



SAINT GREGORY'S UP-TO-DATE OCTOBER 2007

LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year. We have had an excellent start with Spirit Day, parent orientation nights, soccer games for grades 1-8, music lessons and our regular class schedule. The faculty has planned an exciting and challenging curriculum for their students and they are anxious to get under way.

I have discovered a book that I would like to recommend to you. It is titled, *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. The author was a mountaineer who became disoriented on his descent from a climb of one of Pakistan's treacherous mountains. He was taken in and cared for by some local villagers. In order to show his appreciation, he promised to build a school for their children. Several years later, he had built fifty schools throughout the region. He acted contrary to local custom by educating girls, which incurred on him the wrath of the Taliban. Greg Mortenson has shown that one man can make a difference in the lives of other people a world away. In order to support these schools, Mr. Mortenson has established several charities "Pennies for Peace", has been designed for school children so they can share in his ambitious goal of making a difference in lives of others. As he says: Our best hope for a peaceful, prosperous world lies in the education of all the world's children. "Pennies for Peace" encourages American children, ultimately our future leaders, to be active participants in the creation of global peace. So far over 8 million pennies have been donated. This is a significant number: each penny buys a pencil, 100 pennies is a teacher's daily salary. This could be a great opportunity for our boys to make a significant change in a child's life and to become more aware of the world situation.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our twenty-eight new families and hope that they enjoy the Saint Gregory's experience. If you have any suggestions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us.

Mr. Francis X. Foley, Jr.



MASS SCHEDULE

The Mass schedule for 2007-2008 is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>
Oct 19	Fri	8:45	
Nov 1	Tue	8:45	Feast of All Saints
Dec 7	Fri	8:45	
Jan 11	Fri	8:45	
Feb 6	Wed	8:45	Ash Wednesday
Mar 7	Fri	8:45	
Mar 7	Fri	10:00	Reconciliation (gr.2)
Apr 25	Fri	10:00	First Eucharist (gr.2)
May 1	Thu	8:45	Ascension Thursday
Jun 6	Fri	9:30	Graduation



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 26, is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. The Lower School (N-4) will be assigned times to meet with the teachers (letters will be sent home with your child). The Upper School teachers (5-8) will be in their classrooms and available to meet with parents at the following times:

5th grade from 8:30-10:00

6th grade from 10:00-11:30

7th grade from 12:30-2:00

8th grade from 2:00-3:30



Spirit Day Family Picnic

by: Mrs. Burnett

Our 4th annual Spirit Day Family Picnic was held on Friday, September 14th with great food, good friends old and new, many activities, and once again a night that remained dry! Thank you, thank you to the Loupessis Family and the Latham 76 Diner for donating all of the delicious food for the evening!

Thanks also go out to Mr. Ouellette, Mrs. Mastromarchi and Mr. Fryer for undertaking the roll of "dunkee" in the dunking booth; The O'Haire, Sneeringer, Erickson, Nigro, Paczkowski, Maloy, Miller, Fontenot, Macielak, Fron, Falvey, Carroll, O'Brien, O'Connor, Uccellini, Pan, Fiset and Iwanicki families for their generous donations; Mrs. Shepard for her creative face paintings and to Sportsmaster and the Arakelian family for helping with the colorful t-shirts. A final thank you to the boys in the Knights' Society that helped throughout the evening... you were great!

I hope that you all enjoyed your evening. Welcome back and never forget the "Spirit of Saint Gregory's!"

Moveable Feast Reminder

by: *Mrs. Falvey and Mrs. Teal*

Moveable Feast invitations have been mailed! We anticipate a wonderful event and hope that you will support our very kind hosts and hostesses by attending their dinners. The cocktail party is always enjoyable and the more intimate dinners are memorable. We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, October 20.**

News from Marketing and Development

by: *Mr. Shepard*

“Discere, Adsequi, Fieri.” Saint Gregory’s has a new Latin motto that will now be incorporated into the School seal and be part of our marketing campaign for the future. “To Learn, To Achieve, To Grow.”



SAINT GREGORY'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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The new motto has been designed as part of the website project to help people recognize Saint Gregory’s and better understand the high quality education provided by our School. The new website is slated to be released by October 20, and we are certain that parents will appreciate the convenience of the site for information, calendars, schedules, and announcements. We know that potential families will get a full picture of the spirit of Saint Gregory’s and that alumni will be able to continue that spirit through deeper connections with what’s happening at the School today.

The website is only a part of our efforts this year to spread the word about Saint Gregory’s. The Marketing Committee is meeting to develop goals for the year, the Mothers’ Association is lending a hand with identifying potential families, and there will be six Open Houses scheduled throughout the year. We do know that once families visit our School they are amazed by the sense of community, the respectful relationships, the teaching, and the learning. It is never too early to recommend Saint Gregory’s to your friends and colleagues! Please help us spread the words: “To Learn, To Achieve, To Grow.”

Mothers’ Association

by: *Mrs. O’Brien*

- ✓ Thank you to **Colleen O’Hara** for agreeing to serve as Assistant Treasurer this year! She completes a wonderful team: **Betsy O’Haire**, President-elect; **Katie Helm**, Vice President; **Susan Hazelton**, Treasurer; **Gayle Everitt**, Secretary; and **Ornella Fazio**, Hospitality Coordinator.

- ✓ Appreciation to our many volunteers: Thanks to **Joan O’Connor** for the **New Parents’ Coffee**, **Susie Burnett** for hosting the fourth annual **Spirit Day Family Picnic**, **Joan O’Connor** and **Michele Zilgme** for the beautiful mums and **Fall Clean-up**, **Tarrayon Iwanicki** and **Susan Hazelton** for their organization and great presentation of **Used Uniforms**, **Dianne Zielinski** for 5th grade and **Upper School Parent Orientations**, **Ornella Fazio** and **Maggie Wood** for the **Lower School Orientation**, **Theresa Lewis**, **Mary Hanchar**, and **Nancy Vanderhoef** for **Curriculum Support**, **Susan Castronuovo** for **Cultural Support**, **Tichie Finin** and **Debby Flynn** for the **Scholastic Book Fair**, and **Colleen O’Hara** and **Darcy Delago** for **School Banking**.
- ✓ Our first Association meeting on September 19 was terrific thanks to the nearly 40 attendees, including new mothers **Helen Farrell**, **Sheila Greene**, **Kara Guthrie**, **Megan McMahon**, **Lisa Paczkowski**, **Eileen Pemrick**, and **Tricia Santarcangelo**, as well as a great address from **Jake Shepard**, Director of Institutional Advancement.
- ✓ New Committees: **Nominating** and **Bylaws**, both chaired by **Katie Helm**, welcome additional volunteers. **Marketing and Development**, chaired by **Lisa O’Brien** and **Betsy O’Haire**, is planning a New Parents Welcome Event, hosted by **Michele and Sean Doolan**.
- ✓ Upcoming Events: Thanks to **Joy Teal** and **Jackie Falvey** for chairing this year’s **Moveable Feast** on **October 20** – a wonderful evening hosted by many generous parents, including the cocktail party hosts **Lauren and David Hayes**. You won’t want to miss this!
- ✓ Great things are in store for K-8 mothers and their children on **October 25** with the **Mother and Child Dinner** at Wolfert’s Roost. Planning is well underway by **Sheila Fontenot**, **Margaret McCaffery**, **Debbie Oatman-Gaitan**, **Aimee Uccellini**, and **Denise Farrell** as Eighth Grade Advisor.
- ✓ **Student Photographs** will be taken on **Friday, October 12**. Thanks to **Mary Beth Campito** and **Tichie Finin** for coordinating these!
- ✓ Our next **Association meeting** is **Wednesday, October 17**, at 7 pm.
- ✓ We’re looking for more mothers on the Christmas and End-of-Year Faculty Luncheon committees, and welcome participation in any of our projects or committees. If you are interested in getting more involved or have any questions, please send an e-mail to mothers@saintgregoryschool.org or call Katie Helm at 434-8440.

