

November 1, 2017

Happy Fall St. Gregory School Families,

We are just about a quarter of the way through the school year, and what a wonderful start it has been! October was a delightful month for all of us. Both volleyball and cross country ended with successful seasons, and basketball and cheerleading kicked off with a fun pep rally and Monday Madness. Additionally, the Great Pumpkin Race was a success again! Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

The marking period officially ends on Monday, November 6th. On Friday, November 10th, we will hold parent-teacher conferences; the kids do not have school on this day. Conference scheduling begins this week, so please log in to your OptionC account to schedule a conference. You will receive a notice if the time you selected needs to be changed. The teachers in the upper grades will be grouped together in the library. Everyone is allotted 15 minutes, so please be mindful of your time. If you feel you need more time, feel free to schedule a separate meeting with your child's teacher.

November is always an enjoyable month. Our annual *Cold Turkey Shootout* begins on the 13th and ends that weekend. This is a wonderful event and I encourage all of the students to attend and cheer on St. Gregs! If you haven't heard about our "Zelie Zoo", then you must come experience it for yourself. It is great to feel our school spirit permeating throughout the hallways and at events. It's obvious how much the students love their school. Check out our online school store on our website so you can order your St. Gregory School spirit wear, or stop by the T-Shirt Loft on Route 19.

I am hoping that your child has mentioned that we have been reading "Jesus Calling for Kids" every morning. The students are like sponges, and they seem to be soaking up the scripture and important messages that I read. Please discuss it with them at home too; this is a great way to stay connected to each other and our Lord. I am so proud of them for getting so excited about their faith. On the few days I forgot to read it, I had so many students tell me that they missed it. My heart is full!

As a reminder, please monitor your child's OptionC gradebook on a regular basis. This is a great way to keep up-to-date with your child's grades. I also want to clarify which forms of communication we use. I am a big believer that there is never too much communication, because I want to make sure you know what is going on in your school. OptionC is primarily used for grades, so if you need to talk to a teacher please call or email him/her directly. Of course you are used to seeing the emails that come home from the school office, but many of our parents are also using the Bloomz app. If you are having any issues with Bloomz, please email your child's teacher.

I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. These next few months are filled with joy, and I wish you blessings and happiness during this holiday season!

God Bless,



Mrs. Harris

November “Blurbs”

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 10th. Please log in to OptionC to schedule your child’s conference. Please note that if you have a child in grades 4-8, you must choose the same time slot for each of those teachers. They will be grouped together for conferences so that we can fit everyone in. There is no school for students on this day.

Emergency Delays & Closings:

As we approach the winter months, please be keep in mind that any delays & cancellations due to weather will be announced via the OptionC alert system. If you would like to make any adjustments to how you receive these alerts you can do that under “Communication” and then “Manage Alerts” when you log in to OptionC.

As a back-up, you can always listen to KDKA radio, watch channel 2, 4 or 11, or check the Seneca Valley web-site for information. You can also sign up on many of the news stations websites to get alerts from them if you choose.

We will follow what Seneca Valley’s decision is since we are within their district boundaries. If you live in another school district, your children will need to follow that district’s decision about bussing. If Seneca Valley is on a normal schedule, we will also be on a normal schedule, but if you live in another school district your bussing will be determined by them.

It is possible that we may have a normal schedule and your district may be on a 2 hour delay or closed, or that we will be delayed and your district is running on a normal schedule. Please make sure that you do not put your child on the bus at their normal time if St. Gregory is on a delay.

.If your district deems the roads in your area to be unsafe and they cancel school we ask that you use your own judgment in regard to bringing your child to school. While we are still required to mark them absent if they are not in school, we certainly want everyone to consider safety first and foremost.

Morning Day Care for Delays:

When St. Gregory is running on a 2-hour delay, we will also run morning day care on a 2-hour delay. That means that day care will begin at 9:00 am instead of 7:00 am. This is for two reasons. First, quite often a delay will be changed to a cancellation and that becomes a problem when we already have children in the building and parents have already headed to work. Second, if the roads are unsafe for the buses, they are also unsafe for our day care providers. The extra time gives the road crews a chance to treat the roads.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The children are asked to bring in non-perishable food items to be used by Saint Vincent DePaul Society to make food baskets for families in need for Thanksgiving. The food items will be brought to the altar by the children on Friday, November 17th. This is always a big help to those in our area who are in need. Please mark your calendars to remember to have your child bring in non-perishable items for this worthy cause. This is just one way we can show compassion to those in need of some hope in their lives.

Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir will be singing at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 18th.

Alternate Busing

Students who reside in the Seneca Valley School District, and ride a transfer bus, will be getting an e-mail this week about alternate busing. On days when Seneca is off, but St. Gregory is in session, Seneca will run alternate bus routes for those students. You must sign up for this in advance, however, so that we don't end up with buses being sent to stops where there are no children. Please, do not sign up for alternate busing unless you plan to make use of it. Our first alternate bus day will be Wednesday, November 22nd.

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, November 23 through Monday, November 27 – NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Vacation

Wednesday, November 29 through Friday, December 1st – Santa's Workshop

Sunday, December 3rd – Super Bingo

Friday, December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Children will go to Mass at 12:05

Thursday, December 14th – Christmas Band Concerts at 1:00 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 17th – Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Friday, December 22nd – Christmas Program – Grades K-8 – 10:30 am

Monday, December 25th – Monday, January 1st – NO SCHOOL, Christmas Vacation

PTG News

Dine & Donate

Tuesday, November 7th is a Dine & Donate at Posti's Pizza in Evans City. A portion of all sales from that day, both takeout and delivery, will be donated back to ST. Gregory School. Spread the work to family and friends.

PTG Meeting

Our next PTG Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 pm in the library.

Enchanted Olive Sale

The Enchanted Olive is a local Zelienople business that offers a variety of oils, vinegars, etc. Order forms for our school fundraiser are enclosed. Please turn in orders and payment by November 17th and orders will be delivered to school on December 8th. Payment should be made out to St. Gregory P.T.G. and marked "Enchanted Olive" in the memo line.

Rosalind Christmas Candy Sale

Rosalind Holiday Candy orders are in this Family Folder. Candy orders and payment are due on Monday, November 20th. Please send in checks only. Please make checks payable to St. Gregory PTG. and make sure to write Rosalind Candy on the memo line of your check. Christmas candy orders will be delivered to the school the week of December the 18th. Thank you for your order and for supporting our school!!!

CAFETERIA SIGN-UP FOR DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018

FORM DUE: NOVEMBER 10, 2017

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 December and _____ days in January.
 - ❖ I must work at least _____ days in December and _____ days in January.
 - ❖ If the cafeteria is low on volunteers, I am willing to work a maximum of _____ days in December and a maximum of _____ days in January 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: _____

~ December 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30

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

LET BUFFALO WILD WINGS® GIVE YOU THE **HOME TEAM ADVANTAGE™**

Congratulations, your team has been selected to participate in our Home Team Advantage Program for your upcoming season! Each teammate has received via email, a "Teammate Card" and every time they show this card at the sponsoring Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant, we will donate 10% of their total bill (less promotional discounts and unless otherwise specified) back to your program if you have met all of the program requirements.*

Here is How the Program Works:

1. Bring your Teammate Card into your sponsoring restaurant, during your season. Details are on your card.
2. Show your card, on a mobile device or via printed copy, to your server and let them know you are part of the Home Team Advantage Program.
3. The server will add 10% of your total sales to your team's running total. It's that easy!
4. At the end of the season, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate the 10% of sales that your entire team generated throughout the season back to your team.
5. The manager will contact your coach to set up a date and time to present your team with the donation.

Buffalo Wild Wings believes that teamwork builds the foundation for a successful community and our goal is to help make your community the best place to live, work, play and dine. We want to help keep our community working and playing together.

*Note:
Does Not Expire
until April 30, 2018*

