

October 1, 2017

Greetings St. Gregory School Families!

Now that we are over half way done with the first marking period, I would like to thank the entire St. Gregory School community for this smooth beginning. This is already turning out to be a great year. The students are hard at work, and the teachers are creating exciting lessons. Everyone worked so hard on the Iowa testing, and I am so proud of them. This was very different from previous years, because we typically test in the spring. When we receive the results, we will share them with you.

I am looking into a new school website which will be sponsor-supported. I am seeking the financial support of local business professionals and benefactors like you who value our school vision and understand the importance of Catholic education. Your support will help us maintain a dynamic school website. If you would like to participate as a school website sponsor, please email me directly. I will be sending out more information very soon. School website sponsor benefits include: continual exposure for your business and services, and your sponsorship shows your support of Catholic education.

On a separate note, I would like to congratulate our St. Gregory Volleyball, Ironmen, and Cross Country teams. So far they have had amazing seasons. Come out to support our teams! Basketball will begin this month too. October 29<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Great Pumpkin Race. Join us for a "howling good time!" Remember to wear your Halloween costume too.

A quick reminder about volunteering: if your child plays a sport, you are **required** to help out in concessions, book keeping, etc. for your child's team. This is in addition to the Family Share Program. We will also need volunteers for the Cold Turkey Shootout, so please start planning for that now. Information for volunteer clearances can be found on our website, as well as information about our Family Share Program.

Halloween will be here before we know it. On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, we will have our Halloween Parade in the lower parking lot. *Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade* are permitted to bring in costumes on that day. Costumes cannot be gory or scary, and weapons are not allowed. Please contact your classroom parent if you would like to send in treats. We do not want too many treats for the kids on that day.

Please continue to work collaboratively with your child's teacher. As I have said before, this is one way to impact student success. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to call.

God Bless,



Mrs. Harris  
Principal

# October 2017 “Blurbs”

## No School

Monday, October 9th is a Teacher In-Service Day. There is no school for the children that day.

## Respect our Teachers

Please keep in mind that when you are in the building during the day for lunch duty, or any other reason, this is NOT the time to stop and talk to the teachers. We also ask that you avoid peeking into the classrooms as this is distracting to the students.

If you need to get in touch with a teacher, please call the school office or e-mail the teacher directly.

## No More Shorts/Capris

Thursday, October 12th is the last day that shorts and capris are permitted in school until the spring.

## Picture Days

Monday, October 16th for our 4 Year Old Pre-K Students

Wednesday, October 18th for Grades K-8

Thursday, October 19th for our 3 Year Old Preschool Students

## Spirit Wear

If you are interested in ordering any spirit wear for your kids, or even for yourself, there is a link on our school web site. You can order at any time throughout the year. Samples for sizing will be available in the school lobby soon. Orders can be placed at any time and will be processed by Red Oak on the last Friday of each month. Orders will arrive around 3 weeks after processing.

\*\*\* Orders placed by October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be rushed so that items will be in for the Cold Turkey Shootout!!!

## 8th Annual Great Pumpkin Race 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

It is time to start thinking about our Great Pumpkin Run which will be held Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Registration is now open on RunSignUp.com and a paper registration is included in this folder. Please share the link below with friends and family – and even on social media!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Zelienople/8thAnnualGreatPumpkinRace>

## Clothing Drive

Our annual parish clothing sale is coming up on October 28th. All proceeds from this sale go toward the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Start cleaning out those closets now. More information regarding donation drop-off times will follow.

## **Project Giving Tree**

Saturday, November 11 - 9:00 am

Are you looking for a way to put your Catholic faith into action? Sign up with your family for the Carmen Rizzi Project Giving Tree! This is a ministry through St. Gregory Parish to rake leaves for the elderly and/or disabled of our parish. Coffee, juice, water & donuts will be provided in the morning. Meet in the church parking lot (upper level). The first 100 volunteers get a free t-shirt! We'll wrap up by raking the leaves back at church and then enjoy a pizza lunch in the cafeteria. Students will earn 5 service hours.

Call or e-mail Joanne Fyda at 724-538-3969 or [josiefyda@gmail.com](mailto:josiefyda@gmail.com).

## **Mixed Bag Fundraiser**

Flyers will be coming home on October 16<sup>th</sup> for our fall Mixed Bag fundraiser. Orders and payment are due Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Do not add sales tax. Checks should be made out to St. Gregory P.T.G. Please mark "Mixed Bag" in the memo line.

## **Candy Bar Sales**

If you haven't already turned in your \$40 for your candy bars, please get it in to the office right away.

## **Yearbook**

Chris Kaelin & Laura Kohler would like to thank everyone who sent photos for the 2016-17 school year book. They would like to ask for your help again this year. If you take pictures throughout the year at any school events please send them to [christinekaelin@verizon.net](mailto:christinekaelin@verizon.net). Pictures must have a resolution of at least 1280 x 1024. Most photos taken on phones are not able to be used. They would love photos of the students in each grade, sporting activities, school clubs/groups, etc. Thank you in advance for helping out!

## **End of Report Period**

Our first marking period will come to an end on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember that you can always stay on top of your child's grades via OptionC. If you have misplaced your log in information please contact Debi in the school office. Report cards will be sent home on November 8<sup>th</sup> and conferences will be on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Athletic News**

Our Cross Country season is coming to an end. Our wolves had a great time running with their pack and improving their times throughout the season. The season ends with the North Area Championships this Thursday, the Slippery Rock invitational on October 14<sup>th</sup> and finally, the Diocesan Championships on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Good luck to all our runners!

Our Volleyball season is wrapping up as well. The girls will play their final home games on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> vs. Blessed Seelos Academy. This will also be senior night for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

Our Cheerleaders started their season with the first practice this Monday.

Our Basketball program kicks off on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with Monday Madness and our Annual Cold Turkey Shootout (Basketball Tournament) is scheduled for November 16-19.



# The 8th Annual Great Pumpkin Race



## 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

### Sunday, October 29, 2017 3:00 p.m.

### St. Gregory School, Zelienople, PA

Come celebrate the fall season in the charming town of Zelienople. Enjoy great competition and lots of food, fun, music, and prizes during the party that follows. Costumes encouraged but not required. Proceeds benefit the St. Gregory School Parent-Teacher Organization and Athletics. Join us for a howling good time!!

Flat course

Chip timed by Miles of Smiles

Parking on-site in upper church lot or surrounding streets

T-shirt with GPR runnin' pumpkin logo for registrations prior to October 20\*

Awards for 5K:

Top 3 Overall Male and Female

Top 3 Male and Female: 10 & under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over

Awards for 1 Mile:

Top 3 Overall Male and Female

Top 3 Male and Female: 6 & under, 7-10, 11-14, 15-19

Top 2 Male and Female: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Race:  5K  1 Mile

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Shirt size:  Youth S  Youth M  Youth L  S  M  L  XL  XXL

\$20 per registration. \$25 per registration after October 20, 2017. Checks payable to: St. Gregory Athletics.

Complete if registering as a family or team. \$10 for each additional team member. Minimum team size: 3

Family/Team Name: _____				
Names ( <input type="checkbox"/> check if last name is the same as above registrant)	Age	Gender	Race (5K or 1 Mile)	Shirt size
Add more on back, if necessary.				

Return to school or parish office or mail to St. Gregory School: 115 Pine St. Zelienople, PA 16063 Attn: Great Pumpkin Race

May also register online at [www.runsignup.com/Race/PA/Zelienople/8thAnnualGreatPumpkinRace](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/PA/Zelienople/8thAnnualGreatPumpkinRace)

In consideration of you accepting this entry, I, the participant, intending to be legally bound do hereby waive and forever release any and all right and claims for damages or injuries that I may have against the Event Director, RunSignUp.com, and all of their agents assisting with the event, sponsors and their representatives, volunteers and employees for any and all injuries to me or my personal property. This release includes all injuries and/or damages suffered by me before, during or after the event. I recognize, intend and understand that this release is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators, or assignees. I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able to do so and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, traffic, and course conditions, and waive any and all claims which I might have based on any of those and other risks typical found in running a road race. I acknowledge all such risks are known and understood by me. I agree to abide by all decisions of any race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I certify as a material condition to my being permitted to enter this race that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event and that a licensed Medical Doctor has verified my physical condition. In the event of an illness, injury or medical emergency arising during the event I hereby authorize and give my consent to the Event Director to secure from any accredited hospital, clinic and/or physician any treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care. I agree that I will be fully responsible for payment of any and all medical services and treatment rendered to me including but not limited to medical transport, medications, treatment and hospitalization. By submitting this entry, I acknowledge (or a parent or adult guardian for all children under 18 years) having read and agreed to the above release and waiver. Further, I grant permission to all the foregoing to use my name, voice and images of myself in any photographs, motion pictures, results, publications or any other print, videographic or electronic recording of this event for legitimate purposes.

Signature of Participant (Parent/Guardian if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_