

February 1, 2022

Greetings St. Gregory School Families,

We are just about finished with another epic Catholic Schools Week! It has been a fun-filled week of so many wonderful activities. It was apparent that the staff loved the events as much as the students. The staff and 8th graders had an incredible volleyball game! It is obvious that our school environment embodies a love for our faith and one another. We had a lot of visitors, and I am hoping that they felt the presence of Christ. This week especially, that fun and loving atmosphere is even more prominent.

As I mentioned in a previous email, I started using Bark for Schools to monitor student activity. This is in addition to our existing protection programs. Digital safety is critically important to us. Bark monitors for signs of potential issues like:

- Cyberbullying
- Suicidal ideation
- Sexual predators
- Threats of violence
- And more

When possible dangers arise on school-issued accounts, Bark for Schools sends me alerts so I can address the situation in a timely manner. These alerts also give me insight that help us promote the well-being of the entire student body. I am thrilled with the program and strongly recommend you use something similar at home.

Last week we held registration for new families. If you have friends or relatives that would like to take a tour, please have them contact the office. Enclosed in this family folder you will find the new tuition rate for the 2022-2023 school year. Please remember that there is aid available through the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Fund (SOS). Thanks to all of the local businesses who supported EITC/OSTC. If you are part of a business, please talk to us about ways in which your business can earmark state taxes to our school. This money has helped to bring tuition assistance to over 20% of our school families – that is remarkable! **The SOS can be found online through the FACTS website. Be sure to follow the directions, and mail in the form by the March 15th deadline.**

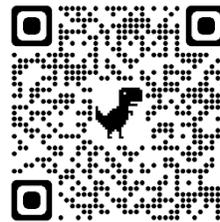
I want to thank all of you for stepping up to volunteer for athletics, bingo, and PTG. You are a big part of the reason this school remains so successful. Please be confident in knowing that we are a healthy and vibrant school that will be around for another 111 years! I guarantee it. I just ask that you spread the word - through social media especially – about our amazing school. We want to bring in as many students as possible.

Finally (and most importantly), I am very excited to share some great news! We have a donor who is willing to match all donations made during the month of February, up to \$50,000! That means we could raise \$100,000 for our beloved school during that time!

For over 110 years, St. Gregory School has provided an incredible faith-based education to the children of our area. Through lots of challenges, we continue to thrive.

Thanks to great fundraising efforts and generous donations through the years, we have been able to keep our tuition affordable and our curriculum and technology at the cutting edge. The money raised through this "Matching Funds" campaign will ensure that we can continue to offer a great educational experience for years to come!

Please, show St. Gregs some love this February! Check out our video and the link to donate below:



Again, thank you for all you do to make St. Gregory School special.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Rice".

Mrs. Rice