

March 1, 2019

Greetings St. Gregory School Families,

Lenten Season is upon us so this will be a great time for all of us to reflect on what is good in our lives and realize how much He loves us. Easter will be here before we know it, and the month of March is filled with activities.

This week I sent out an email asking for help at our Super Bingo. I want to reiterate how crucial Bingo is to our fundraising efforts. I am asking that every family spends time at a few Bingos to help support the others who work so very hard. They especially need help during set-up and tear-down.

I want to congratulate our PJAS team. Students who participate in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) develop research projects and investigations. Our winners in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are:

Chemistry: Ben Sutton (7) & Sophia Signoriello (7) earned 1st and Alexis Chvala (8) earned 2nd  
Physics: Sara McConnell (8) & Sam Buchanan (8) earned 1<sup>st</sup> Ella Butterfield (8) earned 1st with a perfect score  
Behavioral Science: Jonathan Allen (8), Joseph Harmanos (8), Maddy Kelly (8), Delaney O'Shea (8), Dylan Paulson (8) & Cora Fiedler (7) all earned 1<sup>st</sup> Paisley Conner (8) earned a 1st with a perfect score

A special thank you to Mr. Dunker for all of his hard work; everyone should feel so proud. I also want to congratulate all who competed in Forensics this year and to Mrs. Corcoran for her leadership with this group. Congratulations, too, to all of the St. Gregory School basketball teams for a successful season; we wish the best of luck to the boys' teams in their quest for a championship win. Thank you to the 2018-2019 Athletic Board for all of your support as well. I am currently looking for new Board members, so please email me by **this Friday** if you are interested in joining or remaining on the Board. Please see the website for information in the Athletic Handbook.

We kick off our first Fish Fry this Friday. I am so grateful for Andy Harmer and everyone who volunteered for this event. Not only are the dinners fabulous, but it is a great time for people to get together. We are looking to have some of our largest turnouts ever! Please sign up to help using the online spreadsheet.

March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the SOS financial aid application. We will have aid designated to St. Gregory School for the 2019-2020 school year. **The SOS forms are located online through FACTS.** Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions regarding financial aid and tuition.

This time of year I really start to focus on our vision for the next school year. Our focus right now is on marketing, because our goal is to have each class filled! Be sure to check out our billboard on Rt. 19. We are also in year two of a literacy initiative in grades K-3. The program is called Step-by-Step and it is rooted in excellent early literacy research. The data is proving that our students are learning at a high level and showing incredible growth. Next year I hope to find a program for the upper grades as well.

Thank you for your continual support of St. Gregory School.

God Bless,

Mrs. Harris  
Principal

# March Blurbs

## **Ash Wednesday:**

Our students will be receiving ashes during a Liturgical Service on Wednesday, March 6. Students will need to bring a packed lunch.

## **Stations of the Cross:**

Our students will be attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays during lent. Stations will be at 2:30 in the afternoon and all are welcome to attend with us. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be presenting "Shadow Stations" on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Please make an effort to attend this powerful presentation of the final days of Jesus' life.

## **Fish Fry:**

Fish Fry Dinners start Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and continue through Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>!!!

Our dinners have become a very popular choice for Lenten dinners and they are a great way for us to blend our school and community in one series of events! Spread the word to your family and friends. They won't be disappointed!

Dinners include: 8 oz Breaded & Fried Cod, 8 oz. Hand Breaded Baked Cod, Fried Fish Sandwich on Amoroso Roll or Fried Shrimp, Combos and Children's menu items.

All entrees come with your choice of 2 sides: Mac & Cheese, French Fries, Veggies or one of our other "Special Sides". Also included with each meal: Homemade Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Dessert and (if eating in) Beverage.

Please come and support our school!

Every Friday from March 8 through April 12 - Dinner served from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Call 724-452-8010 after 3:30 for Take-Out orders - Pick up in the Concession Stand

Adults: \$11.00 / Seniors (65+): \$8.00 / Children (4-10): \$5.00 / 3 and Under: Free

Add \$3.00 for Combo

**Volunteers Needed:** We need many hands to make the dinners run smoothly. Please use the link on our school website or return the enclosed flyer to sign up. PLEASE, sign up even if you help every year! Remember that child care is available for volunteers to any child old enough to use the restrooms on their own.

## **Lenten Almsgiving:**

Each year we ask the children to make little donations throughout the Lenten season. This is a great way of teaching the children to sacrifice and give a little back to help those less fortunate than themselves. Each child will receive a Mite can to fill throughout the Lenten season. Please talk to your children about the importance of making 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.

### **SOS / BEF Financial Aid:**

Please note that we are approaching the deadline to apply for the BEF and SOS financial aid. The link is available on the school site or you can access it directly through your FACTS tuition account. Applications must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not apply for aid through FACTS, you will not be eligible for other aid throughout the year.

### **2019-20 School Calendar:**

The 19-20 school year will begin with orientation on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

All students should be here for orientation from 9:00 – 11:00 am. There will be no PM session next year. Any student not attending orientation will be marked absent for the day.

Parents are invited to stay and enjoy treats in the cafeteria! This is a great time to fill out all of the paperwork in that first family folder! Parent orientation with Mrs. Harris will be in the gym at 10:00. Our first full day of school will be Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pro-Life T-Shirts:**

Abortion has been a prominent topic in the news recently, so it is a crucial time to speak up and show our support for the unborn and the sanctity of life.

National Pro-Life T-shirt day is Friday, April 12. Shirts can be ordered using the enclosed order form. **The order deadline is Thursday, March 14** and students will be encouraged to wear their shirts on Friday, April 12.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, April 2 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Report Period

Sunday, April 7 – Super Bingo

Wednesday, April 10 – PTG Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 13 – Casino / Auction Night

Wednesday, April 17 – Snow Make-Up Day – School in Session

Thursday, April 18 & Friday, April 19 – Easter Vacation

Monday, April 22 – Snow Make-Up Day – School in Session

Tuesday, April 23 – Snow Make-Up Day – School in Session

### **Anderson Easter Candy:**

Please support St. Gregory's School by buying Easter candy from Anderson Candy. Make checks payable to St. Gregory PTG. In the memo portion of the check, please write "Easter Candy". Orders will be due on Tuesday, March 26. The candy will be delivered to the school on Monday, April 8. Happy Easter!!!

### **March Dine & Donate and FUNdraisers:**

Tuesday, March 5 – Dine & Donate – Pizza Hut in Harmony – All Day

Tuesday, March 19 – Family Bowlaway – Butler – 6:00-8:30 pm

Sunday, March 31 – Bottlebrush Art Gallery – 3:00 – 5:00 pm – Space is Limited

See enclosed flyers for more information.



Dear Parents, Alumni & Parishioners,

The 2019 Lenten Fish Fry Dinners are coming and we need YOU to help make them a success!

We're serving **eat-in and take-out every Friday during Lent – from March 8 through April 12 – from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** We need 50 volunteers each week to make the dinners run smoothly, so we're looking for everyone's help. This is an important community event, so whether you're available to help every Friday or just one time, we appreciate your time!

- **Sign up** - Please review the dates on the sign-up sheet on the other side of this letter, indicate which Friday (dinners) or Thursday (prep) you can help with, the time slot(s) you are available & **return to the office OR sign up using the link on the school web site under "Events"**.
- **Babysitting provided** - Volunteers can take advantage of childcare while they are working their shift. This is available at no cost for school children grades K-5, as well as preschool-aged children who are able to use the bathroom on their own. Please let Debi ([dallen@stgregzelie.org](mailto:dallen@stgregzelie.org)) know in advance if your child will be in day care so that we can plan accordingly. Child care for volunteers will end at 7:15.
- **Classroom assignments** – The parents from each St. Gregory School class are asked to help with the volunteers needed for each fish fry, according to the schedule below. (Feel free to volunteer any other week that works for you, too!) **NOTE:** Students in grades 7-8 are encouraged to volunteer. Students in grade 6 are also invited to help but they must have a parent volunteer with them.

**Mar 8** – 8<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades  
**Mar 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Mar 15** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Grades  
**Apr 5** – 4th Grade

**Mar 22** – 6<sup>th</sup> & Kinder  
**Apr 12** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- **DESSERTS!** - We also need desserts to be donated each week. Please consider which week(s) you may be able to help.
- **Many hands** - We welcome any parishioners, high school alumni or youth group members who would like to help. This is a great way to get in some service hours.

If you have any questions, please contact **Andy Harmer** via email at [harmers5@zoominternet.net](mailto:harmers5@zoominternet.net) or via phone at 724-473-2290. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Sincerely,  
The Fish Fry Committee



**ST. GREGORY FISH FRY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM**

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* If Fridays are bad for you, please consider helping with Prep Work on Thursdays . . . contact Andy Harmer if you are available on Thursdays**

**Please circle the dates when you're available:**

Mar 8            Mar 15            Mar 22            Mar 29            Apr 5            Apr 12

**Please indicate shifts you can work: Concession Area or Eat-In Area**

2:00-4:30 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* (set-up)

4:00-8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*(see positions below)

6:30-8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ **Help finish dinner and Clean-Up**

5:00-8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ **Kitchen/Concession**  
(washing silverware, taking trash out, helping where needed)

**\*\* Set-up** includes cleaning and setting the dining room, setting up the take-out area, putting coleslaw in cups and starting to cut desserts

**\*\*\*Positions Include:** Set-Up (6), Cashiers (2), Dessert Cutters (1-2), Kitchen Help (3), Dishwashers (2), Take-Out Workers (5), Serving Line (4-5), Beverage Area(2), Dining Room Manager (1), Dining Room Workers (6), Clean-up and Closing Work (8)

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**Please indicate if you will need babysitting while you volunteer:**

Mar 8            Mar 15            Mar 22            Mar 29            Apr 5            Apr 12

Time(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to this sheet to the school or parish office by Monday, March 4!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!**



# Saint Gregory School, Zelienople, PA

## 2019-2020 School Calendar



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Student days: 5

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Student Days: 20

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Student Days: 22

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Student days: 16

DECEMBER						
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Student days: 14

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Student days: 21

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Student days: 18

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Student days: 22

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Student Days: 17

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Student days: 20

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Student days: 5

KEY	
O	Orientation
V	Vacation Day
S	In-Service (Students Off)
M	Snow Make-Up Day
○	End of Report Period
□	Alternate Busing

### Start of School:

August 26 will be orientation.  
9:00 – 11:00 am

(No Bussing or Day Care)

Parents are encouraged to stay for a treat in the cafeteria and attend orientation with Mrs. Harris at 10:00 in the gym.

August 27 will be the first full day of school with bussing and day care.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Friday, November 8

### Alternate Bus Day:

January 17, May 15

Dates could be added depending on snow make-up days.

### Snow Make-Up Days:

February 14 & 17  
April 15, 20 & 21

### End of Report Periods:

Oct 29, Jan 21, Mar 26, Jun 5

Our last day of school will be June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Adopted: 02/26/19  
All dates are subject to change.

St. Gregory P. T. G.

# 20th Annual Auction Night

Saturday, April 13th - Bergman Event Center

Doors open - 6:00 pm

St. Gregory's

# 50's Sock Hop



*Calling all Greasers and Pink Ladies:* Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets and get ready because the word from the bird is it's going to be one crazy bash and you won't want to miss it! It's the *20th Annual St. Gregory School P. T. G. Auction and Casino Night*, featuring the *"1950's Sock Hop!"* This event is one of St. Gregory School PTG's biggest fundraisers of the year. It's not just for school. Parishioners, family and friends are invited too! *(Must be at least 21 yrs. old)*

• *Purchase your event tickets in advance:* Tickets are *Now Available* through the school office, at any of the upcoming Fish Fry dinners, or by completing the order form on the bottom of this page. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or \$35 if purchased at the door. Admission includes entertainment, substantial hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Play money for casino games will be available for purchase that night.

• *Entertainment* includes casino games with play money, dancing and a DJ playing the Jazziest Tunes. *Costumes are encouraged* and there will be prizes for the best Glad Rags for couples, group and individuals.

• *Live, Silent and Chinese style Auction* items will be available for bidding, plus our *wild purse auction, Mud Pie Pottery* and *Wine Pull*. Class baskets once again promise to be SWELL with Classic 50's themes like "Drive-Ins", "Beauty Parlor" and "Cocktail Party". Items available for auction include a front row pew plus parking for St. Gregory Christmas Eve Mass, sporting event tickets, cultural event tickets, local get-aways and more.

*So, mark your calendar because it will Razz your Berries!!*



## Auction And Casino Night - Event Ticket Order Form



Complete and return to school (or via the church collection basket) with your payment. Tickets can be picked up in the back of church the following weekend.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Single Event Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ (Quantity) @ \$30/person

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: St. Gregory PTG*



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

## Advanced Reservation Form

(Bottlebrush Gallery will generously donate a portion of the proceeds back to St. Gregory School)

**Join us for this special artistic event and bring out your innermost creativity!**

On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm; Bottlebrush Gallery in Harmony, Pa will be hosting a private St. Gregory event, entitled: Count Your Blessings. During the event the students will be asked to think about (and share if they would like) blessings in their own lives, then use colors they believe represent their feelings on those blessings. The students may dedicate their individual art work to someone/s special in their lives. The projects will be hung up at the school for 2 weeks before sending them home with the students. There will be snacks and drinks provided to the participating students.

The cost is \$25 per student and includes all materials, art supplies, and snacks.



If you are interested in attending this special event please return the bottom portion of this form, along with payment in an envelope with students full name and grade listed on the outside. Accepted forms of payment: **cash or check payable to: St. Gregory PTG** to the main office to reserve your spot.

### **Space is limited to the first 40 students**

Please sign up using the google spreadsheet link via the PTG Facebook page or via school email link to ensure a spot prior to sending in your payment.

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(Keep Top Portion)

## **Bottlebrush Gallery March FOOD & FUNdraising Family Night Out**

**Student/s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of Students Participating:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Payment enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_





**2018-2019**



**St. Gregory School  
Bowling & Laser Tag Party**

**6:00pm to 8:30pm**

**\$12.00 per person**

**\$0.25 goes to the PTG**

**10% of all food sales for the school will go to the PTG**

**(Just notify the server that you are with the school)**

We will have **3 teams** made up of St. Gregory teachers/staff representing our classrooms:

**Team A = Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades; Team B = Grades 3 – 5; Team C = Grades 6 - 8**

The team that wins will win a dress down day **and** extra recess time!!!

*Come and support your team! Bowl with your friends and  
play laser tag against the St. Gregory teachers/staff..*

**Check your school email or the PTG Facebook to sign up via our google spreadsheet link.**

**Payment will be collected at the event. Bring your flyer or show on your phone.**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

Get 25 people to play laser tag against a  
school administrator and \$50.00 goes to the PTG

**540 Fairground Hill Rd.  
Butler, PA 16001**

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