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Happy 2023 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 2023 another successful year. The staff and I thank you for all the delicious treats and gifts we enjoyed during the break. We really appreciate your generosity.

January is a busy and exciting month. Our annual Open House, Putt Fore Fun, and the start of the Scholastic book fair are on Friday, January 27th. Please remember that students do not have school on the 13th or the 16th. Registration for Divine Grace parishioners begins on January 23rd; everyone else can begin to register on Monday, January 30th. As in years past, we do offer families in need of financial support the opportunity to receive tuition assistance, so please spread the word. I will be sending out the updated tuition information within the next few weeks. Current St. Gregory families need to make sure they turn in their re-registration information as soon as possible so we know about class availability. In addition to registration, January 30th is exciting for another reason...it's the start of Catholic Schools Week 2023!

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. Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor, and enrich society through the example of faith. As a community of faith, St. Gregory instills in our students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence and profound faith formation is the hallmark of St. Gregory School. Clearly, there is much to celebrate, and we have so many exciting events planned for Catholic Schools Week. There is no doubt that January 30th through February 3rd will be the most exciting week of the year. We are bringing back events such as the annual Staff vs. 8th-grade volleyball game, the science fair, literature day, dress crazy day, and so much more! Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Both Father Jim and I are excited to announce the launch of a new scholarship initiative that will be implemented in the 7th-grade religion class. Thanks to a generous benefactor, one of our 7th-grade students can earn a full scholarship for his/her 8th-grade year at St. Gregory School. The scholarship will be awarded based on the essay which best demonstrates the Church's understanding and devotion to God's Divine Mercy. We feel so blessed to offer this opportunity to our 7th graders.

Finally, the teachers and I will be spending time early this year analyzing student achievement data. It is critical that we know where each individual child is with his/her learning needs so we can adjust our instruction. 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.

I hope to see you during Catholic Schools Week. Until then, I hope you have a wonderful and blessed start to the New Year.

In Christ,



Mrs. Rice