

April 1, 2019

Greetings St. Gregory School Families!

April Fools! Of course I couldn't go a month without writing you a letter!

Easter break is right around the corner. I pray that your Easter is filled with happiness and quality family time. April will be a busy month and May will be here before we know it.

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is our annual Auction! This is our largest fundraiser, and I can't begin to tell you the importance of this fundraiser in helping our school reach its \$100,000 fundraising goal. This year's theme is "Sock-Hop". There will be casino games, class baskets, silent and live auctions, beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. You definitely do not want to miss this. Please bring your friends and family! Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on this event.

I would like to congratulate the kids on their many achievements recently. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last month, and they will be receiving First Holy Communion beginning this month. Please keep them in your prayers. Also, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing Shadow Stations on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm. This is a beautiful time for all of us to reflect on the Way of the Cross. Congratulations to them, too, for receiving their Confirmation at the end of March.

Finally, I want to share that our enrollment is on a steady incline, and our numbers look good for the 2019 – 2020 school year. However, we still have room available in most classrooms. We are shooting for our largest numbers ever, so please help! I can't thank you enough for spreading the word about St. Gregory School. I love when people want to be a part of our St. Gregory School family.

Happy Easter!

Mrs. Harris

## School News

### Absentee Excuses

We are still missing many absentee excuses for some students. If you find an OptionC print out in this folder regarding excuses, please take care of it as soon as possible. You can either send a written excuse or use the link on the school website. We are required by state law and by the Diocese to have these on file.

### Grading Period

The third grading period ends tomorrow, Tuesday, April 2nd. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. When you receive your child's report card, be sure to pay attention to the skills and character development marks as well as the grades. These are just as important as the grades.

### Uniform Reminders

Shorts / Capris – Students may start wearing their shorts and capris again beginning Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Shorts & Capris are NOT permitted on Mass days. Shorts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee.

### Drama Play

Our Drama Club has been rehearsing hard and can't wait to share their production of Idi-Odyssey with you all. Please come and show your support on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### Yearbook Orders

There is an order form included in this family folder. If you are interested in ordering a book, please return the order form and payment by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost per book is \$20.00.

### St. Jude Math-a-Thon

On behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, we want to thank the students that participated in this year's Math-A-Thon which raised a total of almost \$2000. Your generosity made a difference in the lives of the patients and their families. Great Job Luke Burr, Ray Humphreys, Tommy Mack, Chloe Boosel, Michael Babick & Eva Babick!

### Lenten Mite Cans

Have your children been remembering to put little sacrifices in their Lenten mite cans? Please talk to your children about the importance of making these little sacrifices during Lent. They may decide to skip buying ice cream or a snack in the lunch room and put that money in their can instead, or maybe they will decide that they would like to give a portion of their allowance. The idea of sacrifice may vary per child, but it is important for them to understand this and prepare for the greatest sacrifice of all; Jesus dying on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven.

Students are asked to return the cans and their donations to school on Friday, April 12. The kids will place them on the altar during the morning Mass.

### Shadow Stations

Our 8th Grade class will be presenting the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 12th at 2:00 & 7:00 pm. This is a unique and beautiful way to reflect on the Passion of Christ. All are welcome to join in this touching reflection.

## Summer Solutions : Simple Solutions

Close the summer learning gap! By spending just a few minutes a day with Summer Solutions, students get the practice they need to keep moving forward. It was designed to help students return to school after summer break confident in the skills they've already learned and ready to master new ones.

Go to: [www.summersolutions.net](http://www.summersolutions.net) and enter our school code: H16063GRE  
Orders placed before May 1 will be entered into a drawing for an iPad mini.

## **PTG News**

### **PTG Meeting**

The final PTG Meeting of the year will be Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the school library. If anyone has an interest in joining the PTG Board for the coming year please let us know. We are always looking for new members and new ideas!

### **Auction/Casino Night**

Please join the PTG for a fun night out at the 50's Sock Hop Auction Night on Saturday, April 13th. It is a fantastic night of music; food; casino games; and silent, live & Chinese auctions. Details for the night are enclosed. Tickets for the event and for the Chinese auction baskets are on sale now!

Interested in helping out for the event? The Auction Committee is meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 in the school cafeteria. Please join us or use the links on the school website to volunteer for ticket sales, event setup, event night help & donations (wine, cookies, ice cream, etc.)

Students will have the opportunity to purchase basket tickets beginning next Wednesday, April 3rd. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name & grade clearly marked. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10

See you at the auction and thanks for everyone's support of this fantastic fundraiser for our school!

### **Super Bingo**

Our next Super Bingo is Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping out with this event. We are always looking for extra help to set-up and tear-down especially. Can you give a few hours of your time?

### **McDonald's McTeacher Night**

Come out and support our next "Dine & Donate" event and see some familiar faces behind the counter. Yes, some of our staff will be working behind the counter to serve you and your families! This should be interesting. Join us Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. 20% of all proceeds will be donated back to St. Gregory School, PLUS, we get 100% of whatever is dropped in our "McTeacher Tip Jar". See you there!

## **Parish News**

### **Lawn Fete**

June 20, 21 & 22 – See enclosed information

This is a huge event for the school and the parish and there is a lot of help needed to make it a success, from selling the raffle tickets (enclosed) to donating your time! Please consider helping in whatever way you are able. If you are short on your family share hours, this is a great time to make them up. Volunteer forms will be included in the next family folder.



**Event:** St. Gregory School's Dine to Donate Benefit Day

**Date:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

**Location:** **Houlihan's Restaurant**  
Streets of Cranberry Shopping Center  
20406 Route 19  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066



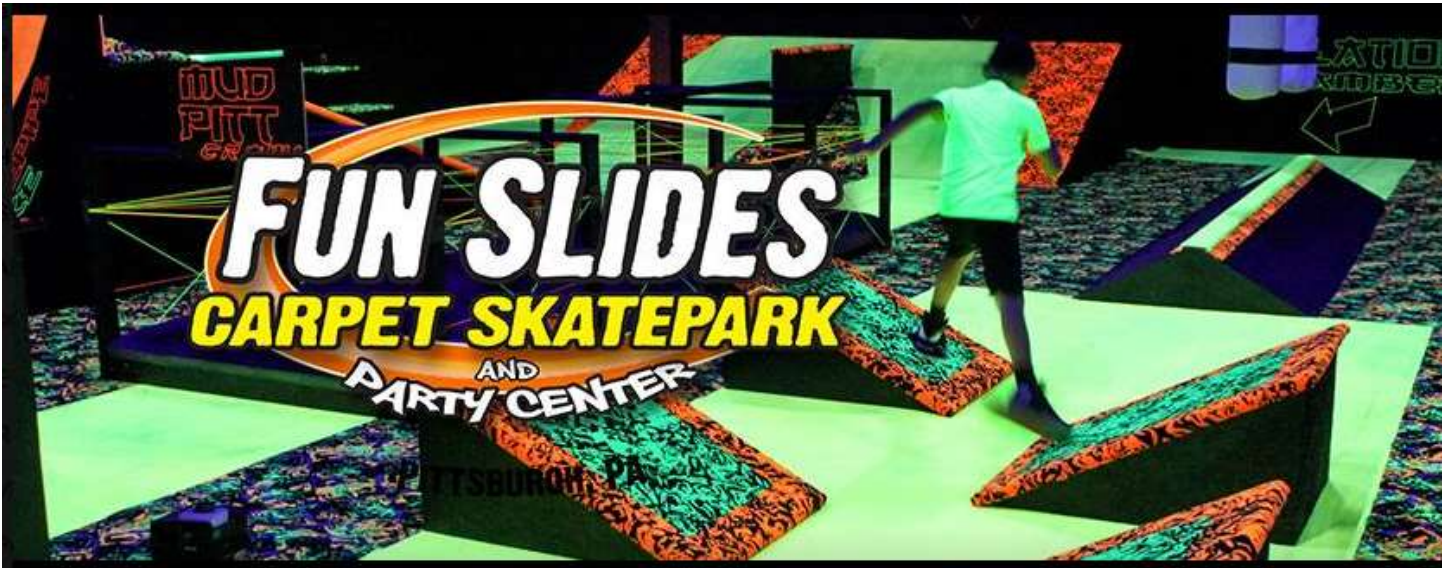
**Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone**  
before paying and Houlihan's will donate

**15% of the food proceeds (excludes alcohol) back to St. Gregory School**

# St. Gregory School's May FOOD & FUNdraiser Family Night Out Event

## Advanced Reservation Form

Fun Slides Carpet Skatepark will generously donate \$3 of admission proceeds to St. Gregory School!



- Location:** Fun Slides Carpet Skatepark - 1130 Perry Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$20 per person, includes skates and helmet (required for ages 8 and under)

*Price also includes:* 1.5 hours of Open Carpet Skate · Super Ninja Challenge obstacle course · Bounce and Slide Inflatable Area · Carpet Hockey · 30 minutes in Party Room for Pizza, Dessert, & Beverages

All skaters **MUST** wear athletic shoes or other closed toe flat shoes.

Please return the bottom portion of this form and money to the school main office *no later than:*

**Monday, May 20, 2019** in an envelope with students full name and grade listed on the outside.

Checks payable to: St. Gregory PTG.

This is a private event for our St. Gregory School student's, families, and friends. Once you arrive at Fun Slides on the day of the event, go to front desk to receive your pre-paid admission band. We will have a list of those who purchased advance tickets at the door; just provide your family name and the number of participants in your party when you enter and join us for a fun party.

*We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your support!!!*

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## Fun Slides Carpet Skatepark May FOOD & FUNdraising Family Night

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed (\$20/pp): \_\_\_\_\_