

SGGS

Saints Weekly

Week At-A-Glance

Mon Jan 20

- NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

Tue Jan 21

- All-School Mass; 8:30am, Church **Dress Uniform Required.**
- Used Uniform Closet; 8:00am-9:00am, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Wed Jan 22

- Ident-A-Kid Program, Assembly Room 11AM—1PM
- Scantron Performance Series Grades 4-8

Thurs Jan 23

- Parent Focus Groups, 8AM & 6PM, Room 106 GAH
- House Mentor Meeting, Gr 6– 8 1:45PM

Fri Jan 24

- Super Saints Raffle Dress Down Day

Sat Jan 25

- SGGS Choir singing the National Anthem at the ODU Basketball Game at 7PM

Sun Jan 26

- SGGS Open House 10am-1pm. **Bring a new family to tour and receive an SGGS sweatshirt!**

[January Event Calendar](#)

[January Lunch Menu](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Men's Club Friday Night Bingo (2 Bingos per year required) [Click here to sign up!](#) PLEASE ALLOW THE VOLUNTEER TEAM TO ENTER FRIDAY BINGOS IN YOUR RENWEB ACCOUNT**
- **January Recess Volunteering [Click here to sign up!](#)**
- **CSW Faculty and Staff Luncheon Volunteers [Click here to sign up!](#)**
- **Bingo Set Up and Clean Up (Does not count towards Friday Night Bingo Obligation): January - [Click here to sign up!](#)**
- **SGGS Book Fair Volunteers Needed : [Click here to sign up!](#)**

SGGS News and Events

SGGS Book Fair Volunteers! Book Fair volunteers are needed in the library for the last two weeks in January. If you are interested in helping at the book fair, please click [here](#).

- Preview Week January 21st - January 24th: Students have the opportunity to create "Wish Lists"
- Catholic Schools Week: Open House Sunday, January 26th - Book Fair sales begin: 10 am - 1 pm
- Buying Week: January 27th - January 31st
- The Book Fair will close promptly at noon on Friday, January 31st.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Barbara Wilhelm at bwilhelm@sggsvb.org or call 497-1811 ext. 324. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained and it is a requirement to volunteer at the book fair. Please contact the SGGS school office regarding VIRTUS training, if needed. Thank you for volunteering!

Time to Focus in 2020 Parent focus groups will be held this month to collect data that we can use to help us continuously improve in all aspects of SGGS. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. You only need to attend one session and they will last about one hour. This process is being conducted by an outside resource and will be in room 106 on: January 23 at 8 am & 6 pm.

STREAM Community Event Do you work in a STEM-related career? We are inviting our community STEM experts to SGGS for a day of fun during Catholic Schools Week! On January 27 from 11:30-2:30pm, we will host an exciting, hands-on event where our students will be exposed to STREAM (science, technology, religion, art and math) concepts as applied in real-life careers. If you are interested in hosting a hands-on demonstration at a table for students to learn more about your field/company/skills, please contact Christen Dodd at cdodd@sggsvb.org We want to expose our Saints in grades K-8 to the excitement of a career in a STREAM-related field and encourage them to pursue further education in these areas of study. Due to limited space, we will include about 25 demonstration tables and only a few slots remain!

SGGS Night at ODU - Join us on January 25th at 7pm as the ODU Men's basketball team take on Florida Atlantic at the Ted Constant

Convocation Center. The SGGs Choir will be singing the National Anthem! Tickets are \$25 at the door. We can't wait to see you there!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! We have planned a fun and exciting week for our Saints during the national celebration of Catholic education. The schedule is [attached](#). Additional emails and posts will keep you updated on all things CSW at SGGs! **Any family who brings a prospective student to our January 26th Open House from 10am-1pm will receive one of the coveted SGGs crew neck sweatshirts as a thank you for helping us spread the word about our wonderful school! Just think of how great you will look in your new SGGs swag!** On Friday there will be a Faculty and Staff luncheon. If you would like to volunteer to cover a classroom during the luncheon, please click [here!](#)

Daddy Daughter Dance Enjoy a special evening of dinner and dancing among friends on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 6pm to 9pm in the gym. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Attention Rising 7th Grade Parents: The TDAP Booster is now required for all 7th graders. Once your child turns 11, he/she should have the booster. **Letters were sent home Friday to those students who have not completed or submitted their documentation of the booster.** When completed, please send in the documentation addressed, "Attention Nurse". The booster is mandatory for entry to the 7th grade.

Clinic News Keep up the handwashing Saints! It is not too late to get your flu shot. Please keep your child home if they are sick. A child must be fever free and free from vomiting or diarrhea for at least one full day before returning to school. Thanks for your help! Together we can fight the flu.

Diocese Celebrates Bicentennial - We are so excited to kick off the bicentennial year with diocesan-wide Masses this weekend. Bishop Barry C. Knestout will celebrate a [special Mass](#) to recognize the Catholic presence in the Eastern Vicariate **at Sacred Heart Church, Norfolk, on Jan. 18.** Visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org to view a video

message from Bishop Knestout, a calendar of events, the official bicentennial prayer and hymn, and other resources. Be sure to plan ahead and join Bishop Knestout for the pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore on May 9, 2020.

FORMED - Please see the [flyer](#) for information about the Catholic "Netflix," called FORMED. This service features over 4,000 beautiful videos about our Catholic faith. Parents are invited to start their FREE accounts. See [flyer](#) for details.

Financial Aid 2020-2021 School Year The FACTS Grant and Aid Application is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. The application can be found [here](#).

Uniform Guidelines Reminder The correct outwear is the dark green sweatshirt (PE), dark green hoodie, and dark green fleece. If students are in class, these items should be worn in the event a student is cold. Spiritwear items which are purchased to support various programs and events should only be worn on announced spirit days. This includes basketball spiritwear (t-shirts, sweatshirts), Fun Run t-shirts, Raffle t-shirts, etc. (even if they are green).

[Virginia Catholic Conference](#) - Please join the VCC mailing list to stay informed about important legislative matters which impact Catholic churches and schools ([click here](#)). For example, read the most recent article **" Take action now: Protect parental rights and stop government censorship in medical counseling."** Your voice is needed. Stand up for parental rights!

Do you have 20/20 Vision? Saints, your 2020 yearbooks are on sale NOW! Click [here](#) to pre-order yours today!

PINK OUT T-Shirt Sale extended: The PINK OUT campaign at SGGS has been extended to include games on Saturday, February 1st. So, a second order of PINK OUT t-shirts will be placed on 1/21 for delivery in time for those games. The form is attached and a flyer has been sent home, so please check your student's folder. Thank you for

your support of a noble cause. ** Orders placed by 1/15 will be delivered before games on Saturday, January 25th. ** Please click [here](#) for the order form.

SGGS Athletics

Spring Soccer Spring Soccer registration is in progress! The spring season dates are March 7 to May 2, 2020. SGGS usually has teams for JK-8th grade. Go to www.beachfc.com to register. If you are interested in coaching you must be VIRTUS-certified before the season begins. Direct any soccer questions to lgriffin@sggsvb.org **Note:** *Middle school students may want to join our new middle school-only soccer team. Please see the message below for more information.*

New Middle School Soccer Team - An interest meeting for a new middle school soccer program will take place on Monday **January 27, from 3:00-3:45 in the art room.** St. Gregory the Great is looking to host a soccer team within the Eastern Tidewater Independent Schools League starting in Fall 2020. If your child is currently in grades 5-7 and may be interested in this exciting new soccer opportunity, you are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend but are interested in learning more, please contact Nicole Litkowski at 757-348-6733

Boys Lacrosse Team at SGGS for 7th and 8th grade players! St. Gregory the Great will be hosting a boys lacrosse team for the Spring 2020 season through Coastal Crush. Join the first ever St. Gregory the Great Boys Lacrosse Team. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Hargrave at 757-416-4149. Registration for the team is through the Coastal Crush website. Request Mark Hargrave as coach in the comments section. <http://coastalcrushlax.com/register/>

Girls Lacrosse Team at SGGS for 7th and 8th grade players We are excited to field a Saints girls lacrosse team! NO EXPERIENCE

necessary and equipment (stick, goggles) will be provided. Come learn the fastest growing sport for female athletes, but more importantly, come have FUN with us and learn something new! Please look for registration information next week. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Duesberry at bduesberry@sggsvb.org . In the meantime, please consider registering for the TRYLAX lacrosse clinic. See link below. Participants get a free stick!

Lacrosse Clinic Has your child ever wanted to try lacrosse or learn more about the sport? Coastal Crush Lacrosse is offering a TRYLAX clinic in January February that is available to boys and girls ages 6-14. The clinic will be held at Cape Henry Collegiate on 26 Jan, 2 Feb and 9 Feb. Participants get a free lacrosse stick, ball, and a US Lacrosse membership. This is a great way to introduce new players to the sport. Register at the Coastal Crush website <http://coastalcrushlax.com/register-clinics/>

Clubs and Enrichment Activities

TRDance - Shapes in Motion This Introduction to Dance program is designed to expose young students to the craft of dance. Students will gain practical understanding of dance, be able to name and demonstrate basic ballet concepts, experience rhythms as the catalyst to locomotion, and much more - all in an environment of fun and creativity! This 8-week program is being offered 3:00-4:00p on Tuesdays for 1st - 4th graders; classes begin January 28th. Course fee is \$105 per student; checks should be made out to "SGGS" and turned into the SGGS Main Office. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and contact Mrs. Ann-Marie Boffardi at annmarie.e.boffardi@gmail.com to register.

Scrapbooking & Card Making Club It's time to get creative! All 5th-8th graders are invited to join Mrs. Van Scoten after school to create their own scrapbook and/or handmade cards. Paper, tools, embellishments, etc. are provided; just bring your imagination and creativity! This 7-week club will meet Mondays from 3:00pm-4:15pm starting January 27th. Cost per student is \$60 (paid through FACTS),

please click [here](#) for the flyer to register. Please contact Mrs. Heather Van Scoten at hvanscoten@gmail.com with any questions.

Latin Club The Latin Club at St. Gregory is designed to teach students in grades 5th-8th the basics of Latin grammar, translating skills and Ancient Greek and Roman Mythology. Club members will receive a workbook and snacks for every meeting. During club meetings, members will translate simple sentences, complete educational activities, make card games, board games and 3-D models. The 8 weeks will culminate in club members completing a group project or taking the Introduction National Latin Exam. The club will meet Wednesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm starting January 29th. Cost per student is \$100 (checks made to SGGS). Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information and contact Mr. Matthew Randall at randallm@chsvb.org to register.

Physics Club Does water-powered rocketry, marble roller coasters, and building your own magnet sound interesting to you? Would you like to test some of the laws of physics and have fun while doing it? Sign up now for the after-school Physics Club! This 8-week club is being offered to students in 5th-8th grades on Wednesdays from 2:45pm-4:15pm starting January 29th. Cost is \$30. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information and contact Mr. Joseph Robbins at josephrobbins@hotmail.com to register.

SGGS Choir The SGGS Choir is looking for more students in Grades 4-8 who love to sing and would like to join the Choir starting in January! Rehearsals are held after-school on Thursdays, 2:45-3:45pm, in the Music Room. The choir will meet throughout the remainder of the school year in accordance to the school calendar and sing for all school choral functions, including Masses. Cost is \$110/ student. Please contact Mr. Liam Lees at lees@sggsvb.org for more information and to register .

Music Performance Class The SGGS music program offers a performance class to any student in Grades 4-8 who plays an instrument or sings and would like the opportunity to perform solo in front of people as well as gain greater confidence with that skill. For

any new student who would like to join starting in January, this program meets on Mondays, 2:45-3:45pm, in the Music Room for the remainder of the school year. The cost is \$110/student. Please contact Mr. Liam Lees at lles@sggsvb.org for more information and to register.

Character and Etiquette Club (CEC) This unique 6-week course being offered to 1st-5th grade students covers skills designed to make the student confident in any social situation. This class will meet on Mondays from 2:45pm-4:30pm starting January 27th. Cost per student is \$110. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and contact Mrs. Smith at Catherine_Ferrier_Smith@yahoo.com to register.

Winter Art Club- Hey, Hey Art Fans! Who's ready for Art Club? Winter Art Club will begin on January 28th from 2:45-3:45pm and run for 6 weeks, ending March 3rd. The cost is \$90/student and open to all students in grades 1-5. If you would like to sign up or you have questions please email Mrs. Thompson for more information: cthompson@sggsvb.org

Saints Weekly Please submit items for the Saints Weekly by Thursday at noon to Kristie Kimener at kkimener@sggsvb.org.

Our Catholic Vision is to lead like a Saint.

Our Mission at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic School is to evangelize the Good News of Jesus Christ in order to transform lives, hearts, and minds through exemplary teaching and learning, worship, faith formation, and discipleship through service. As members of God's diverse family, we treasure the rich traditions of our Roman Catholic faith and welcome all to a spiritual home and to an enlightened, joyful, and vibrant life in Christ.