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Happy 2022 St. Gregory School Families!

Welcome back to school. Although we had a longer break than any of us planned, it seems like virtual learning went well. Thank you for all your efforts and flexibility last week. The staff and I are ready to make 2022 another successful year. Despite 2021 being our second pandemic year, our school community rose above again. 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. Thank you for adhering to our COVID-19 safety protocols. I really believe that the reason we are in school (despite one week) is because of all 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 or may have been in contact with a positive case of COVID-19.

The teachers and I will be spending time 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 18th; everyone else can begin to register on Monday, January 24th. As in years past, we do offer families in need of financial support the opportunity to receive tuition assistance, so please spread the word. It is unfortunate that we had to cancel our Putt-Fore-Fun and Open House because it draws in so many new families. Since we cannot do it, please spread the word about our school. I am hoping for a large increase in enrollment.

The end of January is always exciting because it is the start of Catholic Schools Week! For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Catholic Schools Week, it is a week dedicated to the celebration of Catholic education. You can find more information about this celebration [here](#). This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. Be on the lookout for our calendar of events in the upcoming weeks.

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

In Christ,



Mrs. Rice