

# February Blurbs

## **Valentine Celebrations:**

We will be celebrating Valentine's day next Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Most classes will have an activity in the afternoon and we will be providing a treat at school. Students are not to bring in valentine cards or treats to share with the class this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **No School:**

There is no school on Monday, February 15. This is a vacation day!

## **Ash Wednesday:**

The students will receive ashes (sprinkled on their head this year) on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. All students, kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, may receive ashes.

## **Lenten Activity:**

In lieu of Mite Boxes this year we will be asking the children to do Random Acts of Kindness. Watch for more information about this to come home in early March.

## **Stations of the Cross:**

Students will be attending Stations of the Cross on a rotating schedule on Fridays during lent. We ask that parents avoid attending Stations with the children so that we can fit as many children safely in the church as possible.

## **Family Share:**

Family Share update letters should be coming home via mail in the coming days. Please, remember that everyone is expected to do their part and fundraising is especially important this year with the loss of our big events such as Bingo, Auction, Great Pumpkin Race, Cold Turkey Shootout, etc. We must all do our part to ensure this school stays strong and successful for our children and for all the children yet to come!

## **Pastor Verification Forms:**

It is time to start thinking about next year, and for those of you who belong to a Catholic parish outside of our cluster, we have included a Pastor Verification Form in this folder. You must have a new form signed by your pastor each year in order to receive the subsidized tuition amount. Please return this form to the school office by May 31<sup>st</sup>. (Note: This is different than the "Pastor *Signature*" form that is required for the financial aid.) Parishioners of St. Gregory, St. Ferdinand and Holy Redeemer parishes do NOT have to get this form signed.

## **Financial Aid:**

The financial aid link should be available on the school website under the "Admissions" tab very soon. It has been delayed this year for various reasons. Please make sure you are ready when the link becomes available by having your 2020 taxes done in order to avoid a delay in your application process.

## **Summer Solutions:**

Included with this family folder you will find the Summer Solutions parent flyer offering summer learning. These workbooks are offered every year and are available in grades Pre-K through 8 in several subjects. If you are interested please look over the flyer for all the information and be sure to order soon to take advantage of the school discount.

# PTG News

## **Classroom Parents:**

We are seeking 1 or 2 parents per grade to be “Classroom Parents”. This is a great way to get involved and it is not a significant time commitment. The primary responsibility of the classroom parent will be to solicit volunteers for various events throughout the year. There has not been a huge need for this up to now under the current situation, but there are a few things coming up that will require some extra assistance from parents. The classroom parent will work with the PTG board members to understand the need for volunteers and then get the word out to that class. Please sign below if you are interested. Please email the school office if you are interested in this role for your child’s class.

## **Scratch Off Raffle:**

We are selling chances to win a collection of PA Scratch Off Lottery Tickets!!! That means there is a potential to win millions!!! Tickets will be sold for \$10 each. Only 1000 tickets will be sold on a first come/first serve basis. If each family in our school would just buy/sell 5 tickets we will sell out and raise \$5,000 for our school. Please do your part and buy/sell some tickets.

## **Dine & Donates:**

Soergel’s Orchard – Enjoy a fresh and flavorful pre-packaged meal kit from our local Soergel’s Orchard. Each kit feeds 4-6 people and you can choose Chicken Parmesan or Vegetable Lasagna Grocery Kit. Soergel’s will donate \$10 from each kit back to St. Gregory School. Orders can be purchased directly through the school office by sending a marked envelope including family name & meal kit choice with your cash or check made out to St. Gregory PTG. You can also order at <https://soergels.givesmart.com>.

Order deadline is Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Pick up will be on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the church parking lot.

## **Looking Ahead:**

Here is a rough list of some of the fundraising opportunities that the PTG is planning in the months to come. Please try to support the ones that work best for your family. Keep your Family Share requirement in mind as well:

- Easter Candy (Anderson’s)
- RaiseCraze (Random Acts of Kindness)
- Fun Pasta
- Pierogis (a great option for Fridays during Lent)
- Food Truck / Raffle Baskets
- Purse Auction
- Class Pottery Pieces

# Athletic News

## **Basketball Photos:**

All basketball players (including Little Dribblers) will get their photos taken next Wednesday, February 10th. Players should wear their uniforms (Blue Jersey) to school that day. (they will not change at school)

Gym pants can be worn over the shorts for warmth and removed for the photo.

Even if you do not plan to purchase individual photos, please send your child in uniform so they are included in the team photo.