively be that difference. The link below is a great place to learn more about different ways to get involved. We hope you find it useful.

#HoustonMatters

[CLICK HERE](#)



A special "Thank you" to the Espinoza/Villarreal family for taking our donations to Houston, Texas from our students. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives and it's truly a blessing to share our love to those in need.

