



Week At-A-Glance

Mon Jan 13 Scantron Performance Series Testing Grades 2-3 Begins

Tue Jan 14

- All-School Mass; 8:30am, Church **Dress Uniform Required.**
- Used Uniform Closet; 8:00am-9:00am, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Gr.3 Field trip to St. Benedict's

Wed Jan 15

- Box Top Collection Day

Thurs Jan 16

- Food Pantry Donation Day
- Parent Focus Groups 8AM & 6PM, Assembly Rm
- Lead Like A Saint Gr 6– 8 1:45PM
- Bingo Dress Down Day

Fri Jan 17

- Early Release: 1:10pm for JK; 1:20pm for K; 1:30PM for Gr. 1-8
- Report Cards Released
- Scantron Performance Series Testing Grades 4-8 7:45am

Mon Jan 20

- **NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

[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!

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. Tickets are \$10/person in advance, click [here](#) for the flyer. The SGGS Choir will be singing the National Anthem! All money/orders are due back to the school no later than January 20, 2020. Late orders will not be honored. Tickets are \$25 at the door. We can't wait to see you there!

Pink Out at SGGS Every January, SGGS Basketball participates in the Tidewater Catholic Basketball League's Pink Out Campaign. Funds raised from the Pink Out campaign go directly to local families with loved ones who suffer from cancer. As a member of TCBL, SGGS is honored to support this effort by offering Pink Out Merchandise. More information can be found [here](#). **Order forms and payment are due back Wednesday, January 15th.** All games the weekend of January 18th and 25th benefit the PINK OUT, so please plan to come out to cheer on your Saints while supporting a worthy cause!

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. If you would like to volunteer to help set up the dance or during the dance please click [here](#).

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.

Catholic Schools Week This year CSW will start on Sunday, January 26th with our annual open house. There will be different activities throughout this week, a schedule will be sent out next week. 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](#)!

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!

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

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/>

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 (checks made out to SGGS). Please contact Mrs. Heather Van Scoten at hvanscoten@gmail.com to register.

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 lrees@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 llees@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](mailto: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.