

March Blurbs

Lenten Almsgiving:

Each year we ask the children to make little donations throughout the Lenten season. This is a great way of teaching the children to sacrifice and give a little back to help those less fortunate than themselves. This year, in lieu of the Mite Cans, we ask the children to focus on their Random Acts of Kindness. What better way to celebrate the Lenten season than to encourage our children to be more Christlike each and every day.

SOS / BEF Financial Aid:

Just a reminder that Monday, March 15 is the deadline for applying for Financial Aid through FACTS. The Grant and Aid Assessment page on the FACTS website should answer all of your questions or you can use the Admissions tab on the school website under Financial Aid and you will find the Pittsburgh Diocese page with information on the application process.

Be sure to print and fill out the [Pastor Signature Sheet](#), (not to be confused with the Pastor Verification Form which is for tuition subsidy). Get YOUR pastor's signature and return it to the school office. Keep in mind that grant and financial aid notifications are typically not sent out until at least mid-June so please do not worry if you do not hear before that time.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 19 – NO SCHOOL – Vacation Day

Monday, March 29 – End of 3rd Grading Period

Thursday, April 1 through Monday, April 5 – Easter Break – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 6 – Make-Up Day – School is in Session

Tuesday, April 6 – Report Cards will be available to you via OptionC

PTG News:

Spring Purse Raffle

Our purse raffle is back and better than ever for Spring! This time we are featuring 10 purses (including the mystery purse) plus 2 bonus raffles of fun bundles to help you get ready for summer. Our 50/50 will return and we hope to have the take home bigger than ever!

The raffle will take place on Facebook Live on April 10th. Don't forget to like and share our page: <https://www.facebook.com/stgregzeliepurse>

Get your tickets here: stgregspringpurse.givesmart.com

(This link is not yet live, but will be activated by the end of the week.)

RaiseCraze

This is a unique way for us to raise money for our school while making an impact in our community. During this fundraiser, students ask friends and family for donations via the online Raise Craze platform while paying it forward by serving others. What a great way for us to teach our students the importance of kindness and gratitude while raising much needed funds. Students will spend time serving, not selling!

\If you haven't done so already, please click here to get your child registered:

my.raisecraze.com/AKMN2TY

1. Enter your student's name
2. Select at least 3 Acts of Kindness
3. Enter 5-10 email addresses of potential supporters. Raise Craze will send all emails, reminders and thank you notes. Emails will never be shared with third parties or used for marketing.

Every student can participate in Raise Craze by completing Acts of Kindness (AOK) so we're aiming for 100% participation. As a little encouragement, teachers will be handing out daily "Kindness Coins" when they see students being kind so please talk to your student about ways that he or she might show kindness at school. We are excited to see all of the ways our students choose to serve others!

P.S. For daily updates, follow us on social media and be sure to check out the Leaderboard at my.raisecraze.com/leaderboard/for/AKMN2TY!

Our closing celebration will be held on Friday, March 26th. Stay tuned to find out if we reached our goal and Mrs. Rice had to do something "CRAZE-y".

Anderson Easter Candy

This year's Easter Candy Fundraiser will be done through Anderson Candies and done a little differently than in years past as with most of our activities this year. All orders will be taken online through the Anderson Candy website. Please follow the steps below when placing your order to ensure that St. Gregory and your family get the appropriate credit.

All orders can be submitted online through March 15, 2021. Online orders must be prepaid at the time of ordering. Out of state orders can be accepted and delivered directly from Anderson Candies but the buyer will have to contact Anderson's after placing their order to arrange shipping and pay for shipping costs. Orders placed after March 15, 2021 will not be guaranteed for delivery in time for Easter. Local orders will be available for pick-up at St. Gregory's in the church lot on Friday, March 26, 2021 between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. Thank you so much for your participation in this fundraiser to help our school!

Steps for Online ordering:

1. Go to the Anderson Candy website at: <https://andersonsfundraising.com/>
2. Click on Fundraising Items at the top of the page to view the catalog.
3. When checking out, enter group ID **STG21E**
4. Be sure you fill in the First / Last name and grade of your oldest child.
5. Complete the billing information and checkout

Fun Pasta Fundraiser

We are partnering with Fun Pasta for one of our next fundraisers. They provide healthy, fun pasta shaped like holidays, sports, collegiate team logos and more! The attached letter explains the details of how the selling can be done on their website or their app. The fundraiser runs from 2/28 through 3/13. Any questions, contact Patti McClellan at pmcclellan@wesco.com.
<https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/st-gregory-catholic-school>

Scratch-Off Raffle

There are very limited tickets still available if you are interested. The live drawing for the winner of our spring scratch-off raffle, "Are You Feeling Lucky?" will be held on St. Patrick's Day; Wednesday, March 17th at 5:00 pm.

Click here to purchase tickets: (while supplies last) <https://ScratchOff0321.givesmart.com>

Click here for the link to the Facebook Live drawing: <https://fb.me/e/55DsBIOj>

Athletic News:

Jersey Day

Next Thursday, March 11th is Jersey Day! All STG Basketball Players should wear their jerseys to school.

Starting Soon

Boys Volley Ball and Track & Field seasons are both right around the corner. Please watch for further information to come home as it is available.