



ST.  
GREGORY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2701 HACIENDA STREET  
SAN MATEO, CA 94403  
(650) 573-0111

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December 13, 2011

Dear Parents,

When I was little, my grandmother used to come visit at Christmas time. The day before Christmas Eve, she invited those of us who could understand to visit the church with her and “go see the baby Jesus.” Coming from a family where new babies came along fairly regularly, this wasn’t something that was high on my agenda, two days before Christmas. But I went, because I loved my Grandma. Always, and even to this day, I can remember walking into the dim hush of my parish church. Grandma led us up to the manger and showed us how to prepare for a prayer and then she would tell us the Christmas story in her own way. It turned out to be a tradition of the season for us though I didn’t realize it until she was gone. I anticipated Grandma’s visit and her strong, quiet faith inspired me.

**Advent** is a time of quiet introspection. It’s a time of anticipation, hopeful waiting, and barely contained excitement. Anyone who has welcomed the birth of a new baby knows how difficult it is to wait for the final event: the baby is born after months of expectation and eagerness to welcome the newborn into the world. There is great excitement and pride, along with a sense of **awe, joy, relief and finally, gratitude** for safe delivery of the long-awaited new member of the family. So it is as we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If we can separate the unnecessary clanging and hoopla of the department stores, tinsel and distraction of the shop windows and lure of sales and bargains, Christmas can be once again, a quiet, peaceful time to reflect on the Incarnation – God’s word made flesh, as He dwells among us. On behalf of the teaching community at St. Gregory School, have a peace-filled, holy Christmas.



Many thanks go out to many people who made last Friday’s **Advent concert** happen. The biggest go to **Mrs. Donna Bruno**. I asked Donna about 5 weeks ago to prepare something for us and she knocked it out of the park. I couldn’t have been happier at the result and by the sound and tone of the emails I’ve been getting, I’m guessing you all kind of liked it too! The only problem with a successful program like this is that we have to raise the bar for next year. I’m confident that will happen.



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Our **Scholastic Book Faire** was a huge success. Enough purchases were made so that in the exchange process we have earned points to buy literally hundreds of new books for the library. I need to thank Heather Bernat, Stephanie O'Connell and Linda Tribuzi for organizational skills and willingness to *live* in the Worner Center for a week. They didn't do this work without help so I want to thank all their faithful volunteers for their hard work too. Book Faire's are important to schools and your patronage is another gift to your children that keeps on giving.

Hope Goblirsch has done a terrific job organizing and overseeing the **children's Christmas shop** this week. By purchasing a few inexpensive items the kids can have wrapped, they can be a part of the giving of the Christmas season. I went over there yesterday and found a lot of frenzied activity, discriminating shoppers and willing volunteers. This was a great idea and Hope gets to claim that prize for thinking up something special for the kids. Every school I've worked in schedules some kind of opportunity for the kids to do an activity like this. Thanks Hope for putting it together.

Congratulations to **Mr. Eddie Ford**, our PE teacher who welcomed his new son, Eddie James Ford, into the world this week. 'Little' Eddie was a 10lb baby. I think that falls into the 'big baby' category.

Remember that we are adding one more day to the Christmas vacation schedule. We will be returning on the 4<sup>th</sup> instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January. Please make a note of it.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone.

Tom Doohar  
Principal  
St. Gregory School





### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Our outreach program will be ending this Thursday. If you would still like to participate, please bring in any toy, food or clothing item on or before December 15. Samaritan House barrels can be found outside the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom.

### **NICE FREE DRESS**

Students may wear nice free dress on Friday, December 16. Please adhere to the free dress standards written at the bottom of page 23 of the Parent Handbook.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS**

Please join us on Friday, December 16 for our 8:30 A.M. Christmas Mass.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

School will be dismissed at **noon** on Friday, December 16. Daycare closes at 4:00. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4. Please note the extra day.

### **DAYCARE CLOSES EARLY**

Daycare will be closing at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, December 16.

### **FREE DRESS PASS**

For those of you that purchased the Nutcracker Sweets free dress passes, please note that due to Friday's February 3 in-service, Mr. Doohar has added Monday, February 6. The dates are now January 31-February 6. Your child will need to bring their purchased pass to their teacher on the day they arrive in free dress.

### **LIFETOUCH PHOTO'S**

Lifetouch has reprinted all school pictures that were purchased. These reprints were done at no cost to the parents or the school. The original Lifetouch photo's had different background colors.

### **PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING**

There will **NOT** be a Parent Association meeting on January 12th. The next P.A. meeting date will be announced at a later date.

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Volunteer hours have now been updated for any hours submitted on the website from June-November 30. You may go to our website at <http://www.stgregs-sanmateo.org/parents/volunteer.html> to view the updated report.

### **LOST & FOUND**

A lost retainer has been found on Monday, December 12. Please contact the school office if you think this belongs to your child.

### **BISHOP HOLIDAY**

Remember the Bishop Holiday we were given last year? Mr. Doohar has given us the holiday on Tuesday, January 3. Please note the extended holiday. Classes will resume on January 4.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

St. Gregory School is now accepting kindergarten applications. If you have a child that will be attending, please go to our website and click on the "apply to St. Gregory School" and complete steps 1 and 2. We are seeking a count of how many siblings will be attending next year.

### **ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP**

Attached you will see an advertising/sponsorship flyer. H.R Graphics would like to contact any business owners interested in paying for advertising space that would be placed on a St. Gregory School nylon book cover. These book covers would be distributed to the students at no cost. Please see flyer for more details.

### **BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM**

What is the Birthday book program? Please see the attached document for all the details regarding our St. Gregory School Birthday Book Program.

### **LOGOWEAR ORDER FORM**

It is time to order your St. Gregory School Sweatshirts and Sweatpants. Orders are filled twice a year. All orders submitted by December 15 will be delivered January 30. Order forms are attached.

### **AUCTION ITEMS**

The auction team has a few items to sell to any families that are interested. Below is a listing of the items.

Free dress passes - \$5 each or 5 for \$20 (THESE MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!)

Reusable St. Greg's grocery bags - \$1 each

Car magnets - \$5 each (FEATURING NEW ST. GREGORY SCHOOL LOGO!)

Doll uniforms - \$35 each (VERY LIMITED QUANTITY; COMES WITH A BLOUSE AND BARRETTE AND FITS AMERICAN GIRL AND OTHER 18" DOLLS.)

Quantities are limited! These will be available in the office through Friday December 15.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Shop the Box Tops for Education website ([BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com)) and look for the companies you wish to shop through, and shop directly from the BTFE site. Our school receives a percentage of your purchases. Be sure to register with our school first. Happy shopping!!

### **DENNIS UNIFORM**

As a yearly event, Dennis Uniform is offering New Year's Savings 10% discount for the whole month of January 2012. The discount is given to all purchases made through on-line, mail or phone and at the Redwood City store.

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Please join us for our next School Board Meeting on January 5, at 6:30.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING PRAYER SERVICE**

Please join us for our Martin Luther King Prayer service on Friday, January 13 @ 11:00.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

We will be observing the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 16. School will not be in session on this day.

### **CRAB FEED**

Save the date. Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 6:00-Midnight for our annual crab feed held at the Vanos Gym. \$40 per person. Volunteers needed. Please contact [Andrea\\_broderick@yahoo.com](mailto:Andrea_broderick@yahoo.com).

### **HALL OF PRESIDENTS MOVED**

The Hall of Presidents has been moved to February 22. Please mark your calendars if you would like to join us for this fun event.



# Christmas Eve Pageant

The Pageant with children’s choir will be held at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Because the size of the crowd for this Mass has outgrown our church, we are limiting the number of participants in our pageant to 12 angels and 12 shepherds in **Grades 1 and 2 ONLY**. Selection of participants will be by a lottery system. Please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and submit it to the Parish Religious Education office by **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

If you do not hear from us by Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, please assume that your child will be a participant and should come to rehearsal.

**Please note: Pageant rehearsal is MANDATORY on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00am – 11:00am. It is necessary that your child be at rehearsal the entire time if they are to participate.**

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 574-8716.

- - - - - **Tear off** - - - - -

Return to Parish Religious Education Office  
Attention: Karen or Toni

My child (First and Last Name)

\_\_\_\_\_

Would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4:30pm

Mass as a \_\_\_\_\_ . Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(Angel or Shepherd)





## *Nutcracker Sweets 2011*

*Congratulations to all the winners!*

### *Live Auction WINNERS:*

Let's Play Ball	Michelle Weaver
Holiday Shopping Spree	Sylvia Chaudoir
Birthday Craft On The Avenue	Lori Driscoll
Orange & Black Attack	Suzanne Zaro
Relax & Rejuvenate	Courtney McCrane
First Communion Survival Kit	Simone Vanos
Food, Friends & Laughs	Amy Glass
American Girl Party	Alli Fitzgerald
Park Like a VIP	Stephanie O'Connell
Night At The Shark Tank	Michelle King

### *Silent Auction WINNERS:*

Russian River Weekend #1	Michelle King
Russian River Weekend #2	Father Paul
Dinner In The Rectory	Susi Pearl
Escape to Monterey	Melissa Pera
CBS 5 Station Tour	Amy Glass
Tom Brady Football	Michael Haywood
High School – Here She Comes	Michelle Ostrowski
Sugarpine Chateau #1	Holly Brady
Sugarpine Chateau #2	Michelle King
SF Days/SF Nights	Sylvia Chaudoir
Stay-cation in San Mateo	Simone Vanos
Kids Bay Area Adventures	Matthew Mattias
Playtime on the Peninsula	Courtney McCrane
Orin Swift Cellars	Sylvia Chaudoir
Custom Gingerbread House	Michelle Garibaldi
St. Francis/St. Ignatius	Melissa Guiney
Cheerleader for Day #1	Cristin Priest (2), Susi Pearl, Holly Brady, Stephanie O'Connell, Hope Goblirsch

Cheerleader for Day #2	Nicole Kane, Alli Fitzgerald, Michelle King, Courtney Kate, Paula Clinton, Vivian Schofield
Hip-Hop Hurray!	Alli Fitzgerald, Holly Brady, Sylvia Chaudoir, Jen Ryan (2), Andrea Belforte, Jodi Castelli, Lori Driscoll (2), Simone Vanos, Julie D'Agostino

**Raffle WINNERS:**

- |           |   |                         |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | VIP Raffle (Arnold Weekend and Chair)                 | Cristin Priest          |
| <b>2</b>  | Tuition for one child for 2012/2013                   | Theresa and Kirk Edison |
| <b>3</b>  | Principal for a Day                                   | Hope Goblirsch          |
| <b>4</b>  | Fire Drill Operator                                   | Chaudoir family         |
| <b>5</b>  | Kindergarten Princess                                 | Daniella Baldini        |
| <b>6</b>  | Kinder Graduation - Priority Seating for 10           | Michelle Baldini        |
| <b>7</b>  | 1st Grade Teacher for a day                           | Brayden Weaver          |
| <b>8</b>  | 2nd Grade Royalty                                     | Billy DelChiaro         |
| <b>9</b>  | Bowl & Dine w/Stuart                                  | Joya Cullinan           |
| <b>10</b> | Let's Go To The Movies                                | Jenna Tobin             |
| <b>11</b> | 7th grade: Put on your Apron (7th)                    | Katie Toman             |
| <b>12</b> | 8th Grade Graduation - Priority Seating for 10        | Rena La Rosa            |
| <b>13</b> | 8th Grade Play - priority seating for 4 (Thursday #1) | Karen Toman             |
|           | 8th Grade Play - priority seating for 4 (Thursday #2) | Kristen Besse           |
|           | 8th Grade Play - priority seating for 4 (Friday #1)   | Tracy Siri              |
|           | 8th Grade Play - priority seating for 4 (Friday #2)   | Kathleen Casey          |
|           | 8th Grade Play - priority seating for 4 (Saturday #1) | Cristin Priest          |
|           | 8th Grade Play - priority seating for 4 (Saturday #2) | Natalie Salvato         |
| <b>14</b> | Autobahn Motors                                       | Natalie Salvato         |
| <b>15</b> | Peninsula Family YMCA - new 3 month membership        | Melissa Guiney          |
| <b>16</b> | Holiday Tree #1                                       | Rooney                  |
|           | Holiday Tree #2                                       | Robert Leathers         |
|           | Holiday Tree #3                                       | Angie Abbey             |
|           | Holiday Tree #4                                       | Manuel Dayag            |
|           | Holiday Wreath  | Joan Carlson            |
| <b>17</b> | Drive-In Movie & Pizza Night                          | Dana Aspillera          |
| <b>18</b> | Giants "fan"atic Gear                                 | Nicole Kane             |



# Ticket Sale Night

January 11, 2011

7:00 pm

at the school front desk

**\$40.00 per person**

**Tickets are sold on a first come,  
first served basis!!**

All sales are final and no refunds are available.

# Logowear Order Form

## St. Gregory School Uniform Sweatshirt & Jackets

### ORDERS ARE FILLED TWICE A YEAR

Orders submitted by August 1 will be delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school

Orders submitted by December 15 will be delivered January 30

Student 's Last Name:		First:		Grade:			
Parent's Last Name:		First:		Daytime Phone#:			
Address:			City:		Zip:		
#	Item	Price	Size & Quantity				Total \$:
			S	M	L	XL	
1	<b>GIRLS</b> - Maroon Crewneck sweatshirt with plaid embroidered logo	YOUTH \$21.00					
		ADULT \$23.00					
2	<b>BOYS</b> - Maroon Crewneck sweatshirt with solid embroidered logo	YOUTH \$21.00					
		ADULT \$23.00					
3	<b>TEAM JACKET</b> - Hooded uniform jacket	YOUTH 30.00					
		ADULT \$35.00					

Total quantity ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PAYMENT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ( Make check payable to: THE T PARTY)						
	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA OR MASTERCARD CARD # _____ EXP DATE: _____  SIGNATURE: _____ CVC# _____						
OFFICE USE:	CASH \$:	CHECK \$:	CHECK #:	CC \$:	DATE:	ORDER #	CHECKED BY:

# Logowear Order Form

## St. Gregory School

### T-Shirts and Sweatpants

#### ORDERS ARE FILLED MONTHLY

Orders submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month will be delivered on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
*Exchanges will be delivered with the following month's orders*

Student 's Last Name:		First:		Grade:			
Parent's Last Name:		First:		Daytime Phone#:			
Address:			City:		Zip:		
#	Item	Price	Size & Quantity				Total \$:
			S	M	L	XL	
1	Maroon T-shirts with screen printed Trojan logo	YOUTH \$6.00					
		ADULT \$7.00					
2	Navy Sweatpants with St. Gregory printed down the leg. (All Grades – P.E. days)	YOUTH \$14.00					
		ADULT \$16.00					

Total quantity ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PAYMENT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ( Make check payable to: THE T PARTY)						
	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA OR MASTERCARD CARD # _____ EXP DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ CVC# _____						
OFFICE USE:	CASH \$:	CHECK \$:	CHECK #:	CC \$:	DATE:	ORDER #	CHECKED BY:

PLEASE CONTACT THE T PARTY AT: [THETPARTY1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THETPARTY1@GMAIL.COM) OR 650-364-8910 FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Dear St. Gregory Parent,

Have you purchased a St. Gregory Birthday Book for your child yet? This is your and your child's invitation to choose a Birthday Book as a lasting gift for the St. Gregory Library!

### **What is a Birthday Book?**

A birthday book is a gift your child may make to the St. Gregory School Library to commemorate their special day.

### **How do I help my child give a Birthday Book to the library?**

Each month, the student who is celebrating a birthday will receive an invitation via email to purchase a **new** book for the school library. ***Simply reply to this email stating you give your permission for your child to choose a Birthday Book, and provide the following information:***

***Student's Name:***

***Student's Grade AND Birth Date:***

***Home Phone Number:***

***E-Mail Address (if different than this one):***

### **How will I know what book to buy?**

There is an incredible collection of new books that can be chosen as Birthday Books. During lunch or recess, your student will have the honor of choosing the book that will commemorate their birthday. A "Grow With Books" dedication plate will be inserted in your student's book choice recording your student's name, birthdate, and grade. Your student then has the honor of being the first to "check out" their chosen book. Your student's book choice will forever have a home at St. Gregory School Library. Many St. Gregory students who have already graduated like to visit the library to see if they can find their Birthday Book(s). It's a very special legacy for your student.

### **How much does a Birthday Book cost?**

Most books cost approximately between \$13-\$18. Some hard bound books may cost more. After your student has selected their Birthday Book, an email will be sent home notifying you of their selection and the cost of the book. Please send a check covering the cost of the book payable to the *St. Gregory School Library* (to the school office, attention: Birthday Book Program)

### **I have more questions, who can I email or call?**

Christie Ricci [650-577-9568](tel:650-577-9568) or by email: [christiericci@myastound.net](mailto:christiericci@myastound.net)

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**TIME:** 6:30 to 8:00 pm

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## ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**FOR OUR PARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE  
PROFESSIONALS OR HAVE THEIR OWN BUSINESS!**

*You have the opportunity to place an advertisement on our new official Student Book Covers. These new high quality coated covers will be used to protect all the books in the school. Your help is needed in sponsoring these covers with an advertisement, so that they may be offered at no cost to our students. This is an outstanding way for both the students and parents to see your message on a daily basis.*

*Please fill out the form below and return it to the  
school office by:*

January 11, 2012

*This does not obligate you to purchase an advertisement. We will give your name to the company who will be putting these items together and printing them for us. They will contact you with more information.*

.....  
**YES, WE'RE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE NEW STUDENT BOOK COVERS!!!!!!**

**NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF BUSINESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE BEST TIME TO REACH ME IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PLEASE PROVIDE A PHYSICAL ADDRESS, RATHER THAN A P.O. BOX OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IF YOUR BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN YOUR HOME OR YOU ARE RARELY IN YOUR OFFICE, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU PLEASE TELL US WHEN THE BEST TIME OF DAY FOR THEM TO REACH YOU WOULD BE.**

'Tis the season to switch to Clipper.

Effective immediately, all youth (ages 5-17) who purchase a monthly pass must have a Clipper Card. On January 1, youth without a Monthly Pass on a Clipper Card will have to pay exact fare with cash or tokens (a list of SamTrans token vendors is at <http://www.samtrans.com/fares/howtobuy/salesoutlets.html?>).

Youth customers must fill out an application to obtain a Clipper Card. Currently it is taking about three weeks for youth to receive their Clipper Card by mail, once the application is verified by the transit agency, so please encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

A copy of the application may be downloaded from: <http://www.samtrans.com/fares/clipper/ClipperYouthAndSeniors.html>, filled out and taken to one of the sign-up events below with valid photo ID or to the SamTrans offices at 1250 San Carlos Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, CA.

### Sign-Up Events

Dec. 14  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Daly City BART Station

Dec. 18  
Noon to 6 p.m.  
The Shops at Tanforan, San Bruno

Dec. 22 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Walgreens, 1414 El Camino Real in San Carlos

Dec. 29 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Walgreens, 4170 El Camino Real in Palo Alto

Jan. 8  
Noon to 6 p.m.  
Serramonte Shopping Center, Daly City

Jan. 15  
Noon to 6 p.m.  
Hillsdale Shopping Center, San Mateo

Go to <http://www.clippercard.com> for more information about the Clipper Card on SamTrans.

SamTrans appreciates your patronage and wishes you a very Happy Holiday season.