

SGGS

Saints Weekly

Week At-A-Glance

Mon Sep 16 **Early Release:** JK:1:10pm; K: 1:20pm; Gr. 1-8: 1:30pm

Tue Sep 17

- All School Mass, 8:30am; **Students wear full dress uniform.**
- Used Uniform Closet; 8:00am-9:00am, NO afternoon hours today.

Thur Sep 19 [Food Pantry Donation Day](#)

Fri Sep 20

- Wear your raffle t-shirt today! **Bonus Prize Turn-In Day- Free Cafeteria Cookie**
- Scantron Performance Series Testing Gr. 4-8; 7:45am-9:15am
- Midpoint of Quarter One

Volunteer Opportunities

- **September Recess Volunteering** [Click here to sign up!](#)
- **Men's Club Friday Night Bingo** [Click here to sign up!](#)
- **Bingo Set Up and Clean Up** [Click here to sign up!](#)
- **Yearbook Photo Helpers** [Click here to sign up!](#)
- **Easy Volunteer Hours/No VIRTUS training needed:** Join the **Saints Ball** Auction Team and earn easy volunteer hours. We need help with acquisitions this year around Coastal Virginia! One "big" acquisition can earn all your hours! Interested? Intrigued? Please email volunteers@sggsvb.org for more information.
- **Saints Raffle Volunteers** Volunteer to help the raffle the week of **September 16** by signing up [HERE!](#)

Library Volunteer Team Are you looking to fill those volunteer hours? Come join our Library Volunteer Team!! We are looking for reliable individuals to dedicate a day or two at the library from 8:30am - 11:30am for a permanent all year volunteer. Please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 18th from 11:00am - 11:30am in the Library. If you have any questions please email them to volunteers@siggs.com.

SGGS News and Events

Food Pantry Donation Day Food Pantry donation day is **Thursday, September 19**. They are very low on their basic, most widely distributed goods. Please consider making a donation to help them restock. Please use [this list](#) as you shop so we can make sure we cover their greatest needs: Junior Kindergarten: canned corn, Kindergarten: green beans or peas, 1st Grade: spaghetti and/or spaghetti sauce, 2nd Grade: chicken noodle soup (canned or boxed), 3rd Grade: pork and beans, 4th Grade: 1 lb bags of rice, 5th Grade: cereal (the less sugary the better), 6th Grade: tuna (canned or packages), 7th Grade: Mac and cheese, 8th Grade: peanut butter and jelly

Do you have 20/20 Vision? Saints, your 2020 yearbooks are on sale NOW! Click [here](#) to pre-order yours today! Only \$30 if you order by October 11th, including a free icon personalization! Don't miss out on your chance you have perfect 20/20 Vision, today!

Family Dinner Night Mark your calendars for our second Family Dinner Night on Tuesday, October 1st at Reginella's on Virginia Beach Blvd, from 4-8pm. We had such a great time at our last dinner we hope you will join us again or come out for your first experience of Family Dinner Night!

Saints Raffle News Did you know....Each family that turns in 20 tickets in a week is entered is entered to win great weekly prizes, like Cloud 9 passes, tickets to Daddy Daughter Dance, and front row seats for Carol Night! Questions or comments - supersaintsraffle@gmail.com

Got Legos? If you are swimming in Legos or no longer have a use for them, our computer teacher would love to take them off your hands. Students will be using Legos in several lessons and they will be put to good use! Students may drop them off to Mrs. Dodd in the computer lab or in the main office. Thank you for your support.

Picture Day is Coming! Saints will have their yearbook photos taken on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Please wear Dress Uniform. If you would like to be one of Yearbook Photo Helpers please sign up on the link under the Volunteer section!!!

Used Uniform Closet The Used Uniform Closet will be open for sales every Tuesday from 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. All parents interested in shopping should enter using the main school office doors. If you arrive after 3:30pm, please enter by the gym doors near the dumpsters. All items are \$1.00. We are always accepting donations for the closet. NOTE: Tuesday 9/17- the Uniform Closet will only be open in the morning.

Houses for Haiti Car Wash Calling all 5th-8th grade saints and their families! The SGGs Houses are hosting their first annual Houses for Haiti Car Wash. The event will take place at SGGs on October 5th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Click [here](#) for more information!

Athletics

SGGS Basketball It's time for basketball! Are you interested in playing Saints basketball? St. Gregory's is one of the largest basketball programs in the region. We have plenty of opportunities for parents to serve as coaches or team managers, too. Complete the [SGGS Registration Form](#), [TCBL Registration Form](#), [Athletic Release Form](#) and [SGGS Conduct Form](#).... (also posted on RenWeb.) Once completed, please send these forms with payment (checks made payable to SGGs) to the SGGs Main Office, Attention: Brad Duesberry. We will have an in-person session on **September 16th from 3-6pm in the SGGs gym**. If you prefer, you may bring your forms/payment in person. The deadline for registration is **Friday September 20th!** Senior level teams will involve tryouts on TBD dates. 5th and 6th level teams will have an assessment depending on the number of kids registered on TBD dates. Questions? Contact SGGs Basketball Director, Jeff Domark at jdomes77@gmail.com.

Basketball Training with Coach Cochran Two basketball training opportunities are being offered this Fall. Space is limited for both training opportunities. For more information and to register, contact Coach Cochran at coachdc30@gmail.com.

- **Basketball 101** is for 1st-3rd Graders on Mondays, 3:00-4:15p, for 8 weeks starting September 30th. This course will introduce the fundamental skills of basketball with an emphasis placed on training, basketball IQ/culture and skill development, including demonstrating proper techniques and identifying basic knowledge of the game, as well as learning how basketball can benefit lifetime fitness.
- **Advanced Basketball** is for 4th-8th Graders on Thursdays, 3:00-4:15p, for 8 weeks starting on October 3rd. This course is designed for the player to develop advanced technical basketball skills and tactical awareness of the game.

Tennis Camp Catholic High School is hosting a fall tennis camp for boys and girls in grades K-8. More information can be found [here](#) or by emailing mrandall@harding.edu

After School Enrichment

Character and Etiquette Club This unique 5-week course being offered to 1st-5th Grade students covers skills designed to make the student confident in any social situation! For more details and information on how to register, click [here](#) or email Mrs. Smith at TheSchoolOfProtocol@yahoo.com

Mad Science Registration Mad Science is back at SGGs to spark imaginative learning when school is out! This 8-week session covering the science of radical robots, mad machines, fantastic fliers and much more is open to students in Grades 3-5. For more details on the program and how to register, please click [here](#). Don't wait; space is limited!

Calling All Chess Players! This after-school club is open to all chess players, beginner through advanced, in Grades 5-8. The chess team will meet Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00p, and will have an additional instructor coming from the Hampton Roads Chess Association. Please click [here](#) for more details. Space is limited; to register, email Mr. Alexas at dalexas@sggsvb.org.

Hispanic Club Students in 5th-8th grades are invited to join the Spanish/Hispanic Club! This fun 6-week program will provide exposure to Hispanic culture, including art, music, cuisine, religious beliefs and celebrations. For more information, click [here](#); to register, contact Mrs. Caraveo at tcaraveo@sggsvb.org.

SGGS Nature Club Make a difference with the SGGs Nature Club! Students in 6th-8th grades are invited to join the Nature Club, a service club working towards maintaining SGGs's Pearl School Award status. Students will have the opportunity to tackle environmental challenges both on campus and in the community and, in keeping their commitment to the club, may earn service hours as well as take on leadership roles. The Nature Club will meet Thursdays, 3:00-4:00pm, in the middle school science lab for 8 weeks starting October 3rd. The cost is \$100. For more information and to register, please contact Mrs. Martha Bradley at mbradley@sggsvb.org or fill out the registration form [HERE](#).

SGGS Choir For students in Grades 4-8 who love to sing, consider joining the SGGs Choir! This choir group will sing for all school choral functions, including Masses, throughout the year. Choir rehearsals will be held after-school on Thursdays, 2:45-3:45p, in the Music Room. The cost is \$110/student. Please contact Mr. Liam Lees at lrees@sggsvb.org for more information and to register.

Saints for Life "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you" - Jeremiah 1:5 During this after school program, 7th and 8th Grade students will learn and discuss the dignity of each human being. Ranging from Pro-Life activities to apologetics to praying for an increase in the respect of human life in our world, students will actively try and foster a world that respects the weakest in our society. Program will meet Mondays from 3:00-4:00p; there is no cost. Please contact Mr. Mehr at dmehr@sggsvb.org for more information and to sign up.

Music Performance Class The SGGs music program is offering 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. This program will meet throughout the school year on Mondays, 2:45-3:45p, in the Music Room. The cost is \$110/student. Please contact Mr. Liam Lees at llees@sggsvb.org for more information and to register.

Girls on the Run Online Registration begins on September 16th! Only 20 spots are available. This confidence building program is for girls in grades 3-5. The program will begin October 1st. Please click [here](#) for registration information or email Radlyn Mendoza at radlyn@gmlaw.net. We are also seeking coaches for this fantastic program. More information on coaching can be found [here](#) or by emailing Radlyn Mendoza. A recent independent study showed that the program is highly effective at driving transformative and lasting change in the lives of third to fifth grade girls. Check out a video about the study [here](#)!

Upcoming Parish Events and News

Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Sunday, September 15, 10am-3pm SGG Pavillion (picnic area)

There will be music, dance, artistic presentations, delicious food and desserts from Central America, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela! Find out more [here](#)!

Sacrament Preparation Information St. Gregory the Great Parish has many programs that help prepare children and adults for receiving the Sacraments!

- For older children in grades 3 through 8 who have not been baptized and would like to join the Catholic Church or they have not received their First Penance or First Eucharist, we have a program to help your child prepare for and make these Sacraments.
- There is also a program for adults, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or for those who need to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Classes begin this month so please contact for more information:

Thomas Gallagher, Director of Religious Education –
thomas@stgregorysva.org

Sister Brenda Query, Adult Religious Education – srbrenda@stgregorysva.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.