

Tue Nov 26

- All-School Mass; 8:30am, Church Dress Uniform required.
- Used Uniform Closet; 8:00am-9:00am, No afternoon hours today.
- Barn Hill Preserve Animal Show Grades 3-8 Wed Nov 27 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Thur Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving (No School)

Fri Nov 29 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December Monthly Calendar

December Lunch Calendar

Volunteer Opportunities

- Men's Club Friday Night Bingo (2 Bingos per year required) <u>Click here to sign</u> <u>up!</u> PLEASE ALLOW THE VOLUNTEER TEAM TO ENTER FRIDAY BINGOS IN YOUR RENWEB ACCOUNT
- December Recess Volunteering <u>Click here to sign up!</u>
- Bingo Set Up and Clean Up (Does not count towards Friday Night Bingo Obligation): December <u>Click here to sign up</u>!
- Santa Breakfast Elves <u>Click here to sign up</u>!
- Santa Shop Elves <u>Click here to sign up</u>!

SGGS News and Events

#iGiveCatholic Giving Day Monday, November 18th begins the advanced giving for the first annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Tuesday, December 3rd. The *Catholic Virginian* ran a great article on the even. Read about it <u>here</u>!

Diocese Parent Satisfaction Survey Dear Parents: As part of our goal to serve the students and families of the Diocese of Richmond Catholic Schools, we would like to know how satisfied you are with the programs and services

currently offered to you and your child/ren. In order to assess our performance and your experience, we ask that you complete this brief survey. This should take approximately 15 minutes of your time. We value your opinion and will use your input to ensure that we continue to meet your expectations. This is an anonymous survey and all responses will be aggregated for review purposes and will remain confidential. Our office will close the survey on **Monday, December 16, 2019**. If you have more than one child at a school, you may choose to complete another survey or have your answers reflect your overall observations.

Thank you for entrusting the education and care of your children to us each day. Click here to take the survey: <u>Survey Link</u>

In Christ, Kelly Lazzara Superintendent of Schools

Santa Breakfast Please join us on Saturday, December 7th to have breakfast with Santa. It will be held in the SGGS Cafeteria at 8:00am and 9:30am. Please click <u>here</u> for more information! If you would like to be one of Santa's elves, please click <u>here</u>!!

Santa Shop <u>Santa Shop</u> is coming, December 9-12!! Children shop on their designated day. (Their teachers will send the information home.) Parents can shop after school on Thursday! Raffle Tickets are 50 cents each. Bring in a food pantry donation and receive a FREE raffle ticket! If you would like to be one of Santa's elves this year, please click <u>here</u>!!

Note from the School Counselor Looking for a parental control monitoring app for iPhone and Android? Bark's affordable, award-winning dashboard proactively monitors text messages, YouTube, emails, and 24 different social networks for potential safety concerns, so busy parents can save time and gain peace of mind. Check it out <u>here</u>.

SGGS Family Dinner Night Join us for our monthly SGGS Family Dinner Night at <u>Anchor Allies</u> Tuesday, December 3rd from 4 pm -8 pm at 357 Independence Blvd. A flyer will be going home for you to bring and show your server so that 15% of your bill will go back to our school. Lastly, don't forget to wear your swag to show off your SGGS pride. See you all there!

Picture Retakes Please return ALL Lifetouch photos, originals and retakes by Monday, November 25th. If you are purchasing your photographs you must send in all monies by November 25th.

SGGS Handbook Updates The 2019-20 Parent/Student Handbook has been updated. This policy takes effect 12/02. The full Handbook can be viewed <u>here</u>. The update is listed below:

Dismissal Policy Change: Walker Policy

Walkers will be defined as students who walk off school campus with a parent or designee. The Walker Dismissal Policy will entail students being called to dismiss last in the dismissal order to allow ample time for our main lot and church lot to empty of all vehicles. Walkers will report to the main office and will be picked up by their parents/designees from the main lot.

Attention SGGS Alumni The SGGS Class of 2009 is hosting a 10 year Saints Reunion on Friday, November 29th at 5pm. If you were a part of the Class of 2009, come catch up with your SGGS friends! The event will take place at the Yard House in the Virginia Beach Town Center. Food will be provided.

Do you have 20/20 Vision? Saints, your 2020 yearbooks are on sale NOW! Click <u>here</u> 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 <u>www.beachfc.com</u> to register. If you are interested in coaching you must be VIRTUS-certified before the season begins. Direct any soccer questions to <u>lgriffin@sggsvb.org</u>

Concession Stand Please sign up for a weekend to sell concessions during the upcoming basketball season. You can help your club or House to make some money for an upcoming event. Click <u>here</u> for the sign up! Please contact Brad Duesberry if you have any questions; <u>Bduesberry@sggsvb.org</u>.

Clubs and Enrichment Activities

Join Our SGGS Forensics Team Attention 6-8 grade students! Would you like to sharpen your public speaking skills? Do you have a favorite written piece that you'd like to present to a group? Learn about signing up for the SGGS Forensics Team <u>here</u>! The first practice will take place on January 9th. The Catholic Middle School Forensics Tournament will take place on Saturday, March 28th. Students must write a paragraph explaining why they want to participate and turn it in to Mrs. Debo in room 309 no later than December 2nd. For more information, email Mrs. Debo at <u>mdebo@sggsvb.org</u>

Winter Session Clubs and Activities Interested in moderating an after school club or activity? Have an idea for a club SGGS should offer? Contact Kristie Kimener at <u>kkimener@sggsvb.org</u> Winter sessions will run from January 27- March 20.

Parish News

CMAX Media Corp CMAX Media Corp is seeking volunteers and interns. CMAX is a Christ-Friendly entertainment network and Saint Gregory's Church Deacon Darrell Wentworth is an executive producer! Find out more information <u>here</u>! *Note: This does not count towards SGGS volunteer requirements.

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

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.