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St. Gregory Parish School

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.

<u>Catholic Schools Week</u> January 28th – February 3th

Sunday, January 28 ~ Parish

9:00 a.m. Mass at Church (Students wear uniforms). Music-Bongos, Readers, Greeters, Special Presentation and Hospitality. Please plan on attending!

Monday, January 29 ~ Community (Sock Drive)

"Apply your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge" —Proverbs 23:12

- Spirit Day Uniform day with Crazy Socks
- Students will collect sock donations for the needy of the community
- Students will make thank you cards for our First Responders

Tuesday, January 30 ~ Students

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" –John 1:5

- On this day, we celebrate our bright future by wearing NEON shirt and uniform pants
- L4 Family Breakfast in the school gym from 7:30-9:00 a.m. – reservations requested
 Order forms will be coming home with students in Thursday folders next week.
- Outdoor Winter Math Carnival in the morning for all grades. Please dress for the weather
- NO HOMEWORK

Wednesday, January 31 ~ Nation

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters" – James 4:11

- On this day we celebrate our spirit of community and those who serve our country.
- Wear school uniforms and accessorize with Red, White and Blue.
- Students will be collecting their passports and traveling "Around the World"
- Make soup for "souper" bowl

Students should be in regular school uniform if choosing not to participate in a theme day

Thursday, February 1 ~ Vocation/Career Day

Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be completed" – Proverbs 16:3

- Students may wear their favorite sports team shirt with uniform bottoms.
- "Souper bowl" soup samples made by the students and classes for lunch from 11:45-12:30
- Adoration in the parish chapel during religion classes for vocations.
- Family Tubing at the Peek 'N Peak from 4:00-6:00 PM. Families may meet at school at 3:00 p.m. for a small snack before heading to the peek where we will gather in the Retreat Lodge to get our tickets. Families are responsible for their own transportation.
- Talent Show rehearsal at 1:45 p.m.
- 100th Day of School!!

Friday, February 2 ~ Faculty, Staff & Volunteers

"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it" – Psalm 118:24

- Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats at 9:15 with Fr. Tom
- On this day we celebrate the end of a successful Catholic Schools Week by recognizing faculty, staff and volunteers who make it possible.
- Faculty lunch from 12-1:00 p.m. provided by PTO
- Talent show at 11:00 a.m.
- Comfy Cozy Dress Day. Students may wear Sweatpants, Sweatshirts or school appropriate PJ's.

Saturday, February 3rd

Cash Bash —Tickets are available in the school or rectory office — Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Option 1: Party Pass! \$25 Ticket Includes . . . • Entry into ALL 30 Cash AND Door Prize

Drawings including the last cash drawing

 Admission to the party enjoying food, beverages, games of chance and fun!!

Option 2: Go Virtual! \$15 Ticket Includes . . .

- Entry into ALL 16 Cash Prize Drawings including the last cash drawing for \$500!
- · Opportunity to watch the drawings live at

https://www.facebook.com/StGregoryThaumaturgus

PTO Meeting ~ Monday, January 8th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Advisory Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Benedictine Room at the Parish Rectory.

33rd Annual Crusade for Kids AUCTION REMINDER: Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Hard to believe, but the Crusade for Kids Auction is only three months away (April 27th)! If you've not already done so, please, PLEASE, work on getting your procurements completed and turned in to the school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Again, if you are struggling with the procurement process or have questions, do not hesitate to contact Travis Lindahl at thurst@hotmail.com. It is critical that we receive those procurements as early as possible so that we can begin to organize the items for both the silent and live auctions, and begin to create a catalog for the auction.



As a special incentive to procure goods and services for the Crusade for Kids auction on Saturday, April 27, 2024, we are raffling off a \$1000 discount towards next year's K-8 tuition.

If your family has procured \$500 worth of new items or services for the auction by the <u>early procurement deadline</u>, you will receive 1 entry ticket into the tuition discount raffle. *You will earn an additional entry ticket into the raffle for every additional \$100 worth of new items or services you procure.* The more you procure, the more chances you have to win!

The deadline for entry into this raffle is <u>February 1, 2024</u>. Procurement forms must be turned in by this date to be included in your procurement total and to be eligible for the raffle. All procurement forms are due by March 1, 2024 as per your tuition contract.

Discounted tuition will be applied to the 2024/2025 school year unless winning family is a preschool family who would like to apply their tuition to Kindergarten for the 2025/2026 School Year. Discounted tuition may not be applied by reproduction to the existing tuition for a graduating 8° grade student.

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or on FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH – Teacher In-Service Day

Envirothon for 5th-8th Grade will start on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. beginning January 17th

Calendar Changes

Friday, February 16, 2024 was a no school Act 80 day but it is now a regular school day. We have changed our Act 80 no school day to Monday, April 8th due to the Total Eclipse event.

There will be BUS TRANSPORTATION on Friday, February 16th for the following school districts: North East, Harborcreek, Iroquis, Wattsburg and Ripley (to date we have not heard back from the Clymer School District.) However, special routes will need to be made as these districts are not in session. If your students will need bussing, please contact the school office no later than Friday, February 9th.

Report Cards

2nd Quarter report cards will be sent home in Thursday Folders next week 1/25/24 as well as emailed through Quickschools.



Congratulations and a big shout out to Addie Lindahl and Zita Schiedel!

The Veterans of

Foreign Wars have chosen Addie's Patriots Pen essay as the area winner and have sent it to compete in the district competition against area winners. Addie is the first area winner from SGS!

Zita scored 6th place at Mercyhurst Prep and 13th at Cathedral Prep on the entrance exam for high school placement! Awesome job girls!

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2024-2025

Pre-Registration forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent home in Thursday Folders on January 18th. Please watch for this form and complete and return it to the school office no later than Friday, February 9, 2024. This form must be returned in order to ensure your student will have a spot in next year's classroom. It will also help us in our budgeting and ordering process for the upcoming school year.

Tuition Assistance Applications

Applications for tuition assistance from the Catholic Diocese of Erie will also be sent home on in Thursday Folders on January 18th. They will also be available online at https://www.eriercd.org. 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. Eligibility guidelines are stated on the form. The deadline for application submission is April 15, 2024 unless you are applying for assistance with one of the Erie Catholic High Schools in which case the deadline would be March 1st.

In an effort to assist and make sure all applications are submitted, we will mail all completed applications with required
documentation and the required \$20.00 payment to the Diocese on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. If you would like to mail your application on your own, that is also fine. Saint Gregory School will be receiving targeted funds to assist families with tuition costs. In Early April, Saint Gregory School will receive applications from the Kremer Foundation. All eligible families at SGPS and those families who show interest in attending SGPS will receive an application. Every family is encouraged to apply.

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 10:30 and will run from 10:30 until 3:00. Students can bring a packed lunch and will eat in the cafeteria. 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.

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Hot Lunch Order – February 2024 – DUE 1/25/24				
Name: _	Grade:			
2/8/24 SI	oppy Joe, Tater Tots,	Veggiex \$	4.00 \$	
2/15/24 Cheese Pizza, Chips, Salad x \$4.00 \$				
2/22/24 Hot Ham/Cheese, Soup, Fruit x \$4.00 \$				
1/25/24 Mac & Cheese, Veggie, Roll x \$4.00 \$				
Total Lu	nches Ordered			
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Total Slices Ordered ____x\$2.00=\$

Thursday
February 1st 2024



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!



https://py.pl/1k5mLk Single Admission ticket to Disney Purse Bingo \$45.00



https://py.pl/2G2xvl Table of 8 Admission to Disney Purse Bingo \$320.00



Volunteer and Donation forms were sent home on Thursday, January 4th. Please complete them and return them to the school or parish office by January 19th. All donations should be dropped off by January 26th.



Cash Bash



Benefiting St. Gregory Church & St. Gregory School

Saturday, February 3, 2024 St. Gregory School Gym, 140 W. Main Street, North East

Two Ways To Join The Fun:

Option 1: Party Pass!

Ticket Includes...

- Entry into ALL 30 Cash AND Door Prize Drawings including the last cash drawing for \$500!
- Admission to the party enjoying food, beverages, games of chance and fun!!
 Doors open at 6pm!

\$25 per ticket

Option 2: Go Virtual!

Ticket Includes...

- Entry into ALL 15 Cash Prize Drawings including the last cash drawing for \$500!
- Opportunity to watch the drawings live at https://www.facebook.com/ StGregoryThaumaturgus/

\$15 per ticket

Special Pre-Christmas rate of 2 tickets for \$40 for the Party Pass, or 2 tickets for \$25 for the Go Virtual. Pre-Christmas sales will begin the week of December 2nd & 3rd and end at noon on Friday, December 22nd.



Special Pre-Christmas tickets will be available for purchase in back of the church the following weekends: 12/2 & 12/3, 12/9 & 12/10, 12/16 & 12/17

Tickets can be purchased from St. Gregory School or Parish Office located at 136 W. Main St. or at the door the evening of the event.

