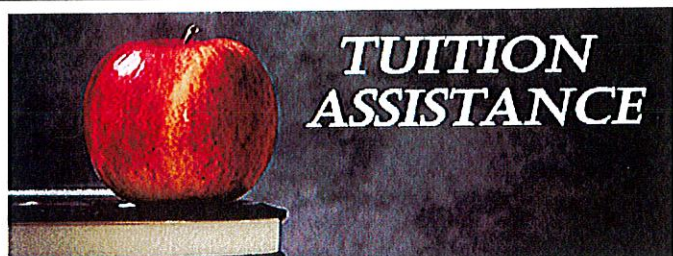


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St. Gregory Parish School strives to create and foster a safe learning environment where a child may grow spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially through a quality education, a living relationship with God and a respect for themselves and others. We strive to recognize that each person is scared 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.



Erie Diocese Tuition Assistance Application - We are excited to announce that the 2025-2026 school year tuition assistance application has been simplified and again will be an online-only process. The application portal (www.doetap.org) is now live. **All families are encouraged to apply.**

How to apply (One application per family)
Online applications are available for electronic submission at www.doetap.org. One application will be used for the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation, as well as other needs-based scholarship programs.

Families are required to register for an account and create a password. Electronic (scanned) copies of ALL 2024 W-2s, 1099s, and pages 1 and 2 of federal income tax returns will need to be uploaded. Unfinished applications can be saved and completed at a later date.

The application fee is \$30 and is due at the time the online application is submitted. Forms of payment are debit card, major credit card, or check.

All "Complete" applications, i.e., those with all required supporting tax documents, the \$30 payment and are submitted by the due date, will be considered for the Diocesan of Erie Tuition Assistance Program (DOETAP).

Application Due Dates - All forms must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the due dates below.

First Friday in May (May 2, 2025):

• Families with children applying to or attending ALL regional elementary, middle, and high schools.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, May 12th PTO Meeting at 6:30 PM
in the library.

Tuesday, May 13th Advisory Meeting 7 PM



First Holy Communion

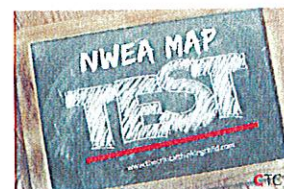
Please join us in celebrating First Holy Communion on May 4th at the noon mass. The following St. Gregory students will be receiving their First Holy Communion:

Mackendra Engesser
Alba Nowakowski
Eva Sanders



May 5th - May 9th

NWEA testing will be conducted from May 5th until May 9th. All make up testing will be on May 12th until May 16th. Please try to ensure your child is at school during this testing period. Thank you.



YEARBOOK ORDERS
DEADLINE IS MAY 20TH
GO TO TREERING.COM



Wednesday, May 1st May Crowning and School Liturgy at 10 AM. The 8th grade class picture will be taken at 9 AM.



Office Supplies Needed!

Reams of plain white copy paper. We only have a few reams left to get us through the remainder of the year. All donations would be helpful. Thank you!



LEVEL 4 CLASS TRIP TO GETTYSBURG IS MAY 15TH & 16TH. THE BUSES LOAD AT THE SGS PARKING LOT AT 4:45 AM ON MAY 15TH AND WILL BE RETURNING ON MAY 16TH AROUND 10:00 PM. PERMISSION SLIPS AND A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT HOME SOON. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE PERMISSION SLIP PROMPTLY.

Camp Notre Dame May 22nd & 23rd

On Thursday, May 22nd Level 2 & 3 students will head out to camp right after morning announcements for a day of activities and stay overnight.

On Friday, May 23rd 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 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.



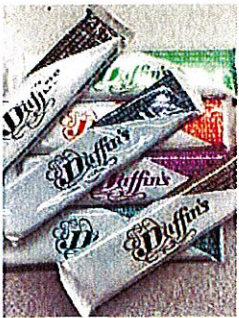
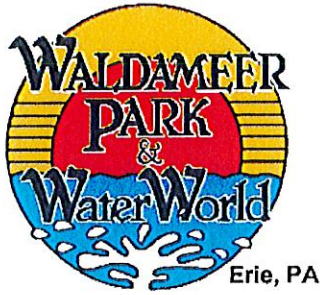
No School in observation of Memorial Day, May 26th

Kremer Foundation Grant Application

Kremer Grant Applications are due to the office by **Monday, May 5th**. Grants must have all required paperwork in order to be submitted by the deadline of May 8th. Applications are available in the office.

Waldameer Picnic

Tickets are now available in the school office for the PTO sponsored school picnic at Waldameer Park and Water World. This year's picnic will be held on Friday, June 6th starting at 12 noon at West Lake View Pavilion. The combo passes are \$31 each and will be available until the last day of school on June 5th. You can also pay on Square, the cost is \$32 (\$1 processing fee) it is active now. Please bring a dish to pass and beverages for your family. PTO will provide hot dogs, condiments and place settings. School combo tickets are honored on days open during May, June and August thru Labor Day. If you would like more information on Waldameer Park and hours of operation please visit their website at www.waldameer.com.



Daffin's Candy Bar Fundraiser

We now have Daffin's Candy bars for \$1.00 each, to grow our Field Trip account for future Level 4 field trips! They are available in the office or you may purchase cases of 36 candy bars to sell.

Thanks!



Big **THANK YOU** to all that made the Crusade for Kids Auction a huge success this year! We could not have done this without all your help and support.

Tuition Contracts

Kindergarten thru I4 Tuition Contracts and Fee Agreements for Preschool and Pre-K for the 2025-2026 School Year will be sent home. For budget and planning purposes, we are asking you to return your signed contract by **Tuesday, June 3, 2025**. Registration fees are due by **July 15, 2025**. If you plan on paying your tuition in full this year by July 15th date them you will have your registration fee of \$50.00 is waived.

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten are filling up quickly, please make sure you have your days set and Agreement signed and return as soon as possible.

FOOTBALL LOTTERY



Football Lottery tickets are being sent home with all returning families for next school year. As per your tuition contract, all school families are required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets (K – 8th grade). Tickets are also available in the office.

If you are able to donate reams of paper and/or letter sized envelopes this would be a huge help in reducing the cost. This fundraiser requires one case of paper and 3,000 envelopes. The envelopes can be plain or printed, so if you have old envelopes that are no longer needed at your work place – we can use them!! Thank you.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

ENVIRTHON

Good luck to our 3 teams! They will be attending the competition on May 6th. Best of luck to: Addie Lindahl, Erin Lindahl, Bryce Carrie-Kopta, Rite Reedy, Audrey Schiedel, Charlee Mackall, Harper Migliaccio, Chloe Fisk, Jessie Elkin, Holden Migliaccio, James Barnes, Logan Rizzo-Blystone & Rylan Haines



June 2nd – PreK Picnic & Graduation
June 4th – 8th Grade Graduation 6 PM Church
June 5th – **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
End of 4th Quarter
11:00 AM Dismissal NO BUSES
June 6th – Waldameer Picnic 12 noon
June 9th – PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
June 13th – School Office Closed
June 14th – **Flag Day**
June 15th – Happy Father's Day
June 17-18 – Rummage Sale Drop Of
June 19 -21 – Rummage Sale
July 1st – July 7th – School Office Closed
July 4th – **Happy 4th of July**

** Please be aware of the school office hours
for the summer months:

CLOSED ON MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

140 W Main St
North East

Saturday, May 10th
8AM - 2PM

indoor

**FLEA
MARKET**

Vendors
Restrooms
Lot + Street Parking

Food
50/50
Chinese Auction

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**For more
Information,
please call
Nick at
814-384-6717**

**Saint Gregory Parish
Gradeschool Gym**

**Located Across from
Family Dollar and
next to Country Fair**

We will be ordering theme t-shirts for the upcoming school year. **Please complete and return this section** for your child no later than May 30th if your child is returning to SGS for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Level: _____
Size: _____ Child or Adult: _____

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Parent Volunteers:

If you plan on be a parent volunteer for the 2025-2026 School Year, **please complete and return this portion to the office no later than May 30th**. A volunteer packet will be sent home at the end of the school year so you can complete the requirements prior to the beginning of the school year. All volunteers must have all requirements completed in order to volunteer. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

DOETAP.org

Application Process Troubleshooting

May 2, 2025 at 11:59pm is the deadline for the tuition assistance application for 2025-26.

Trouble registering, signing in, or verifying passwords:

1. Check your junk, spam, and even your trash folders for an email from info@doetap.org. The verifying email does not come immediately, be patient.
2. Consider that you may have used an alternate email. Check the junk, spam, and trash folders of that account.
3. If you cannot find the verification email, contact info@doetap.org before the deadline or create a new account.

Required documents:

1. 2024 W-2s and 1099s
2. Page 1 and 2 of 2024 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 for all parents/guardians (unless an extension is filed, then 2023 Form 1040 is accepted, but 2024 W-2s and 1099s must still be uploaded)
3. 2024 File Extension Form 4868 (if applicable) and/or other income statements (e.g., disability)

Where to upload the required documents:

1. Upload your documents on the Review page that says "Submit Application" at the top.
2. The names of the files that you have attached are listed below the appropriate portal and the box will still say "No file chosen". FYI: There is a red "X" next to the file name for you to delete the file in case you uploaded the wrong file. The red "X" will go away once submitted. If you do not see the name of a required file, try uploading again.
3. The third portal for supporting documentation does not show the documents underneath but instead lists them within the box. You may enter the extension file under the Tax Return Documents, if you wish.
4. If you are submitting documents **after** you have paid the application fee, there is no submit button to click when adding documents. (This can be confusing...)

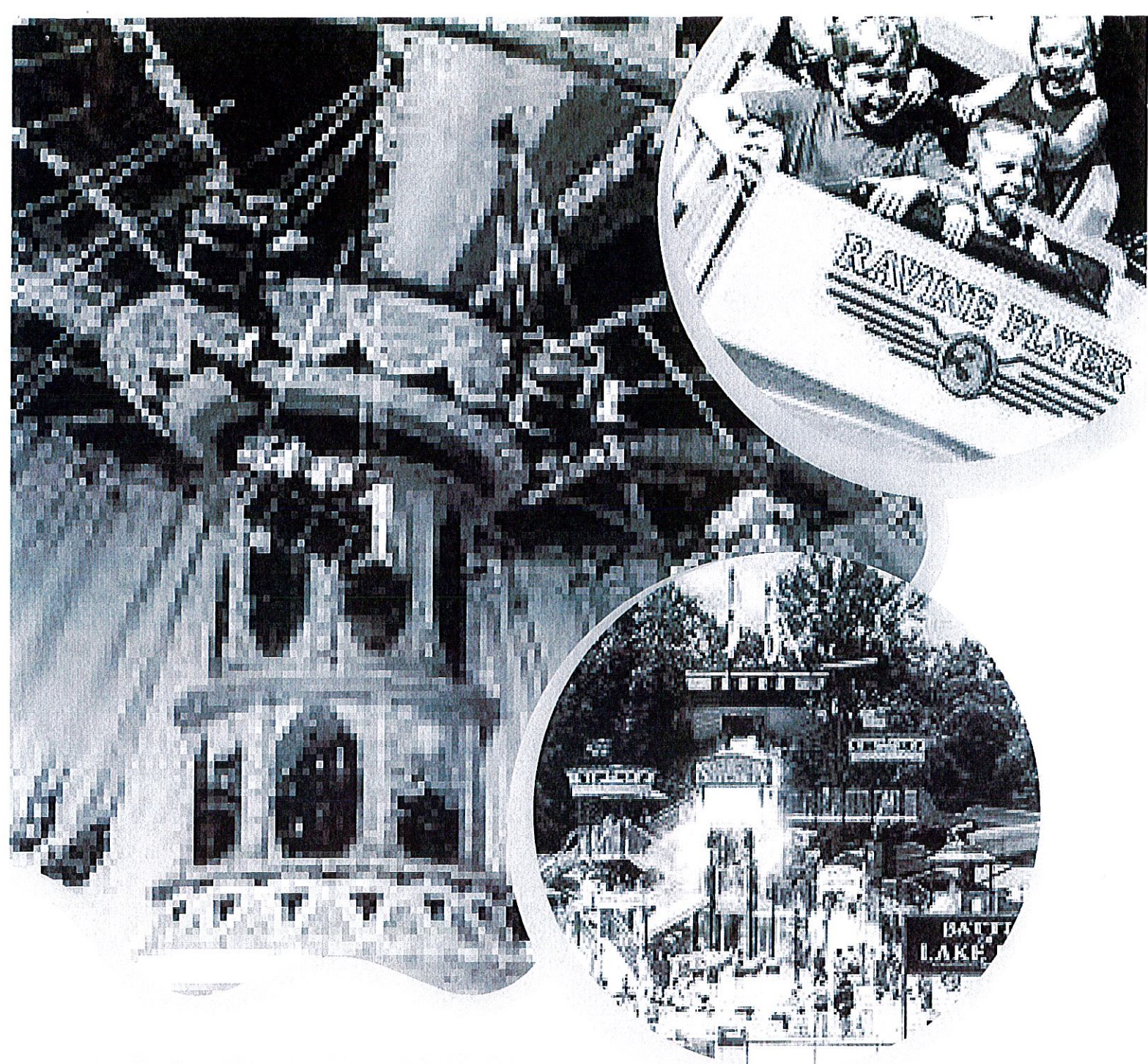
Confirmation of submitted application:

1. An application number will be assigned as confirmation of your application submission. It will begin with 2025-XXXX.

Payment Issues:

1. When paying by credit card, be patient! Enter your information and wait. A receipt should be generated and sent to your email. Again, please check your junk, spam, and trash folders for this receipt.
2. NOTE: A false payment error message may appear. Still check your email for a payment receipt from info@doetap.org. Be sure to check junk, spam, and trash folders.) If unsure if payment actually went through, please email info@doetap.org and copy krbbinson@eriercd.org.
3. It is not recommended that you enter your credit card information a second time, as it locks the system.

Questions? Email info@doetap.org and/or krbbinson@eriercd.org. Or call Kathy at (814) 824-1220.



Scan QR code for tickets



Friday, June 6th
West Lake View Pavillion



MAY 2025



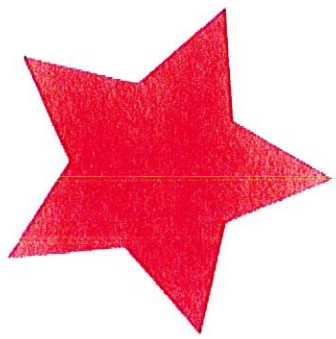
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Mac & Cheese, Veggie, & Roll	2	3
4 Teacher appreciation Week	5 Kremer Grant Application Due	6 TEST	7 TEST May Crowning 8 th Grade Picture 9 AM Liturgy 10 AM	8 TEST Chicken Picker Bowl	9 TEST	10 Flea Market
11 Happy Mother's Day	12 TEST PTO Meeting 6:30	13 TEST Advisory Meeting 7	14 TEST	15 TEST Gettysburg! Pasta, Salad & Roll	16 TEST Gettysburg! L2 & L3 Overnight Burger, Chips & Fruit	17
18	19	20 TEST	21	22 TEST L2 & L3 Overnight Burger, Chips & Fruit	23 TEST All School	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY * no school *	27 TEST	28	29 TEST Liturgy 9:15 AM Pizza, Wings & Salad FREE at St. Joes	30 TEST FIELD DAY Fun in the sun!	31



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  PRE-K- Grade	3 	4  8th GRADE GRADUATE	5  Last DAY of school Dismissal 11 AM	6 	7  Flag Day
8	9  PTO 6:30 PM	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	11	12	13 	14
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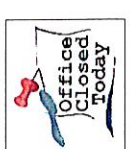













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May 1, 2025

Hello SGS Families,

Hope everyone had a very blessed Easter! We are happy to report for the last 3 months we have been working hard to get the following in order. The last few meetings we started mapping out future plans for the next FUNdraisers and Fun Festivities. You can't have one without the other. Enclosed is a copy of our financial report done by our treasurer Ricky Mielnik. We thank him for stepping up to the plate and doing a remarkable job. The Secretary position is open if anyone is willing to take down minutes from our meetings. Our wonderful co-chair Jen Nikolshen has been filling in for now. I also want to thank Jen and Jim Marshall for everything they have been continuing to do for St. Gregory School. They have decided to take a step back since their thriving Peace, Love and Little Donuts has opened! We totally understand and appreciate their continued support.

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome at the meetings— again we are not asking for everyone to make all of them. We only ask for helping hands for upcoming events. It's all for the kids, that's what matters. If you have ideas to be discussed we are happy to take the time to hear them.

So let's dive in!

January- we decided to split the funded money from the Secret Santa Store 3 ways. We made \$1,313.20. In previous years we were told it was all donated to charity. So it was voted on by the PTO that $\frac{1}{3}$ will go to a Tuition Angel Fund at the school, $\frac{1}{3}$ will go to purchasing more goods to be sold for next year, and $\frac{1}{3}$ will go into a PTO account . Upon a vote as well we decided to change the name from Secret Santa Store to just Christmas Store. We can't thank everyone enough especially PTO families and other SGS families for the donations as well. It was amazing! A big thank you to Brianne Seth and Michelle Lewis for organizing, we had a few hiccups to iron out with this being the first year of PTO taking it on but next year we hope for better. PTO also voted on how to spoil our teachers for Catholic Schools week. A very nice trolley cart went through every morning full of sweets, veggies, drinks and that Friday we gave them a little time for themselves and a wonderful lunch from St. Joe's. Then we had a fun night with tubing at the Peek & Peak. Before hitting the fresh snowy slopes, we handed out hot dogs, cookies and fruit as a quick snack. After some cold fun we warmed up with some hot cocoa and donuts, thanks to our good friends at Peace, Love and Little Donuts. PTO has also purchased a new carafe so we can safely transport the hot cocoa.

February- We could not wait to see how the Purse Bingo was going surprise us. Thank you to all volunteers. Cash Bash was a full house as well. We thank a lot of our church families along

with SGS families for making the night so much fun. We decided in the last few months to give the teachers \$100.00 each for their classroom, as you can see from the pictures and if you ask your kiddos what's new in the classroom. They picked out some really cool things to help during the school year. Details have been talked about for upcoming field trips and discussing the month of May when warmer weather comes. The biggest hurdle is transportation when prices are out of this world and the North East School District is hard to compromise with for scheduling buses. We hope that we can somehow bring things to the school as well.

Which leads me to our Career day. We decided to organize a Career Day for the kids.. so thanks to many of the parents who brought their professions to our school to show the kids options for their futures. We are open to hear any and all ideas to bring things to the school.

March– Yep, a lucky month can't forget to talk about the fun time at Mardi gras! The food was as always amazing by our Parish families and SGS Families getting to play some Bingo and win some great prizes.

The inventory of the supply room was currently completed. No further totes are needed thanks to the many PTO families that donated the totes. Special thanks to Katie Barnes who is our inventory secretary!

Fun Festivities:

Upcoming trips: Camp Notre Dame in May, Safety Town for kindergarten and Level 1, Zoo trip for kindergarten.

Star Lab- still awaiting information from the diocese to get it for free. Penn State's Star Lab offers a portable planetarium for \$300 for ½ day or \$500 for a full day. If the Star Lab is feasible, May would be the best month for it. We still have not heard back from them, fingers crossed soon.

We are excited to announce Penn State's Planetarium at Behrend offers a free tour to schools, We are scheduled for next year tentatively Sept 18th.

Carnegie Science Center offers several presentations that they will bring to the school. This option would save busing costs but typically costs \$525 for a 45 minute presentation. The question was raised about possible day trips to the Maritime Museum or possibly, Niagara Falls.

April- Well to finish up my letter the PTO was able to pull off a really fun Bunny Brunch. For our first one in a long time it was really awesome that we made \$496.00. Huge thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all the food donated, and Abercrombie family without you the Bunny Brunch could not have happened, and of course all our helpers of PTO and extra SGS families for set up and tear down!! Getting down to the last couple months and trying to fit in what we can. It has been a hard year to try to fit in so many activities with so many schedules but thank you for hanging in!

We really appreciate all those parents that help us in the effort to make our children's experience at St. Greg's a fun time to remember. Working together builds a school that we all can appreciate.

Kayla Engesser
Chairman

PTO MEETING SCHEDULE: Monday's at 6:30 in the SGS Library

- May 12
- June 9

PTO Team Members:

Mrs. Schoenfeldt -School Representative

Kayla Engesser - Chairman call 814) 323-0365 or Email akengesser@gmail.com

Jennifer Nikolishen- Co Chairman/ Organization/ Secretary

Richard Mielnik - Treasure

Jennifer Marshall- Connections

Jim Marshall - Connections

Kathryn Barnes- Inventory Secretary

Michelle Lewis- Organization, Volunteer Coordinator

Stephanie Quigley- Social NetWorking

Brianne Seth -Organization / Volunteer Coordinator

Katie Confer- Organization/ Volunteer Coordinator

Mrs. Hurrell- Teacher Representative

Miss Stocker -Teacher Representative

Miss Rogus - Teacher Representative

Here are a few pics of happy teachers and kids with some of their cool stuff they received!



PTO Financial Report:

2024/2025						
Event	Name	Memo	Date	Amount +	Amount -	Total
Car Show	TOTAL			1894	-1659.83	234.17
Waldameer	TOTAL	Late Payment from last school year		120	0	120
Fall Fest	TOTAL			253	-625.94	-372.94
Santa Shop	TOTAL			1313.2	0	1313.2
Pizza with Santa	TOTAL			2189	-658.38	1530.62
Bunny Brunch	TOTAL			576	-80	496
Other		Grandparents Day Start Up Funds	45566		-60	
Other		Annual Family PTO Funds from tuition	45572	940		
Other		Event Receipt Reimbursement	45686		-46.02	
Other		Event Receipt Reimbursement	45685		-96.22	
Other		Event Receipt Reimbursement	45684		-80.8	
Other		Religion Class registration	45607		-99	
Other		Snow Cone Machine	45607		-139.99	
Other		Money given to each Teacher's classroom	45698		-1238.08	
Other		Santa Shop gives to Angel Fund	45726		-440	
Other		Santa Shop gives to "Next Year School Items"	45726		-440	
Other	TOTAL			940	-2630.11	-1690.11
2024-2025	TOTALS SO FAR			7290.2	-5654.26	1635.94