St. Gregory Parish School Newsletter
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St. Gregory Parish School strives to create and foster a safe learning environment where a child may grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially through a quality education, a living relationship with God and a respect for themselves and others. We strive to recognize that each person is sacred and unique, and we encourage each student to explore and meet their full potential, so that they may successfully respond to the challenges of life and the call to become leaders for Christ, America and the world.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS – Last Order before Christmas!
Gift Card Orders are due on **Monday, December 16th** to ensure Christmas Delivery by Friday, December 21st. Gift Cards make a perfect Christmas Present and you can earn money off your tuition just for shopping.
Order forms are in the school office or you can check out www.shopwithscrip.com the Enrollment code for our school is: 5A8L979D13L16 to place your order online. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie in the school office.

Cash Bash

As we prepare for the New Year, we being to prepare for our 7th Annual Cash Bash on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Because we appreciate all that you do and the support you have given in the past, we are offering our parishioners and school families a Christmas special on the tickets. We would like to offer you a Buy One Get One Half Off between now and December 20th.
Tickets are available in the school office. Tickets are $20 each or 2/$30 until December 20th. Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!

Poinsettia Sale

Delivery will be on Saturday, December 14th in the school gym.

INTERNATIONAL BAKERY PIZZA FUNDRAISER!!

Level 4 is selling Pizza kits for $8.00 each through Thursday January 16th, to help raise funds for their trip to Gettysburg. Each kit contains a pizza crust, sauce, mozzarella cheese and pepperoni. The kits also freeze nicely for baking and eating at a later time. Pizzas will be ready for **pick up on Saturday, January 26th at family bingo**. Please see a Level 4 student or place your order in the school office. We thank you for your support!!!

Jeans and Christmas Shirt Day

This **Friday, December 13th**, students may wear Jeans and any Christmas Clothing for a donation of either $3.00, a pair of warm socks, shoe laces or hair ties.
These donations will go to the St. Joseph Shelter and the Annunciation House.

Christmas Caroling

On **Friday, December 20th**, students in Kindergarten – Level 4 will go Christmas Caroling in the NE community after lunch.
Level 3 and 4 will then go to Parkside to play games with the residents while Kindergarten, Level 1 and Level 2 will come back to the school for hot chocolate and snacks.

Parents are welcome to attend!

Friday, December 20th is also a Holiday Dress up Day!

2nd Session Preschool and Prekindergarten

The school day begins at 12:30 p.m. and **ends at 3:00 p.m.** for the 2nd Session Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten.
Students may arrive no earlier than 12:25 p.m. Parents may line their cars up behind the building by the playground to drop off and pick their child up. **Please be aware that the area must be cleared by 12:30 p.m. and 3:10 p.m. for recess and end of day bus pickup.** The teacher will dismiss the child from the back bus door.
**If you arrive after 12:30, please do not drive behind the building. You will have to park in the parking lot on the East end of the building and walk your child to the classroom. We have had cars trying to drive through while students were outside playing. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the students safe.

After Care – Plan Ahead

On Friday December 13th After Care will only go until 4:00 p.m. due to a staff Christmas get together.

Brunch for Lunch

Next **Wednesday, December 18th** students will be treated to Breakfast for lunch. A group of parish volunteers will be here to cook a lunch of pancakes, sausage, fruit and juice.

CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO SCHOOL –
Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st.
Return on Thursday, January 2nd.

Christmas Mass Schedule for St. Gregory Church

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Mass:
5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Mass
10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass, prelude begins at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 25th – Christmas Day:
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. at church

Wednesday, January 1st – New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

Inclement Weather and 2 Hr. Delays
With the changing season, in the event of a school cancellation or a 2 hour delay, you will be notified via the parent broadcast system. Please make sure that you are receiving these notifications. In the event of a 2 Hr. delay Preschool and Prekindergarten will also be delayed until 10:45 and will run from 10:45 until 2:00. Students can bring a packed lunch and will eat in the cafeteria at 12:00 p.m. Also, before school care will also be delayed by 2 hours and will start at 9:30 a.m.

RECESS
Children will be going outdoors for recess if the wind chill factor is at least 20 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it is actively raining or very wet/sloppy/icy underfoot. Therefore, PLEASE make sure your children dress appropriately for the weather. This means: heavy coats, boots, hats, gloves or mittens, scarves, etc. The children need the fresh air and exercise, but we don't want them getting chilled or sick, so please make sure they are prepared for the weather.

Epiphany Concert
Please plan ahead for our annual Epiphany concert for grades K-8. It will be on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Gregory Church. All students are asked to attend.

BOWLING
Bowling will start in January for all students in grades K-8. Students will be bowling for a total of 8 weeks on the dates listed below at 2:00 p.m.
1/3; 1/10; 1/17; 1/24; 1/31; 2/7; 2/21 & 2/28
****After care students may go over and bowl for $2.00 each week or $16.00 for all 8 weeks.***
Please keep in mind that the students will be walking over to the North East Bowling Alley. Therefore, **please make sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.** This means boots, hats, gloves, etc.

STAR funding
Applications for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school will be sent home in January. They are also available online at http://www.eriercd.org/schools3.asp . This tuition assistance through the Diocese is for families wishing to send their children to Catholic Elementary School and/or Catholic High School. If your child will be attending St. Gregory School or a Catholic High School next year, we strongly encourage you to see if you qualify. Deadline for elementary consideration only is April 15, 2020, but if you are applying for a high school student also, the deadline is March 1, 2020 financial information is required to apply. If you have any questions, please call the school office or email **starfund@eriercd.org**.

Hot Lunch Order – January 2020 – DUE 12/20/19

Name: _____Grade: _____

1/3/20 Hot Ham &Cheese, Veg Soup____ x $3.00 $_____

1/10/20 Pasta, Veg, Fruit _____ x $3.00 $_____

1/17/20 Taco Salad _____ x $3.00 $_____

1/24/20 Chicken, Potato, Veggie_____ x $3.00 $_____

Total Lunches Ordered _____x $3.00
$_____Enclosed

Pizza Order – January 2019 – DUE 12/20/19

Name: _____ Grade: _____

1/7/19 #slices_____ c or p x $2.00 $_____
1/14/19 #slices_____ c or p x $2.00 $_____
1/21/19 #slices_____ c or p x $2.00 $_____
1/28/19 #slices_____ c or p x $2.00 $_____

Total Slices Ordered _____x $2.00
$_____Enclosed

St. Gregory School ~ Catholic Schools Week Events
January 26th – February 1st
Tentative Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th - Catholic Schools Week Mass - 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory Church. Student will participate in all ministries of the mass.
OPEN HOUSE ~ 2:00- 3:30 at the School. Share your love of St. Gregory School ~ Invite New Families to Open House!
Family Bingo ~ doors open at 4:00 p.m. Bingo from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27th - TBA

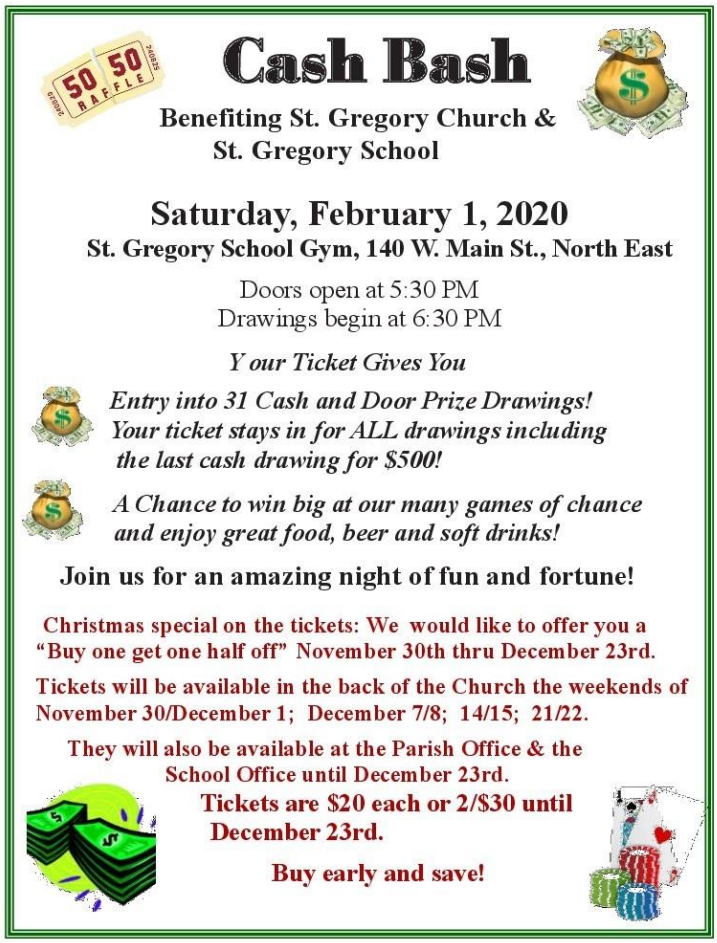
TUESDAY, January 28th - "Spirit Day" – students wear their favorite St. Gregory School Spiritwear.
Dancing in the gym from 11:20-11:55

WEDNESDAY, January 29th - Talent Show

THURSDAY, January 30th - 100th Day of School!
Students shop for and prepare soups for the Souper Bowl.
FAMILY EVENT: PEAK'N'PEEK Tubing
Transportation provided. Students will have a pizza snack at 2:45 p.m. and then get ready to load the bus by 3:20 p.m. The bus will depart at 3:30 p.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. Hot chocolate will be provided at the Peak.

FRIDAY, January 31st - Blessing of Throats at 9:00 a.m. "ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL". 11:30- 12:30. Enjoy homemade soups prepared throughout the week by each classroom. All are invited!! Students are permitted to wear their favorite team sport shirt and Jeans ~ Bowling at 2:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd - Cash Bash in the school gym. Doors open @ 5:30. Tickets are $20 per person and include all cash drawings, beverages, Smith hot dogs, sloppy joes, veggies and nacho bar.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!