

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 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.



### Advent Prayer Gatherings

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Advent Prayer Wreath Ceremony will begin at 8:40 AM on Tuesday, December 2, 8, 16 & 22 in the gym.

## NO SCHOOL

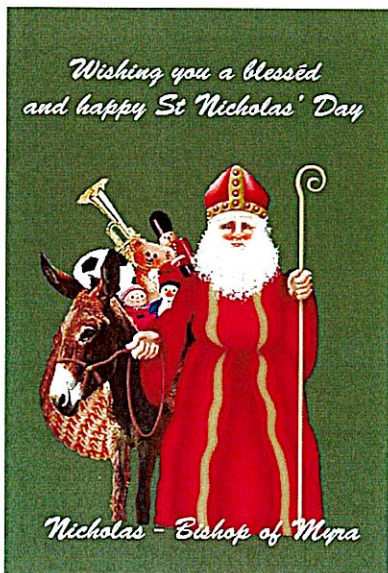
Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**EARLY DISMISSAL at 1PM on Tuesday, December 23rd**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**SCHOOL RESUMES Monday, January 5th**

**Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting at 5:30 PM**



### St. Joe's Hot Lunch Orders January 2025 – Due 12/19/2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1/8 Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

1/15 Mac & Cheese, Veggie, Roll \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

1/22 Pasta, Salad & Roll \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

1/29 FREE LUNCH: Souper Bowl \_\_\_\_\_ x FREE = \$00.00

Total Lunches Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

### Straw Hat Hot Lunch Orders January 2025 – Due 12/19/2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1/6 Pizza \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

1/13 Italian Sub \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

1/20 Turkey & Cheese Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

1/27 Pizza \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Lunches Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

### 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 9:15 a.m.





## Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM will be a School Liturgy for Immaculate Conception.**

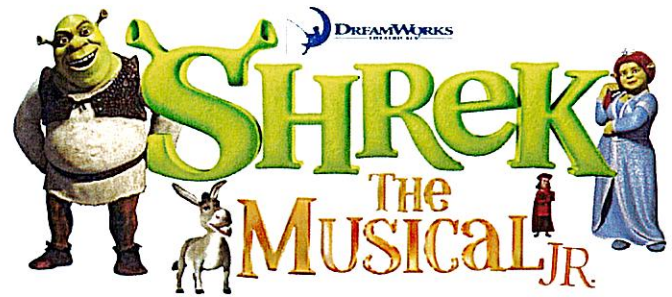
## RECESS

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, snow pants, 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.



## Christmas Store

Get ready for some holiday magic! Our PTO sponsored Christmas Store will be open on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>! Students will have a special chance to shop for sweet surprises during the school day. Stay tuned – more details and a handy shopping checklist will be sent home soon!



## COMING SOON

## School Wish List Items

- \*White Copy Paper – due to the state budget just being passed SGS has not received any of the consumable workbooks, so teachers need to make copies of all materials. We probably will not receive materials until February of 2026.
- \*Shelf stand to hold copy paper in office
- \* Hand sanitizer
- \* Chap Sticks
- \* Dry Erase Markers
- \* Sticky Notes
- \* Christmas Disposable Tablecloths
- \* Permanent Markers



## REMINDER

If you would like to volunteer at the school or in your child's classroom, you must have a completed volunteer packet on file. You must obtain clearances from the state, sign documentation and complete trainings with the diocese and the state of PA. If you are interested, please contact the office for the proper paperwork. Keep in mind, it takes some time for the clearance to be approved through the state so please do not wait until the event you want to volunteer for to begin the process. Thank you for volunteering.



# January

January 1 – **Happy New Year's**

January 5 – **SCHOOL RESUMES**

January 6 – Advisory Meeting 6:30 AM

School Liturgy 9:15 AM

January 6 -9 - NWEA Student Testing

January 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade shadows at Mercyhurst Prep

January 12-23 – NWEA Student Testing

January 12 – PTO Meeting 6:30 PM

January 19 – **NO SCHOOL**

January 25 – Catholic Schools Week Begins!

9 AM Liturgy at the St. Gregory Church

January 26– Honoring Community

Peek N Peak Family Tubing Night from 4PM until 6 PM

January 27 – Honoring Students

January 28 – Honoring our Nation

January 29 – Honoring Vocations

Souper Bowl – **FREE LUNCH**

January 30 – Honoring Faculty & Staff

Talent Show

## ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

St. Gregory School Annual Campaign has officially begun. Letters were sent home October 16<sup>th</sup> to each family. Our goal, this year, is to raise \$30,000.

This Campaign is critical to the school in generating the necessary funds to:

- Keep tuition costs affordable
- Cover general fund expenses throughout the school year (utilities, maintenance, etc.)
- Provide funds for any unplanned events (repairs, price increases, etc.)
- Reduce excessive fundraisers for students and families
- Safety updates to entrance of school and update to camera equipment

## Box Tops For Education



Box Tops for Education is a program where you can earn cash for schools by purchasing participating products. To participate, download the Box Tops app, shop for products, and then scan your store receipt within 14 days to get credit for your school. You can also link your Walmart account to earn automatically when shopping there. See the attached flyer for more details.

Every donations amount helps us reach our goal. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a donation letter to file with your taxes.

If you are able to help, in any way, with this campaign know that even the smallest donation can make a big impact. We have a wonderful school family at St. Gregory School and goals, such as this, can be reached through all of us working together. A donation form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience. Thank you for all that you do!

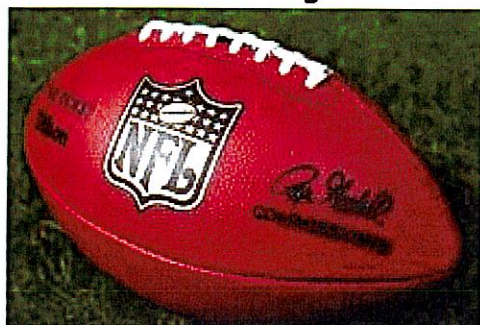


MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Physical copies of the newsletter and school directories are located in the front office, if you would like one.

## Football Lottery Winners



Congratulations to the following winners:

### Week 9

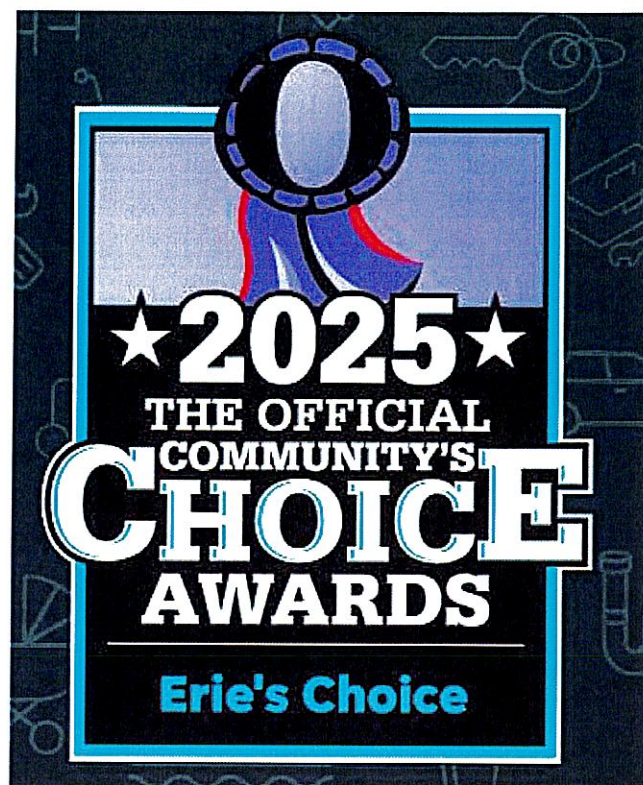
1st Place - \$100 – Matthew Welch  
2nd Place - \$75 – Stephanie Urban  
3rd Place – \$50 – Connie Hendrix  
Lowest - \$8.33 – Greg & Elizabeth Sambor  
\$8.33 – Mary Tolon  
\$8.33 – Ray May

### Week 10

1st Place - \$87.50 – Kathryn Barnes  
\$87.50 – Morgan Kirsch  
2nd Place – None due to tie  
3rd Place – \$25 – Marcus Thies  
\$25 – Emmanuel Reedy  
Lowest - \$6.25 – Eddie Lewis  
\$6.25– Sean Spienelli  
\$6.25 – Tammy Chambers  
\$6.25 – Jill Nordberg

### Week 11

1st Place - \$100 – Tracie Gaston  
2nd Place – \$75 – Diane Makin  
3rd Place – \$50 – Roseann Semelka  
Lowest - \$25 – Chris Johnson



Congratulation to Ms.  
Rogus and St. Gregory  
Parish School for winning  
the 2025 Community  
Choice Award for Erie  
County's  
**BEST PRESCHOOL!**





## St. Gregory School Crusade for Kids Auction WIN A \$1,000 TUITION DISCOUNT

As a special incentive to procure goods and services for the Crusade for Kids Auction on Saturday, April 25, 2026, we are raffling off a \$1,000 discount towards next year's tuition. If your family had procured \$500 worth of new items or services for the auction by the **early procurement deadline**, you will receive one (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 **Friday, February 6, 2026**. 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 Monday, March 2, 2026 as per your tuition contract.



*\*Discounted tuition will be applied to the 2026/2027 school year unless winning family is a preschool family who would like to apply their tuition to kindergarten for the 2027/2028 school year. Discounted tuition may not be applied to preschool tuition or to existing tuition for a graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade student.*



# 2026 Cash Bash



Benefiting St. Gregory School  
& St. Gregory Church

## Saturday, February 7, 2026

St. Gregory School Gym, 140 W. Main Street, North East

### 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

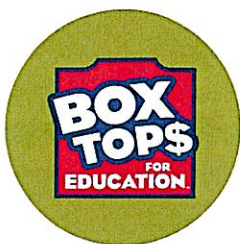
Special Pre-Christmas rate of 2 tickets for \$40 for the Party Pass, or 2 tickets for \$25 for the Go Virtual. Pre-Christmas sales will begin on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and end on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Tickets can be purchased at the St. Gregory School Office located at 140 W. Main St., the Parish Office located at 136 W. Main St., or at the door the evening of the event. Thank You!



Benefiting St. Gregory Church & St. Gregory School



# BOX TOPICS

November is full of chances to give thanks — and give back.

NOVEMBER  
2025 EDITION



## BONUS OFFERS

Offers are valid in a single transaction between 11/1/2025-11/30/2025



Buy 3, Earn 10  
on Pillsbury  
Crescents\*



Buy 3, Earn 6  
on all Annie's  
products\*



Buy 2, Earn 5  
on all Cheerios  
products\*



Buy 2, Earn 5  
on all Progresso  
products\*



Buy 2, Earn 5  
on all Old El Paso  
products\*

\*Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.

### SCAN FOR SCHOOLS IN NEED

Schools in Need are schools with over 40% of students enrolled in the free- and reduced-price lunch program, and you can find one near you in the Box Tops app.

Consider switching the school you support during the holiday season to show some extra love to schools that need it most.

Learn more at [BTFE.com/About](https://www.btfefor.org/About)



### HOLIDAY TREATS THAT GIVE BACK

From Pillsbury™ Shape™ Cookies to seasonal Chex Mix varieties, so many festive goodies support students and teachers. Stock up now so you're ready for holiday parties, family gatherings and cozy nights with your family.

See all participating products at [BTFE.com/Products](https://www.btfefor.org/Products)

## 3 EASY WAYS TO EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL



### SCAN

Qualifying receipts  
in the app



### SUBMIT

Qualifying digital  
receipts in the app



### CONNECT

Your Walmart and  
Box Tops accounts



SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfefor.org)



DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS  
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAUNDAY
	1 Yippee No School	2 Week 1 Ceremony 8:40 AM	3	4	5 	6  Pizza With Santa
7	8 Immaculate Conception Week 2 Ceremony 8:40 AM Liturgy 9:15 AM	9 Turkey & Cheese Wrap Auction Meeting 6PM Pizza	10 Pasta, Salad & Roll	11 Hot Ham & Cheese, Soup & Fruit	12 Celebrating St. Nicholas Day	13
14	15 THE CHRISTMAS STORE	16 Week 3 Ceremony 8:40 AM Ham & Cheese Wrap	17	18	19 Lunch Orders Due	20
21	22 Week 4 Ceremony 8:40 AM	23 1:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL Kinder Play 12:30-12:45	24 Yippee No School	25 merry Christmas	26 Yippee No School	27
28	29 Yippee No School	30 Yippee No School	31 Yippee No School	<i>Happy New Year</i>	Yippee No School	

## 2025 – 2026 Annual Fund Commitment Form

Your contribution to the St. Gregory Parish School Annual Fund directly supports our mission of faith, learning & service. Through your generosity, we are able to provide high-quality academic programs rooted in Catholic values. Every dollar you give helps our students grow in faith, knowledge and compassion — preparing them to go and serve in the world with hearts of gratitude and leadership.

As a reminder, your contribution is fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. St. Gregory Parish School is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your gift will be acknowledged with a donation receipt for your records as well as your name will appear in our annual report unless you choose to be anonymous.

On behalf of the entire St. Gregory Parish School community, We greatly appreciate continued faith, trust and support. Together, we are building a brighter future — one act of service at a time.

### **St. Gregory Circle – \$2,500 and up**

“Leading through faith, service, and stewardship.”

Your generosity reflects the guiding spirit of St. Gregory — inspiring others to serve with compassion and purpose.

### **Mission Leaders – \$1,000- \$2,499**

“Lighting the path of service for others to follow.”

Support at this level strengthens the mission and vision of our school, helping us serve with excellence and faith.

### **Faith in Action Partners – \$500-\$999**

“Putting faith to work in our classrooms and community.”

These gifts ensure that service and learning go hand in hand in every child’s education.

### **Community Builders – \$150-\$499**

“Serving together to make a lasting difference.”

Your support builds bridges of faith and community, helping students grow as disciples and leaders.

### **Friends of St. Gregory – \$1.00-\$149**

“Every act of giving is an act of service.”

Each contribution, big or small, strengthens our shared mission of faith, learning, and service.

Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. /Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (If Alumnus) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please, make my donation anonymous. (This information is strictly confidential and will not be shared.)

☐ Please, make my donation in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my annual fund gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to St. Gregory Parish School)

My gift will be matched by \_\_\_\_\_.

(Ask your employer about matching gift opportunities.)