

January 2, 2018

Happy New Year St. Gregory School Families!

Welcome back! I hope all of you enjoyed the break and had time to relax. St. Gregory School staff is ready to make 2018 another successful year. The staff and I thank you for all of the delicious treats and gifts. As a Christmas gift from all of you, we were able to give Father Jim \$1,000. Thank you for your generosity!

January will be an exciting month. We will host our Open House on the 19th. Registration for parishioners begins on the 22nd. Everyone else can begin to register on Monday, January 29th. As in years past, we do offer families in need of financial support the opportunity to receive tuition assistance, so please spread the word. Current St. Gregory families need to make sure they turn in their re-registration information so we can ensure a spot for your child. Please expect tuition to rise slightly as it has in past years. In addition to school and preschool registration, the end of January is exciting for another reason: it's the start of Catholic Schools Week 2018!

We have so many exciting events planned for Catholic Schools Week. There is no doubt it will be the most exciting week of the year. We are bringing back events such as: the annual Staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game, science fair, literature day, and a lip-syncing contest (staff included)! The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is: "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Often times I am asked: "Why Catholic school when our local public school is strong?" There is no doubt that many of us do live in areas with successful public schools. However, this is an easy question for me to answer and quite frankly a no-brainer. We have God! I realize that, as parents, you do not get the opportunity to see what happens day in and day out at school. But I can assure you, your child is being inundated with strong faith and an incredible love for Jesus. This transforms into something more than just learning our faith and the Bible: these kids are truly learning how to serve, lead, and succeed with love being their motivation. As a result, our students seem happier, more successful, and they show love and acceptance to one another. That, combined with the work you do at home, fosters a powerful foundation! If you are on the fence, or you know someone else who may be, I ask that you really pray for guidance about your child's education. What we do here has a significant impact on children's spiritual development. Certainly a child who gets the faith at home and then additional formation at school will be better prepared for life; as far as I'm concerned, the longer they have this opportunity, the better off they will be moving forward.

I hope to see you during Open House and Catholic Schools Week. Until then, I hope you have a wonderful and blessed start to the New Year.

God Bless,



Mrs. Harris

January Blurbs

Snow Make-Up Day

We will be using Friday, February 16th as our snow make-up day.

Lunch Notices

Please do not pack food in your child's lunch that needs to be microwaved. The kids are only in the cafeteria for 30 minutes and there is no time to be heating up lunches for them. If they want to pack something hot, please put it in a thermos so it will stay warm for them.

Also, if you child forgets to bring their packed lunch, we will always make sure they have something to eat. We will not call home and there is no need for you to drop something off.

The only exceptions are for children with food allergies. Thank you for understanding.

Lottery Calendars

Thanks to everyone who supported our P.T.G. Lottery Calendar fundraiser.

Don't forget to start watching for your lucky numbers to hit. The calendars will run from January 1st through January 31st. If you have any outstanding stubs, please be sure to turn them in right away so we know where to send your winnings!

New Christmas Clothes

The students are permitted to wear their new outfits from Christmas beginning today and continuing through this Thursday, January 4th. The children will not have to be in uniform, but outfits must still meet the uniform guidelines for dress down days.

"Pants cannot have holes, shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee and, if leggings are worn, the shirt must be long enough to cover the backside. Shirts must cover appropriately (no bare backs, bellies or sides) and not include any inappropriate graphics or sayings. Tank tops are not permitted. Hats are not permitted unless specified as a hat day."

Friday will still be church uniforms and keep in mind that they should wear something on Tuesday that is comfortable enough for gym, including tennis shoes.

In-Service Day

Monday, January 15 – No School for Students

Open House ~ Putt Fore Fun ~ Book Fair

Friday, January 19th

Putt Fore Fun is our own mini golf course that will be set up in the gym.

It is tons of fun for the whole family. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Don't worry about eating dinner before you come, the concession stand will be stocked with a variety of dinner items available for purchase!

The classrooms & book fair will be open from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. (Putt Fore Fun will run until 9:00)

Alternate Bus Day

Monday, January 22nd will be an Alternate Bus day. This affects ONLY students who ride a Seneca Valley bus that transfers. Students who ride a direct Seneca or who ride a bus from another school district will have no change in their bus schedule on these days. Please refer to the bus schedule that came home in November.

Preschool Conferences

4 Year Program: Monday, January 22nd

3 Year Program: Tuesday, January 23rd

End of 2nd Report Period

Wednesday, January 24th marks the end of the 2nd report period. Please be sure to check in on OptionC to keep up with your child's grades so there are no surprises.

Report cards will come home on Tuesday, January 30th.

2017-18 Registration

We will be opening registration up for the 2017-18 school year on Monday, January 22nd to St.

Gregory Parishioners and on Monday, January 29th to the public.

If you have not returned your blue re-registration form to the school office then you will find a new one in this folder. You must return this form in order to secure your child's spot for the coming year. If you are unsure what your plans are we ask that you still return the form and simply note that for us. It is important that we know what space is available in each grade when we start taking new registrations at the end of the month.

If you may have friends and neighbors that are considering Catholic school for their children, please let them know about our open house on January 19.

Catholic School's Week

Monday, January 29 through Friday, February 2

Come check out our amazing school.

A full schedule of activities will be sent home soon.

This is always such a great week of student accomplishments and school pride. Don't miss out!

Book Fair

This January we will once again host a Scholastic Book Fair for all students and their families beginning Friday, January 19th. During our Open House, the fair will be opened in the blue room from 6:00 – 8:00 and will be filled with an amazing selection of books for all ages. Feel free to browse, shop or create a wish list with your children. The fair will continue the following week; Monday, January 22nd through Thursday, January 25th. Time will be set aside during the week for students to shop with their class. They may bring in an envelope with their name and grade containing either cash or, if you have a specific amount they can spend, a check made out to St. Gregory School. The teachers and aides will make sure the younger students purchase the correct items. Our school does make a profit that we use for the yearly Scholastic classroom magazines, but this is NOT mandatory and we do not want any child to feel as though they must purchase a book. Feel free to call Cindy in the school office if you have any questions.

Looking Ahead:

Friday, February 9th – Family Fun Night

Friday, February 9th – Sunday, February 11th – Swap Shop Weekend

Tuesday, February 13th – Valentine Parties (K-3)

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday – Mass at Noon and Packed Lunches

Friday, February 16th – Snow Make-Up Day – School will be in session

Monday, February 19th – No School (assuming we have no more snow days before then)

Tuesday, February 20th – PTG Meeting – 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross – 2:20 pm – Fridays during Lent

Fish Fry Dinners – 4:00 – 7:00 pm – Fridays during Lent (Not Good Friday)

CAFETERIA SIGN-UP FOR FEBRUARY 2018 AND MARCH 2018

FORM DUE: JANUARY 12, 2018

Robyn Gross: 412-389-1768 or robyngross1926@gmail.com

NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Please read carefully and complete all parts of the form so that I can honor your requests:

- ❖ If possible, I prefer to work _____ days in February and _____ days in March.
- ❖ I must work at least _____ days in February and _____ days in March.
- ❖ If the cafeteria is low on volunteers, I am willing to work a maximum of _____ days in February and a maximum of _____ days in March to help out. (Please include the "preferred" and "must work" days in this total.)

2. Star all of the dates that you are available to work on the calendar below.

3. If you prefer specific dates, please specify on the line below. I will do my best to accommodate. The more information that you provide—the more likely I am to understand exactly what you are requesting.

REQUESTS: _____

~ February 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

~ March 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31

MEALS ON WHEELS

UPCOMING EVENT

PLEASE SUPPORT

Each year St. Gregory's Parish provides desserts for our senior citizens who need assistance with their meals. This year our turn will be February 5 through March 2. We have been requested to provide 50 items for both lunch and dinner. Once again we are hoping you will be as generous as you have been in the past. Please consider baking an item, making Jell-O or pudding, purchasing fruit, or donating cash. **You do not need to provide all 50 items.**

Please complete the slip indicating your willingness to participate and **return to your child's teacher or me (magreb105@zoominternet.net) through Sunday's collection basket**. You will then be contacted to finalize a date and item(s) you will be providing. All items are to be delivered directly to English Lutheran Church on Grandview Avenue, Zeligople between 7 and 9 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Brill (724-368-3313) or email magreb105@zoominternet.net

Thank you.

Please complete and return by January 21, 2018

Please print:

Name _____

Phone number _____

e-mail address _____

Preferred date: _____

Number / item providing: _____

(35 Regular / 15 Diabetic)