

# St. Gregory Gazette

The Parent Newsletter of St. Gregory the Great High School

May, 2009

## You Are Invited

to join the faculty and staff for

**ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT**  
Thursday, May 7 • 7:00 PM •

St. Gregory the Great Cafeteria

Students receiving athletic letters and trophies will be recognized.



## RECOGNITION AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, May 27 • 7:00 PM

St. Gregory the Great Church

Students receiving honors will be recognized.



## Final Senior Retreat

The Class of 2009 will have its final retreat together on *Thursday, May 14*. The seniors will spend the day reflecting on their experience at St. Greg's and preparing to transition away from high school near scenic Lake Michigan on the campus of Loyola University Chicago. Lunch will be provided and students may dress out of uniform according to the guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook. The students can anticipate a day of bonding, prayer, reflection, sharing and fun.

## Substance Abuse Guidance

In late April and early May, the counseling department will be speaking with all SGHS students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. Counselors will discuss with students the dangerous physical and psychological effects of using these substances, the addictive nature of drugs, and ways to resist the temptation to use. If you have questions about this guidance, please contact Ms. Goodchild at 773/907-2104.

## Senior Reminders

●Seniors who are deficient in graduation requirements, and their parents/guardians, have been notified of the situation several times throughout the year.

●Parents/guardians of seniors who are in danger of failing a Stage 4 class, or are in danger of not graduating due to missing community service hours will receive a registered letter the week of May 4.

●Each senior will receive her/his cap and gown and the senior composite picture when all tuition/fees are paid-in-full.

●May 29: All tuition and fees must be paid-in-full for seniors to be able to participate in the graduation ceremony June 5.

●June 5: Senior Mass 9:30 AM

St. Gregory the Great Church

Breakfast 10:30 AM SGHS

Graduation 7:00 PM

St. Gregory the Great Church

The consequence of failing any class (because of grades, attendance, tardies, discipline, etc.) during stage 4 results in exclusion from the graduation ceremony. If sufficient credits have been earned to qualify for a diploma, the diploma will be available in the main office on the Monday after graduation. Correspondence classes are not accepted as credit toward graduation.

## End of the School Year Mass

On Thursday, May 21 the SGHS community will celebrate a final all-school mass for the year. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us at 2:00 PM in St. Gregory the Great Church; Fr. Fischer will preside. We are happy to welcome Deacon Andrew Smith from Mundelein Seminary as a preacher for this mass. Come and join us in praising God with gratitude for a blessed school year!

## Chicago History Field Trip

On May 8 Mr. Mead-Lucero's Chicago History class will visit a variety of sites in and around the city to observe first hand the places they have been studying. Topics to be addressed include the experiences of the immigrant and working classes in Chicago, neighborhood history, local artists, community organizing, and labor history.

## BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE



●All tuition/fees must be paid-in-full by Friday, May 29, in order for students to be able to take final exams on June 1 and June 2.

●Tuesday, May 12 is Tuition Suspension Day. Parents/guardians whose students' tuition is in arrears have received a letter indicating the amount due so that their student will not be suspended on May 12.

## Referral Scholarship

The Admissions Office is currently registering new students for next school year. Encourage current 8th grade students to apply for admissions, and you will be eligible for the SGHS Referral Scholarship. For successfully enrolling a new student, you will receive a \$600 scholarship after that student completes a full semester at St. Greg's. Call Mr. Kyle Martin in the Admissions Office at (773) 907-2127 if you have any questions.

## Visions of Greatness

SGHS will host its first annual Scholarship Benefit, *Visions of Greatness*, on Thursday, May 21, 2009. The festive cocktail event will be held downtown at Galleria Marchetti and will showcase a new video featuring our very own students telling the story of our school. Many special guests from around Chicago will be in attendance. We want to launch this event as a huge success so we encourage all school families to join us - and invite your friends! Visit the website for more details ([www.stgregory.org/events.html](http://www.stgregory.org/events.html)).

## Service Hours

All service hours and reflections are due to Ms. Wall by Friday, May 8. Service tracking forms, which have guidelines for service and questions for the reflection paper, are located on the bulletin board outside her office. Questions? Contact Ms. Wall at [bwall@stgregory.org](mailto:bwall@stgregory.org) or 773/907-2100.

# Junior-Senior Prom

Prom will be held in Beane Hall in Lewis Towers which is part of Loyola University's Water Tower Campus. Please note that students with a tuition balance must have their balances paid-in-full or they will NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND PROM.

The prom fee includes ballroom rental, dinner, DJ and all associated expenses. No refunds on payments will be given. Students will need to find their own transportation to and from Beane Hall.

## EVENT INFO

Loyola University, Water Tower Campus, Beane Hall, 13th Floor, 111 E. Pearson  
Saturday, May 16, 2009 Event Starts: 8:00 PM -- Event Ends: 12:00 AM

PERMISSION SLIPS WERE DUE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE BY May 1, 2009.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO PROM WITHOUT A PERMISSION SLIP ON FILE.

## Stage 3 Honors and Perfect Attendance

### SENIORS

#### A Honors

Adriana Arroyo  
Dave Chau  
Jose Cruz  
Samuel Leal  
Jacqueline Velasquez

#### B Honors

Stephanie Baez  
Victoria Boateng  
Caitlin Boudreau  
Julio Cortes  
Noe Espino  
Rosa Mejia  
Jesus Rivera  
Khoa Vo  
Lawrence Young

#### Honorable Mention

Lathan Jones  
Victoria Mercurio  
Yolanda Talley

### JUNIORS

#### A Honors

Jesus Guillen  
Johnathan Jackson

#### B Honors

Alberto Aguilar  
Kevin Howard  
Noah Kiolbassa  
Kyle Kriegsmann  
Vu Nguyen  
Earl Phillips

#### Honorable Mention

Brian Callahan  
Sarah Johnson  
Donny Pham  
Matt Trigo

### SOPHOMORES

#### A Honors

Kalby Dunn-Lubin  
Lavina Joseph  
Phuong Le  
Phuong Nguyen

#### B Honors

Oluremi Eludinni  
Leonel Hernandez  
Fabiana Malary  
Blaise Ndiwe  
Israel Olopo  
Jason Padilla  
Caleb Sturges  
Marquis Thomas

#### Honorable Mention

Noor Alwaan  
Julia Charrow  
Patrick McGraw  
Latia Swopes

### FRESHMEN

#### A Honors

Marquita Evans

#### B Honors

Desmond Ayettey  
Jorge Campos  
Selina Chrik  
Araceli Diego  
Richard Diggs  
Jason Gilliam  
Has Wah Wah Htoo  
Terrell Hubbard  
Jheri James  
Rachel Lackland  
Filmon Tekie  
Brittany Ward

### #1 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations third stage #1 Club winners:

**Gustavo Cruz '12**  
**Selina Chrik '12**  
**Araceli Diego '12**  
**Marquis Thomas '11**  
**RJ O'Connor '11**  
**Corey McKenzie '11**

### Perfect Attendance

Dennis Barrera '09  
Justin Blue '10  
Victoria Boateng '09  
Aaron Booth '09  
Caitlin Boudreau '09  
Samantha Bozovich '09  
Xavier Browley '09  
Dionisio Castillo '09  
Dave Chau '09  
Noe Espino '09  
Marquita Evans '12  
Jason Gilliam '12  
Jesus Guillen '10  
Aric Hickey '10  
Hsa Wah Wah Htoo '12  
Lavina Joseph '11  
Corey McKenzie '11  
Victoria Mercurio '09  
Blaise Ndiwe '11  
Vu Nguyen '11  
Filmon Tekie '12  
Khoa Vo '09  
Lawrence Young '09



## Swine Flu Information

### *What are the symptoms of swine flu in humans?*

The symptoms of swine flu in people are expected to be similar to the symptoms of regular human seasonal influenza and include

- fever
- lethargy
- lack of appetite
- coughing.
- runny nose
- sore throat
- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea

### *Preventing Swine Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs*

Good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent the flu.

#### 1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

#### 2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, public gatherings, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

#### 3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

#### 4. Clean your hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

#### 5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

#### 6. Practice other good health habits.

Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.