

March 1, 2018

Greetings St. Gregory School Families,

There is certainly a lot happening during this beautiful (and rainy) Lenten Season. Hopefully this will be a 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. On Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing Shadow Stations at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. This is a beautiful way for us to reflect on Jesus' agonizing walk to his crucifixion. I highly recommend you come to one of the performances.

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:

Sam Buchanan - 1st Place (Chemistry)  
Ella Butterfield - 1st Place (Behavioral Science)  
Anna Byers - 1st Place (Behavioral Science)  
Joseph Harmanos - 1st Place (Behavioral Science)  
Maddy Kelly - 1st Place (Behavioral Science)  
Delaney O'Shea - 1st place (Behavioral Science)  
Dylan Paulson - 2nd Place (Physics)  
Sara McConnell - 2nd Place (Engineering)  
Katelyn Buchanan - 1st Place (Chemistry)  
Anna Cantella - 1st Place (Physics)  
Michael Duer - 1st Place (Chemistry)  
Mathew Gregor - 1st Place (Chemistry) \*\*Also won PJAS Special Award for Chemistry\*\*  
Sophie Stumm - 1st Place (Botany)  
Abbie Sutton - 1st Place (Microbiology)  
Ethan Kastelic - 2nd Place (Botany)  
Emily Zacherl - 2nd Place (Engineering)

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.

Congratulations, too, to all of the St. Gregory School basketball teams for a successful season; we wish the best of luck to the Boys' Varsity team in their quest for a Diocesan championship. Thank you to the 2017-2018 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 kicked off our first hugely successful Fish Fry on February 16<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you goes out to Andy Harmer and everyone who showed their support. Not only are the dinners fabulous, but it is a great time for people to get together. We have had 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 2018-2019 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. As always, safety and security are our priorities. As a staff, we are constantly revisiting our policies and working through different scenarios to ensure that we are as prepared as possible for any type of emergency situation. I am thrilled that the police have a presence here too. My major focus is on enhancing our security. Father Jim and I are asking a security consultant to come in to assess our facility. One parent has generously offered to donate money towards an upgrade; please consider making a donation to help us enhance our security. For instance, we would like to install security cameras. Also, the students have been reminded not to open doors for adults coming into the school. We ask that you do the same. Also, please remember to use only the front entrance of the school during school hours.

Thank you for your continual support of St. Gregory School. I hope each of you have a Blessed Easter.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs. Harris  
Principal

# March Blurbs

## 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. We have placed a Mite Bucket in each of the homeroom classrooms. 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 the bucket 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>.

## 2018-19 School Calendar

The 18-19 school year will begin with orientation on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Students with last names A-L should come from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Students with last names M-Z should come from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Parents are invited to stay for a treat in the cafeteria and are asked to attend a parent orientation with Mrs. Harris in the library at 10:00 for the morning session or at 2:00 for the afternoon session. Our first full day of school will be Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events:

Shadow Stations – Friday, March 23

Easter Vacation – Thursday, March 29 through Monday, April 2 – School will be in session on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> due to snow make-up days.

Auction / Casino Night – Saturday, April 14

Drama Play – Friday, April 20

Band Concert – Thursday, May 17 – 1:00 & 7:00 pm

## CAFETERIA SIGN-UP FOR APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2018

FORM DUE: March 9, 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 April and \_\_\_\_\_ days in May and \_\_\_\_\_ days in June.
  - ❖ I must work at least \_\_\_\_\_ days in April and \_\_\_\_\_ days in May and \_\_\_\_\_ days in June.
  - ❖ If the cafeteria is low on volunteers, I am willing to work a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ April and \_\_\_\_\_ days in May and \_\_\_\_\_ days in June 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: \_\_\_\_\_

~ April 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

~ May 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29	30	31		

~ June 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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# *Thank you* **FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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We appreciate everyone who supported the St. Gregory P.T.G. Lottery Calendar fundraiser. Congratulations to all of our winners.

*Our lucky winners are:*

Date	#	Amt	Name	Date	Amt	Amt	Name
Jan 1	389	1000	Ryan Neal	Jan 16	244	50	Pat North
Jan 2	253	50	Megan Cantella	Jan 17	803	50	Rev. Charles Bergman
Jan 3	313	50	Brooke Karasack	Jan 18	255 *	50	Polly McConahy
Jan 4	481	50	Barb Cummings	Jan 19	265	50	Warren Smith
Jan 5	750	50	Donald Marks	Jan 20	788	50	Mike Petti
Jan 6	116	250	Rosanne Fisher	Jan 21	572	100	Tom Kilian
Jan 7	630	100	Doris Murray	Jan 22	753	50	Chad & Kelly Folmer
Jan 8	492	250	Mark & Lynn Homison	Jan 23	712	50	Ben & Nikki Pegher
Jan 9	346	50	Amy Wellman	Jan 24	130	50	Dennis Marks
Jan 10	183 *	50	Debi Allen	Jan 25	386	50	Alexis Ropelewski
Jan 11	962	50	Arlene Carroll	Jan 26	936	50	David Marks
Jan 12	991	50	Mark & Lynn Homison	Jan 27	018	50	Kari Adams
Jan 13	550	50	Mary Ann Thompson	Jan 28	571 *	100	Gary Pollock
Jan 14	166	100	Jane Mason	Jan 29	552	100	Jessica Neal
Jan 15	759	50	Ernie & Bonnie Lorenzato	Jan 30	666	100	Marty Pegher
				Jan 31	520	100	Ida Yeager

\* Tickets #183, 255 & 571 were not sold.  
Those winners were drawn from all tickets sold.