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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.

The following contains information on how to apply for tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 School Year.

STAR and BISHOP TAP PROGRAM- Preschool-8th Gr 8

The Diocese of Erie has changed the process for STAR and Bishop's Tuition Assistance Application. For the 2024-2025 school year the tuition assistance application will be done through a newly designed and simplified online application. This application is available at

www.doetap.org.

As with the previous paper application, one application will be used for both programs. The deadline for application submission is April 15th

A major change for this year, besides submitting the application and supporting documents online, is that 2023 federal income tax returns, schedules, 1099s, and W-2s must be uploaded – not Pennsylvania returns. In an effort to assist and make sure all applications are submitted please contact Leslie Quigley in the school office if you need help with this process or scanning documents.

GECAC SCHOLARSHIP - Kinder-8th Grade

GECAC Scholarship Program Applications are available in the school office. These applications are due back to the school office no later than Monday, April 22, 2024 along with a copy of your 2023 PA State and Federal Income Tax Return and a copy of all W-2's.

C. WOLF'S HEALTHY CHALLENGE

"Healthy Challenge" Logs are due back to the school office by Monday, April 15th. Students who log and track their healthy eating and activity habits for one week will receive one (1) free ticket (upper box section) to the Friday, May 10th Seawolves game where they will also be recognized for their efforts. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 each. You can also scan the QR code on the form and submit it online as well.

Daffin's Candy Bar Fundraiser

We still have Daffin Candy bars for \$1.00 each available to sell to grow our Field Trip account for future Level 4 field trips! If you are willing to sell some, please contact the school office.

PTO Meeting ~ Monday, April 15th @ 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

KREMER GRANT - Kinder-8th Grade

Kremer Foundation Tuition Grant Program (K-8th grade only for the 24/25 school year, Preschool is not eligible)

We have received word that St. Gregory School was awarded a \$12,000 Tuition Grant from the Kremer Foundation. The qualification for this grant is that the maximum family income limit for the 2024-25 school year for a family of 4 or less is \$60,256 as increased by \$10,324 for each qualified dependent over the number of 4 residing in the household.

If you would like to apply for this tuition assistance grant, please send in one of the following items for income substantiation to the school office by **May 10, 2024**:

- () Official document verifying Student/Family eligibility for Public Assistance/Food Stamps/SNAP
- () 2023 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 of the Student's Parents (first two pages) including a dependent statement listing the student (other schedules are not required)

NOTE: DO NOT SUBMIT W2 FORMS as they are not considered legitimate income substantiation.
ALL INCOME DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED BY MAY 10, 2024. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

BARBER NATIONAL INSTITUTE GRANT - Preschool/Prek Information will be sent in June

Crusade for Kids Auction

The Auction will be here before we know it! A very special Thank You to everyone who has been working so hard to make the 33rd Annual Crusade for Kids Auction a huge success. We are confident that everyone will have a wonderful time on Saturday, April 27th. Below is the tentative schedule of volunteers for this event. If you are unable to help and have been assigned a position, please contact the office ASAP. If you have not been assigned a position and can help, we still need a few slots filled in. Student volunteers are asked to be here by 4:45 and are to meet in the Level 1 classroom where they will be given pizza from St. Joe's Club. Students are also asked to wear white shirts and black or navy blue pants.

Reservations are also due. Please return your reservation card or you can go to www.stgregs.net to pay online.

Hot Lunch Order – May 2024 – DUE 4/26/24 Name: Grade: 5/2/24 Hot Ham/Cheese/Soup, Fruit x \$4.00 \$ 5/9/24 Meatloaf, Potato, Veggie x \$4.00 \$ 5/16/24 Mac & Cheese, Veggie, Roll_____ x \$4.00 \$ 5/23/24 FREE LUNCH – WALK TO ST. JOES CLUB FOR PIZZA/WINGS/SALAD _____ x \$4.00 \$____ 5/30/24 Burger, Chips, Fruit TACO Lunch Order Form – May 2024 – DUE 4/26/24 Name: Grade: 5/21/24 # Lunches Total Lunches Ordered x\$4.00=\$ Enclosed SUBWAY Order Form – May 2024 – DUE 4/26/24 Name: _____ Grade: Ham Turkey Cold Cut Combo _____White Bread _____Wheat Bread Total Subs Ordered _____x\$5.00=\$____Enclosed Pizza Order Form - May 2024 - DUE 4/26/24 Name: Grade: 5/14/24 #slices c or p x \$2.00 \$

Camp Notre Dame - May 30th & 31st

On Thursday, May 30th, Level 2 & 3 students will head out to camp right after morning announcements for a day of activities and stay overnight. On Friday, May 31st, at 8:45 a.m., Kindergarten, Level 1 and Level 4 will travel out to camp for our day camp experience. Everyone will be returning

5/28/24 #slices c or p x \$2.00 \$

Total Slices Ordered x\$2.00=\$ Enclosed

around 4:00 p.m. Students will participate in a variety of learning and recreational activities including: plant identification, pond study, art, fishing, cooperation games

and hiking.

Lunch will be provided: hot dogs, carrots and celery, fruit, milk and water.

Students will be able to roast their hot dogs as well as make s'mores for

dessert.
All students are to dress for the weather in comfortable clothing. Students should wear sneakers and socks. An overnight checklist will be sent home with Level 2 and 3. Level 2 and 3 students who are not staying overnight can attend camp on Thursday but will need to have arranged transportation to

return home. Those students will ride out to camp on Friday with the

remaining students and staff.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 20th - First Communion Retreat at Church

<u>Friday, April 26th</u> - <u>Level K-L4</u> Mercy Hurst Prep for Seussical – Students will leave school at 8:40 promptly.

<u>Saturday, April 27th</u> - Crusade for Kids Auction doors open at 5:00 p.m. – Volunteers should be at the school by 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6th – Thursday, May 16th – NWEA Testing Window

Sunday, May 5th – First Communion at noon mass

<u>Tuesday, May 7th</u> - Level 3 & 4 Envirothon Students at Headwater Park. Bus will leave by 8:20. Students should arrive at school by 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8rd – 9:00 a.m. – 8th Grade Class Picture and 10:00 a.m. – May Crowing

Thursday, May 9th – Liturgy 9:15 Ascension of the Lord.

<u>Friday, May 10th</u> – C. Wolf Night 6:00 p.m. / Kremer Apps.

Weds. - Friday, May 15th & 17th - Level 4 Washington, DC

Thursday, May 16th - Kindergarten Zoo Trip

Wednesday, May 29th – Level 1 Safety Town @ 1:30 p.m.

<u>Thursday, May 30th</u> – Level 2 & 3 Sleepover at Camp Notre Dame; bus departs at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Friday, May 31st</u> – All School Day Trip to Camp Notre Dame Bus will depart at 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday, June 5th - Field Day & 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation at church.

Thursday, June 6th – 11:00 dismiss – Last Day of School

<u>Friday, June 7th</u> – Waldameer School Picnic 12:00-7:00



Crusade for Kids Auction Volunteer Signup Sheet & Schedule

Set Up/Decorating (begins Thursday after school, all day Friday and Saturday morning/early afternoon) –

Thursday 4:00 p.m.:

Friday Morning/Afternoon:

Friday Evening:

Saturday Morning/Afternoon:

Registration and Bank: Stephanie Quigley, Carrie Aulenbacher NEED 1 MORE

Bartenders: Chuck & Lori Hickernell

Auction MC: DJ Amy Sas from Happi 927 & Travis Lindahl

Wine & Cheese Reception: Dan Coletta & Kathy Goulione from Cellar '54

Silent Auction Section: Leslie Quigley NEED 4 MORE PEOPLE

Wine Cork Pull: Kelsi Herman & Chris Ballew

Heads up Game: Stacey Randall, Fr. Tom Brooks, Maricarol Schoenfeldt

Kitchen helpers: (dishes, cleanup, and plating): Mike Cerrie

Basket raffle attendant: 5-6 p.m. NEED 2 PEOPLE; 7-8 p.m. NEED 2 PEOPLE

Beef Raffle attendant: NEED 2 PEOPLE TO TAKE SHIFTS

Live Auction recorder: Veronica Sambor

Student Volunteer Chaperone: Kayla Engesser

Clean up directly after the event (approx. 9:30-10:00 p.m.): NEED PEOPLE

Student Assistance for the Auction: Students from Levels 3 and 4 are needed in the following areas:

- Coat Checker Students will check-in guests' coats from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. –
 Amelia Sambor, Harper Migliaccio
- Food Servers Anton Johnson, Remi & Gunnar Marshall, Gabby Rizzo-Whitaker, Rita Reedy,
 Erin Lindahl, Alayna Tolon, Audrey Schiedel, Brodon & Derik Engesser
- **Live Auction Assistant** Students will assist in moving items to and from the auction stage and follow the directions of the auctioneer from 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. –

Ilse Johnson, Addie Lindahl, Bryce Cerrie, Derik Engesser, Zita Schiedel

• Live Auction Recorder Runner: Ari Johnson



ST. GREGORY SCHOOL

33RD ANNUAL

Cruzade
for Kids
Auction

Saturday April 27th, 2024

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M.
140 W. MAIN STREET, NORTH EAST, PA 16428

ENTERTAINMENT, DINNER, SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION WITH AUCTIONEER CARSON CHESLEY

Scan formore information & tickets or go to www.stgregs.net





Is my child ready for Kindergarten? What is Kindergarten like? Why is my child afraid to go to school? Am I ready to send my child to school? What will my child learn in Kindergarten?

What better way to answer these questions than letting your child experience a day in Kindergarten.

St. Gregory Parish School would like to invite your child to "be a Kindergartener for a day." Your child will be able to witness that Kindergarten is not that scary, and is actually fun!

PICK A DAY AND TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

April 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Child visit 1 hr.: 9:00~10:00, 2:00~3:00

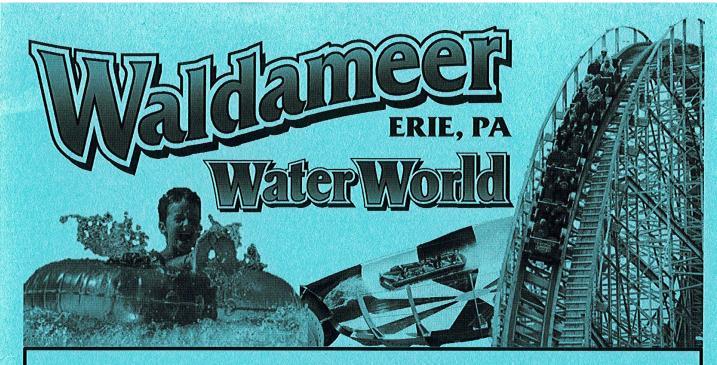
Child visit 1/2 day: 8:45~12:00 or 1:00~3:15

Call 814-725-4571 or email gregory1@stgregs.net to schedule a day and time that you would like.

School hours are 8:45-3:15 ~ Stay an hour or stay 1/2 the day!

You may spend the time with your child in the classroom, if you wish. Mrs. Amy Kloss will answer any questions you may have regarding your child attending Kindergarten. Even if you are not sure if your child will be attending St. Gregory Parish School for Kindergarten please allow him/her to engage in this wonderful experience.

If you are interested in "being a Kindergartener for a day" please contact the school office at 814-725-4571 to reserve a space or return this form to St. Gregory School – 140 W. Main St., NE, PA	
Child's Name:	Birthdate:
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:Email:	
Date & Time Chosen:	



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St. Gregory's PTO

For You, Your Family & Friends

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 ~ WEST LAKEVIEW SHELTER

WALDAMEER: 12pm – 9pm WATER WORLD: 11am – 7pm

WATER PARK & ALL RIDES GREATLY REDUCED WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S SPECIAL DISCOUNT!

ON SALE AT YOUR SCHOOL:

Tuesday, April 9, through Thursday, June 6, 2024 ALL DAY COMBO PASS: \$30.00 PER PERSON

(You Save: \$22.00 Per Pass!)

ALL DAY COMBO PASS WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE ONLY!

- Your SCHOOL COMBO PASS includes WATER WORLD HOURS are based upon weather & crowd permitting. Swim Wear is required in Water World.
- Everyone must have a combo pass or water park admission wristband to enter the gate at Water World and you must be at least 42" tall to ride the giant slides.
- No Food/Beverage permitted into the Waterpark except baby food and formula.

IMPORTANT! School Combo & School Lunch Tickets will be honored on days we are open the 2024 operating year. **These tickets will only be honored the year that they are sold.** 2024 is the last year that we will accept tickets from previous summers. Please phone ahead or visit our website at www.waldameer.com for Open Days and Hours of Operation BEFORE your visit to our Park – Thank you.