

# January School Blurbs

## End of Second Grading Period

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period will end next Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will come home Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to take the time to look at the skills marks and the character development marks as well. They are just as important as the grades.

## Preschool Conferences & Report Cards

Preschool report cards will be shared with parents during conferences on January 26<sup>th</sup> (3-year-olds) and 27<sup>th</sup> (4-year-olds).

## No School

There is no school for students on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> (In-Service Day) or Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> (Vacation Day).

## First Reconciliation

Please pray for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 2023-24 Registration

We will be opening registration up for the coming school year on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> for parishioners of Divine Grace Parish and on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> for the general public.

Please, help us spread the word about St. Gregory School. If you have family, friends, or neighbors that have children ready to start school, or who may be considering a change, make sure you send them our way!

## Open House & Putt Fore Fun

Our annual Open House & Putt Fore Fun event is planned for Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be in their classrooms and Mrs. Haney will be in the bookfair from 6:00 – 8:00. Our Putt Fore Fun & Concession Stand will be opened from 6:00 – 9:00.

Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors who are making decisions about school for their children. St. Gregory School is a “hidden gem” and it is surprising how often we hear “I didn’t know you were here!” when new families come for a visit. Help us spread the word about how wonderful our St. Gregory family really is.

This is always such a great night of excitement for the kids. You can play a round of (indoor) Putt Putt, enjoy dinner from our renowned concession stand, visit the classrooms, and get some new reading material for you and the kids.

We will be needing help to make this event a success so watch for sign up links to come home soon. This is a great opportunity to fill some of those required volunteer hours!

## **Book Fair**

We are excited to host our annual Scholastic Book Fair once again. We will start with a book preview for staff and students on Friday, January 27 and sales will begin during our Open House from 6:00 until 8:00. There will be an assortment of current and popular titles ranging from preschool through middle school as well as some Christian title books, cookbooks and book sets. Our fair will be a "Books Only" fair, and will not include posters or school supplies. The fair will continue through Catholic Schools Week for students and visitors to shop. There will also be an online fair open from January 27 through February 10 which is a nice way for out-of-town relatives to shop. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. All online orders will also benefit our school.

As in the past, we will round up sales to the nearest .25 and we must include tax. For example, if your total comes to \$9.98 + .60 tax we will round that up to \$10.75. The extra change adds up and can be used to purchase books for the library or classrooms. Payment can be in the form of cash, check made out to St. Gregory School, credit card or you can set up an E-wallet for your child/ren. The Scholastic E-wallet is a safe, cashless way for students to shop for their own books.

Check out this link for more information on how to get started:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/ewallet.html>

All profit from our Book Fair is in the form of Scholastic Dollars and used for the Scholastic magazines, classroom supplies and books. For all the information on our Book Fair please go to our fair homepage at: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stgregorysch>

## **Catholic School's Week**

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you who are familiar with Catholic School's Week, you know that it is a week filled with fun activities to celebrate our love of Catholic School! Watch for more information to come home soon.

## **Family Share**

We are almost half way through the school year, and we have many families who have not entered any fundraising or volunteer hours in the Family Share Tracker yet.

In order to help keep our school running smoothly and our tuition rates reasonable, it is vital that we have cooperation from all of our families. Your update later will be coming home this week. If you still have zeros in some categories, please start planning how you'll reach your family requirement.

You can find the link to enter your amounts on our school website and in the "Week Ahead" email that comes home every Sunday.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJfXe2llkx0h5g3hMJ383xSWBwuLHusTPO4kTltoVIs86V4Q/viewform>

## Save the Dates:

Please mark your calendar for some important upcoming events at St. Gregory School.

- Fridays (February 24 through March 31) Fish Fry Dinners
- Saturday, April 15 – Auction Night – This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year – and is tons of fun at the same time.
- Sunday, April 23 – First Holy Communion
- Friday, May 5 – May Crowning – 1:15 pm
- Tuesday, May 23 – Field Day (Rain Date: Tuesday, May 30)
- Wednesday, May 31 – Kindergarten Graduation – 9:30 am in church
- Wednesday, May 31 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass – 6:00 pm
- Friday, June 2 – Last Day of School!

# PTG Blurbs

## Scratch Off Raffle - A Chance for Millions!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual scratch-off raffle!

We want to congratulate our winners:

The first winner, based on the afternoon Pick 3 which was 512, is **Bob Urban**. Bob purchased his ticket at our monthly Super Bingo.

The second winner, based on the evening Pick 3 which was 986, is **Andrea Hite**. Andrea is the grandmother of Liliana, Luciana & Roman Lopez.

## Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park

WHERE: The Flying Squirrel – 180 Tomlinson Dr, Zelienople, PA 16063

WHEN: Friday, January 13th, 2023 (no school day)

TIME: 10AM – 10PM

Show the attached flyer via phone or paper at the door and 20% of all proceeds will go towards St. Gregory School. St. Gregory will have a reserved party room between the hours of 3-5pm hosting complementary pizza and dessert for the students in attendance!!! If you can't make it for the party please come anytime of the day or evening and 20% of the proceeds will go towards the school. If planning to attend the pizza party click the following link via Google Spreadsheet (advance sign up is not necessary, this just helps us plan in advance for the pizza party attendance):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DbwJNH0FCVJeXw8mWLKwiPfCfCL6keuGyCmlC5ilxUI/edit?usp=sharing>

## **Bowling Party**

PLACE: Meridian Lanes – 333 Meridian Rd, Meridian, PA 16001

DATE: Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

TIME: 1PM – 3PM

COST: \$12 per person (payment via Givesmart; or directly to school office via cash or check payable to: St. Gregory PTG)

PRICE INCLUDES: 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza, chips, drink, & cupcakes.

Bowl For Fun Prize Categories:

Most strikes, most spares, most gutter balls, most improved, most consistent, highest game, lowest score, and best sportsmanship

Let's Roll; it's right up your alley! Join in our St. Gregory School bowling FUN event! Come and knock 'em down.

Register soon...Due to size and spacing we are limited to only 40 bowlers.

To sign up for this event click the following link via GiveSmart:

<https://STGBOWL.givesmart.com>

To sign up for this event click the following link via Google Spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H4DWhu-ZyMcNbFHbcg6IAk3sifG-H7uQEYBDgnQmLP4/edit?usp=sharing>

## **Super Bingo**

Our next Super Bingo is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2023

PLEASE consider signing up to work a shift and help us keep our Bingo going strong!

This is a great way for our high schoolers to get some service hours in as well!

We ask every family to help with at least one bingo during the year.

All time worked at the Bingo counts toward your Family Share requirement.

Use the link below to sign up for an upcoming bingo. We promise you'll have a great time helping out.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OJXLfhKPhwhx8SV\\_YU4iP5DgsYqAxx9arPQTXy\\_iWUM/edit#gid=731168598](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OJXLfhKPhwhx8SV_YU4iP5DgsYqAxx9arPQTXy_iWUM/edit#gid=731168598)

# **Athletic Blurbs**

## **Basketball & Cheer Photos**

Photos will be taken of all basketball players and cheerleaders next Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Students should come to school dressed in their uniform.

Basketball jerseys should be worn with the blue side out.

If your child cheers and plays basketball, please send her in the cheer uniform and she can change into the basketball uniform after cheer photos are done.

## **Basketball Games**

Our basketball season is in full swing. The kids would love to see you at some of their games, cheering them on from the 'Zelie Zoo'! The full schedule is available online:

<https://school.stgregzelie.org/athletics-home>