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Dear Parents & Guardians of 2019-20 St. Gregory School Students:

Thank you for enrolling your children at St. Gregory Catholic School for the 2019-20 school year. We are pleased that you will be an important part of the life of our parish and school community throughout the year.

As we prepare for the new school year, I am writing to remind you of the primary reason for our very existence as a Catholic school in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. As a Catholic school, our primary purpose is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church. While we maintain an outstanding academic program and a number of extra-curricular and athletic activities, we have the responsibility to make certain that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of our school's programs. In full partnership with you and your family, we are committed to upholding these principles which underlie our presence in the community as a Catholic school.

Along with this reminder about the primary purpose of our school, I am also including the Memorandum of Understanding (see reverse) for you to complete for your children enrolled in our school. You are required to complete and sign this form for your enrolled children at this time and return it to the school office as soon as possible. This is necessary for the registration process to be completed.

Again, thank you for enrolling your children at St. Gregory Catholic School and for giving us the opportunity to help you educate your children spiritually, academically, emotionally and physically.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**



As a parent/guardian of a student in a Catholic school, I understand, affirm, and support the following:

1. The primary purpose of a Catholic school education is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church.
2. Catholic schools are distinctive religious education institutions operated as programs of the Catholic Church; they are not private schools but are administered and supported by the sponsoring parish(es), the diocese, or religious community.
3. Attending a Catholic school is a privilege, not a right.
4. While academic excellence and involvement in extracurricular activity (i.e., sports, clubs, etc.) are important, fidelity to the Catholic identity of the school is the fundamental priority.
5. The school and its administration have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity.
6. In all questions involving faith, morals, faith teaching, and Church law, the final determination rests with the diocesan bishop.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic school, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this school and by enrolling my child I commit myself to uphold all the principles and policies that govern a Catholic school.

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Mother:

Guardian:

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