

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.

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Football Lottery – LAST CALL

Ticket stubs and money are now due. Results of the weekly winners can be found on our website www.stgregs.net, Facebook page or via email once they have been received in the office. If you know someone who would like their email address added to the list, please contact the school office. If you have not turned in your required 30 ticket stubs by this Friday, September 15th and you are a K-8 school family, you will be billed \$150.00 for this fundraising obligation.

Thank you for helping to make this fundraiser successful!

Save Around Coupon Book Sale

Level 4 is selling SaveAround Coupon Books with coupons good through December 2024 as a Fundraiser for their Washington, DC trip. Books are \$25.00 and for each book sold the students will make 50% or \$12.50 (\$10.00 for online orders). You can place an order through any L4 student up until September 22nd or you can go to the SaveAround website: www.SAPayNow.com/20706 Books will ship directly to customers if you order through the website.

QUICKSCHOOLS Student Management System

St Gregory School uses QuickSchools (<https://stgregs.quickschools.com>), an online school management software that keeps track of your child's progress and attendance.

As parents, you too can get updates on your child's records and progress via your account, which is now ready for use. Your login details have been emailed to you. If you do not received an email with your login information, please contact Leslie in the school office at gregory1@stgregs.net or by calling 725-4571.



OPEN HOUSE AND FAMILY TUREEN POTLUCK DINNER

What: The annual get-to-know new families and teachers Tureen Potluck Dinner and Open House

When: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Where: St. Gregory School gym

Table settings, Sloppy Joe and drinks will be provided. Each family is asked to please bring a dish to share corresponding to the first letter of your last name below:

A~J Covered Dish or Casserole

K-Q Vegetable or Salad

R-Z Dessert



We encourage as many families as possible to attend and help welcome our new School Families. Hope to see you all there.

Canoe Raffle Tickets – Tickets are available in the school office. Each family is asked to help in selling these tickets. If you are able, please let the office know how many you would like.





ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DAY ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL
will be welcome at St. Gregory School on

Wednesday, October 4th at 2:30 p.m. for the Blessing of Animals on the front east lawn. Families may bring pets or pictures of pets for the blessing. This service commemorates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th century Italian well-known for his hospitality to all non-human as well as human creatures. St. Francis believed that all creatures are loved and cherished by God and should be treated with dignity and respect. Thank you for continuing to be a blessing to your pets by loving and caring for them.

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." St. Francis of Assisi

Paint the Town Pink and Support Breast Cancer Awareness

Students at Saint Gregory School made pink ribbons to help "Paint the Town Pink" to increase awareness on the topic of breast cancer. These ribbons will be displayed in the North East businesses storefronts. Students will do a socially distanced "Pink Walk" through town to view their ribbons on **Friday, October 6th**, we will also have a Jeans and Pink day. Any student who wishes to wear jeans and a pink shirt or accessory on this day may do so by bringing in a donation of \$1.00 or more with all proceeds benefiting breast cancer research.



Crusade for Kids Auction

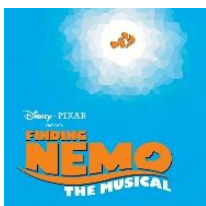
An auction packet and an electronic procurement form will be emailed to you shortly. Please contact the school with any questions regarding procuring, etc.

The Early Buy-Out of \$400.00 must be paid by this Friday, September 15th

if you wish to Buy Out of your Auction Procurement obligation. If this amount is not received by then the amount goes up to \$500.00 and is due in full and payable by March 1, 2024.

Finding Nemo The Musical

On Friday & Saturday, November 17th and 18th, St. Gregory Students will be performing the musical "Finding Nemo" We are looking forward to another fun musical event! Cast lists and a schedule has been sent for practices.



Cross Country News

Scrimmages are on September 21st, September 28th and October 5th. The last practice will be on October 12th.

The Championship Race will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Frontier and all runners are encouraged to attend. Please see your schedule for the order or championships.

The cross country team and their families are invited to a team spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 13th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Congratulations and Good Luck to our runners!

1st Graders: Jesse, H., Lena J., Evander S. & Rylynn S.

2nd Graders: Landen B. & Barrett H.

3rd Graders: Holdyn H., Addie H., Lena L., Cece S., Destiny S. & Summit W.

4th Graders: Maverick S.

5th Graders: Charlotte H. & Aiden S.

6th Graders: Anton J. & Audrey S.

7th Graders: Ilse J. & Addie L.

8th Graders: Gianna L. & Zita S.



FAMILIES: Make sure you have your copy of the SGS 2023-2024 Calendar (available in the school office)

A huge Thank you to C & C printing for designing, printing and donating these calendars for us!!

PTO PLANNING MEETING

All families Pre-k through 8th grade are encouraged to join and attend our PTO. Meetings are listed on our school calendar and are generally on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Our next one will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Volunteers are needed for Fall Fest

This is a school family event sponsored by our PTO. Many hands make light work. If you can help with any of the following, please attend our planning meeting on Monday, October 2nd or contact the school office.

SET UP (begins at 4:00 p.m.):
BOUNCE HOUSE SUPERVISION
CRAFTS
KITCHEN
CLEAN UP





Saturday October 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Fall Fest for all school families. There will be Bounce Houses, Pony Rides, "Trunk or Treat" (families decorate their car/vehicles and give out treats) Hay Rides, Halloween Crafts and a snack of Hot Dogs & Chips.

The cost is free and it is sponsored by the PTO.

Trunk or Treat will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Hay Rides will begin at 5:30 p.m.

What is Trunk or Treat? Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event where people gather and park their cars in a parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. They then pass out treats from their trunks. This is a St Greg's family event so homemade treats or fresh fruit would also be welcome.

When it comes to decorating your vehicle there are the obvious choices, like decorating for Halloween, using pumpkins, spider webbing, spiders, brooms (not too scary please as we have a lot of very young children). The best way to plan your trunk is to pick a theme. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume. Sometimes you pick a theme and throw things together. Other ideas are your favorite cartoon, sport or hobby. Check the internet for lots of "trunk or treating" ideas.

If any parent, grandparent or teenage sibling would like to participate please call the school office before October 6th.

St. Gregory Wonder-Workers Annual Gift Basket Auction and Spirit Bingo Night on Monday, October 9, 2023

Auction Basket Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office Complex no later than September 24th (during business hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Friday 9:00-Noon). Wonder workers will still graciously accept donations of Gift Cards, Lottery Tickets or Monetary Donations until October 2nd.



Join groups from around the world this Saturday cleaning debris from waterfront areas. In North East, we clean Freeport Beach, North East Marina, and 20 Mile Park (Fisherman's Beach).

Meet at North East Marina in the upper parking lot at 8:45am this Saturday, September 16. Donuts, drinks, and supplies provided. All volunteers and families welcome to join in this event.

Please contact John Hallenburg at (814)881-3774 with any questions about the International Coastal Clean-Up here in North East.



Winter Clothing Drive

St. Gregory Parish is accepting donations of new and lightly used coats, sweatshirts and scarves as well as new socks, hats and gloves.

There will be containers located in the back of the church beginning Sunday, September 24th for items to be dropped off.

Donations will also be accepted Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the parish office.

Distribution day will be Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. in the Parish Family Room (lower-level of the church). Thank you for your support in helping to keep our community a little warmer this winter!

VOLUNTEERS AT ST. GREGORY SCHOOL

It is important that everyone who wishes to volunteer have their proper clearances and required forms on file in the school office. Below is a list of requirements that need to be completed and turned in for anyone who wishes to do so.

Just Ctrl+Click on the link and it will take you to the form needed.

Read the Policy for the Protection for Children

1. Volunteer Application for Working with Children

Frequency: once upon start; please make sure to specify the names of two personal references.

2. Statement of Intent for Compliance

Frequency: once upon start, and as required upon future policy releases.

3. Mandated Reporter Compliance Document

Frequency: annually.

4. Federal Criminal History Record

Frequency: Every 5 years

If you have lived in Pennsylvania for the past 10 continuous years then you can complete this:

[Affidavit \(Disclosure Statement Application\)](#)

Otherwise, you must complete this:

[Federal Criminal History \(fingerprinting\)](#) using Service Code 1KG6Y3

5. PA State Police Criminal Record Check

Frequency: Every 5 years

6. PA Child Abuse History Certification

Frequency: Every 5 years

7. VIDEO: Pennsylvania Mandated Reporter Training

Frequency: Every 5 years

8. VIDEO: Diocesan Creating a Safe Environment Inservice (online)

Frequency: Every 5 years

Pizza Order Form – OCTOBER 2023– DUE 9/29/23

Name: _____ Grade: _____

10/3/23 #slices _____ c or p x \$2.00 \$ _____

10/17/23 #slices _____ c or p x \$2.00 \$ _____

10/31/23 #slices _____ c or p x \$2.00 \$ _____

Total Slices Ordered _____ x\$2.00=\$ _____ Enclosed**Hot Lunch Order – OCTOBER 2023 – DUE 9/29/23**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

10/05/23 Mac & Cheese, Veggie & Roll _____ x \$4.00 \$ _____

10/12/23 Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Veggie _____ x \$4.00 \$ _____

10/19/23 Antipasto Salad, Soup, Fruit _____ x \$4.00 \$ _____

10/26/23 Burger, Chips, Fruit _____ x \$4.00 \$ _____

Total Lunches Ordered _____ x\$4.00=\$ _____ Enclosed**SUBWAY Order Form – OCTOBER 2023– DUE 9/29/23**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

10/10/23 _____ Ham _____ Turkey _____ Cold Cut Combo
_____ White Bread _____ Wheat Bread**Total Subs Ordered _____ x\$5.00=\$ _____ Enclosed****TACO Lunch Order Form – OCTOBER 2023– DUE 9/29/23**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

10/24/23 #slices _____ c or p x \$4.00 \$ _____

Total Lunches Ordered _____ x\$4.00=\$ _____ Enclosed**EARLY DISMISSAL-
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Student Name(s): _____

__________ My students listed above will be picked up at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd._____ My students listed above will be car riders and picked up at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd._____ My students listed above will need to stay until dismissal time and ride their normal bus home.
_____**TO ALL NORTH EAST SCHOOL BUS RIDERS:**

On October 6th the North East School District will be dismissing early. However, St. Gregory School will be in session all day. Any NE Bus student who will need bus transportation after school, please contact the office by Monday, October 2nd so that a special route can be made up for after school only.

Planning Ahead:

NO SCHOOL ON Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day and on Wednesday, October 11th for a Teacher In-Service

Saturday, October 28th – Parish Spaghetti Dinner in the school gym.