

January 29, 2019

Greetings St. Gregory School Families!

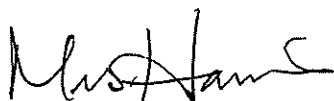
We are in the midst of our annual Catholic Schools Week! Unfortunately we were hit with some seriously frigid weather, but it was still full of excitement. The students have enjoyed math games, movies, and the annual staff verse 8th grade volleyball game! We all enjoy this week because it is a chance for us to show off our school spirit and the many ways in which St. Gregory School reflects a community of "faith, knowledge, and service." We create an atmosphere that sets the tone and allows visitors to feel the presence of Christ. With our focus on the values and virtues each week, this atmosphere is even more prominent. We will reschedule the Science Fair, and I will be sure to make up the crazy dress day as well.

This week we held registration for new families. If you have friends or relatives that would like to take a tour, please have them contact the office. Enclosed in this family folder you will find the new tuition rate for the 2019-2020 school year. Please remember that there is aid available through the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Fund (SOS). There are different levels for qualification. A big thank you goes out to all of the local businesses who supported this program. If you are part of a business, please talk to us about ways in which your business can earmark state taxes to our school. This money has helped to bring tuition assistance to over 20% of our school families – that is remarkable! **The SOS forms can be found online through the FACTS website.**

I want to thank the school families who are involved with St. Gregory Athletics. Thank you for the hours of volunteering you put in to make our program successful. I would also like to thank the St. Gregory School Athletic Board. If you would like to join the Board, please email me. I have also seen so many new faces volunteering. Please remember if your child plays a sport, you **MUST** sign up to volunteer. There is still time left in the season for you to step forward and help out. This is separate from the Family Share Program.

Again, thank you for all you do to make St. Gregory School special. There is definitely something extraordinary about this place.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs. Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "H".

Mrs. Harris
Principal

February Blurbs

Snow Make-Up Days:

The snow day on November 16 will be made up on Friday, February 15

The snow day on January 30 will be made up on Monday, February 18

The snow day on January 31 will be made up on Wednesday, April 17

The snow day on February 1 will be made up on Tuesday, April 23

The 3rd Report Period will now end on Monday, April 1

Catholic School's Week:

We are very disappointed that we missed most of our Catholic School's Week activities due to the weather and cancellations. Please know that we plan to make-up those activities this week:

Wednesday: Spirit Day & Science Fair

Thursday: Fashion Disaster & Crazy Hair & Dodge Ball Games

Friday: School Uniforms, All School Bingo, Saints Alive

We are also hoping to reschedule the dance for 6-8. Please watch for more details.

Family Share:

You will all find a letter in this folder showing where you stand on your Family Share commitment. If you still have hours to meet, money to raise or cafeteria days to work please think about how you plan to meet those requirements. If you have already met those numbers, please don't think that means we don't need your help. You are always welcome to help out at events and you may even make some new friends while having a great time! Many hands make for light work.

Clearances:

You will also find a letter in this folder if you need to update or complete your clearance process. Many of our "veteran" families are due to update their child abuse clearances (every 5 years) and there are several of our newer families who have started the process but are still missing some items. Please check over this letter and contact Debi in the school office if you have any questions.

Pastor Verification Forms:

It is time to start thinking about next year, and for those of you who belong to a Catholic parish outside of our cluster, we have included a Pastor Verification Form in this folder. You must have a new form signed by your pastor each year in order to receive the subsidized tuition amount. Please return this form to the school office by May 31st. (Note: This is different than the "Pastor Signature" form that is required for the financial aid.) Parishioners of St. Gregory, St. Ferdinand and Holy Redeemer parishes do NOT have to get this form signed.

Financial Aid:

The financial aid link is now up on the school website under the "Admissions" tab. All applications are to be submitted by March 15th and you must have your 2018 taxes available to include with your application.

JA Day:

Students will be participating in Junior Achievement Day this Tuesday, February 5th.

Children's Choir:

Our children's choir will be making a special appearance at St. Ferdinand during their 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 9th. They will also be singing at St. Gregory's 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 23rd and March 30th.

Sacraments:

Please keep our 2nd and 8th graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This is such an important and exciting time for the children. First Reconciliation will be Wednesday, February 13th and Confirmation will be Tuesday, March 19th. First Communion Masses will be in May.

All Star Band:

Congratulations to our students who made it into the Diocesan All Star Band! We are so very proud. Gabby Evans, Cora Fiedler, Ben Sutton, Ava McConnell and Sara McConnell

St. Jude Math-a-Thon:

In this family folder you will find the annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon packet. Please look it over and if you are interested in having your child/ren participate, fill out the bottom portion, mark whether you will use the printed or online fun book and return to the school office by Monday, February 11. For those that want a printed book we will get them ordered and sent home as soon as possible. We are asking that all donations be turned in to the school office by Monday, February 25. Be sure to make checks payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

PTG News

Meeting:

Our next PTG Meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the library. If you have any topics you'd like to discuss or if you would like to attend, please contact any board member.

Super Bingo:

Our next big Super Bingo will be happening on Sunday, February 10th. If you can help in any way, please sign up using the link on the school webpage under "Events".

Auction:

The next planning meeting for the auction will be on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in helping in any way, please plan to attend.
Mark your calendars now for the big event: Saturday, April 13th
Start planning your outfits: 50's Sock Hop
You should all have heard from your class basket chairpersons by now. Any help you can give in donating items for the baskets is appreciated. You will also find a donation envelope in this folder. We ask for a \$10 per family donation to put toward purchasing items for the auction baskets. Please return these by Monday, February 11th.

Dine & Donates:

Blaze Pizza in Cranberry Mall on Tuesday, February 12th
Moes's Southwest Grill on Monday, February 18th
See enclosed flyers for more information!

St. Gregory School 2019-2020 Tuition Rates



1 st Child with Parish Subsidy	\$ 3300.00
2 nd Child with Parish Subsidy	\$ 2150.00
3 rd Child with Parish Subsidy	\$ 1650.00
Each additional Child with Parish Subsidy	\$ 1500.00
1 st Child without Subsidy	\$ 4300.00
2 nd Child without Subsidy	\$ 3650.00
3 rd Child without Subsidy	\$3100.00
3 Year Preschool	\$100 per month x 10 months = \$1,000
4 Year Pre-K	\$120 per month x 10 months = \$1,200

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To qualify for parish subsidy, families must:

1. Be registered practicing Catholics – That means that families must attend and participate in the Sunday liturgies.
2. Use the church envelopes assigned to the family for the support and maintenance of the parish.
3. Be active in parish fund-raising functions.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in tuition subsidy being denied and the family will be responsible for the full amount of non-subsidized tuition. Families not registered with Saint Gregory Parish must get a Pastor Verification Form signed by their Pastor.

All new families must register in the FACTS tuition program no later than **June 1**. The first tuition payment must be made by your selected payment date in August. All tuition must be paid in full by the selected payment date in May. Information about the FACTS program can be found on the other side of this page.

Information on tuition aide through the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship (SOS) Fund will be made available online. We usually have this information by the first week in February. Please continue to watch for this information to be posted on the site. Parish aide will not be granted in the fall to any family who does not apply for aide through the SOS program first.

If a student withdraws or is expelled, no refunds will be given. Parents are responsible for any damage to books or school property and will be billed accordingly. **All families are expected to adhere to the expectations set forth in the St. Gregory School Family Share Program.**

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FACTS Tuition Program:

St. Gregory School is partnered with FACTS Management Company to help us manage our tuition payment program and financial aid assessment. This program has proven to be more efficient and financially stable for St. Gregory School as well as providing convenience to our school families.

Here are the benefits of using FACTS for your tuition payment plan:

Payment Dates: You may choose either the 5th, 10th or 15th of each month as your payment date.

Convenience and Security: Along with multiple payment plan options, your payments are processed securely through a bank to bank transaction.

Payment Plan Options: Automatic payments can be made from a checking or savings account or from a variety of credit cards, if applicable. Keep in mind that when paying by credit card a nominal 2.8% convenience fee will be added. You can choose to have an invoice mailed to your home so you can pay by check or an invoice can be emailed for online payment.

Payment Fees: Sign-on fees have been established through FACTS to defray the cost of the program for St. Gregory School.

- There is no fee for in-full payment if paid by September 1.
- There is a \$10 per family annual charge for a twice/year payment plan. This plan is divided 50/50 with payments in August and February.
- There is a \$45 per family annual charge for the monthly payment plan. This plan begins in August and is divided over a 10-month period.

Peace of Mind Insurance: FACTS offers this optional benefit for only \$20/year, per family. In the event of death of the responsible party or spouse, the remaining tuition balance owed for the current school year is paid to the school.

Consumer Account: You may check your personal account or make payments online from the convenience of your home or office anytime.

It is important that St. Gregory School maintains a balance between its educational mission and financial stability and this is why we have chosen to work with the FACTS Management Company. Keep in mind that St. Gregory School still maintains the decision making. We will continue to work with families should special circumstances or hardship cases arise during the school year. If your family receives any type of financial aid, that amount will be incorporated into your payment schedule once the money is made available to us.

Family can register online for the FACTS Online Payment Plan using their website beginning February 1st. PLEASE COMPLETE THE PROCESS BY **JUNE 1st**.

Go to <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3N0GP> and you will find the step by step instructions from start to finish. When you are asked to provide an "optional" Family ID, this is actually NOT an option and this is a code that you create; it is not assigned. You can use both letters and/or numbers for this. If you have any questions there is a link on the school website that will explain everything.

We want to thank you for choosing St. Gregory School. It is important to us that we work together in order to provide the highest quality of education to your child/ren. We appreciate all our families and what they do for St. Gregory School as we remain committed to our mission.



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

between 5-8pm!

St. Gregory School's Dine & Donate at
BLAZE PIZZA in Cranberry Mall.



Organization name: St Gregory Catholic Church
Date: Tuesday February 12, 2019
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Blaze Pizza – Cranberry Mall
20111 State Rt. 19
Cranberry Twp, Pa. 16066

Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds back to our organization.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in and take-out only. Not valid for online orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.



The St. Gregory student who brings in the most family members during this fundraising event wins free pizza passes for their whole family!

Come in to create your own delicious pizza (dine in or take out) and enter to win 1 of 3 Blaze Pizza gift cards. Fill in this flyer and give to cashier to enter drawing!

Family Name: _____ **Grade/s:** _____

Contact Number: _____

For Blaze Staff to write in:

Number of Family in Attendance: _____

**St. Gregory School February's
*Dine & Donate Fundraising Event***

**MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL
Cranberry Township Location**

50% of the proceeds will be go to St. Gregory School

WHERE: Moe's Southwest Grill – 1686 Rt 228, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

WHEN: Monday, February 18, 2019 (No School Day)

TIME: All Day

COST: \$10 per ticket – good for one combo meal (entrée, side and a drink)

Tickets can only be redeemed on the actual St. Gregory Benefit Date (2/18/19).
No need to bring cash or mess with change, with this discount each ticket is good for any combo meal on the menu (including tax).

Please return the bottom portion of this form, enclosed with cash or check, to the school main office by **Thursday, February 14, 2019** in an envelope marked with students full name and grade listed on the outside

Checks payable to: **St. Gregory PTG.** Tickets will be returned home with student or can be requested to pick up in the school main office.

St. Gregory School pre-purchased 50 combo meal tickets (*\$250 in proceeds*) at this discounted rate; we can add more tickets up until January 30th. Moe's will charge \$0.25 back to St. Gregory for each unsold ticket. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your support!!!

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Moe's Southwest Grill February Dine & Donate Fundraising Event
(pre-paid tickets are required to participate in this fundraising event)

Family Name: _____ **Grade/s:** _____

Total Number Combo Meal Tickets : _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

