

January 5, 2021

Happy 2021 St. Gregory School Families!

Welcome back to school! I hope all of you had an enjoyable break. St. Gregory School staff is ready to make 2021 another successful year with the hopes that it will also bring about some normalcy. Despite 2020 being as strange as it was, our school community really rose above! I will continue to say how proud I am of the students and staff of St. Gregory School. The staff and I thank you for all of the delicious treats and gifts we enjoyed during the break. We really appreciate your generosity.

We also appreciate the confidence and trust you place in us to educate your child. We have been able to provide your child with a five day a week in-person education since September. I never thought I would say that this would be such a blessing and an accomplishment, but we did it and we will continue to do so! Thank you for adhering to our COVID-19 safety protocols. I really believe that the reason we are in school is because of all of our efforts. As we have said before, it is essential that you contact the school office if you feel that your child is showing symptoms, may have been in contact with a positive case of COVID-19, or has traveled to a "hot zone". Contacting just the teacher, or making your child virtual without sharing any information is not enough. In order for us to ensure everyone's safety, we must work with you to create a time-line for a safe return. We assure you that we will always keep your information confidential. If we run into staffing issues for any reason it may become necessary to have a single class go virtual for a period of time. We will, however, do the best we can to keep everyone in the classroom.

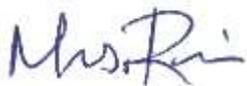
The teachers and I will be spending time early this year analyzing student achievement data. It is especially critical now because of the pandemic that we know where each individual child is with his/her learning needs. The goal is to make sure each child is achieving at a high level and to the best of his/her ability. When we set high expectations for academics and behavior, the students rise to those expectations. This is evident in the loving and hard-working environment that has been established in our building.

There are a few important items to remember this month. First, please return your re-registration form as soon as possible. Especially because of the safety protocols, we need to know how many students we can fit into each classroom. Registration for parishioners begins on January 19th; everyone else can begin to register on Monday, January 25th. As in years past, we do offer families in need of financial support the opportunity to receive tuition assistance, so please spread the word. In addition to registration, January 25th is exciting for another reason...it's the start of Catholic Schools Week 2020!

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Catholic Schools Week, it is a week dedicated to the celebration of Catholic education. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. The events will be different this year, but we will still plan an exciting week.

I hope you have a wonderful and blessed start to the New Year.

In Christ,



Mrs. Rice