

March 2, 2021

Greetings St. Gregory School Families,

With the arrival of March, we can hope that spring is right around the corner! Hopefully, this Lenten season will be a time for all of us to reflect on what is good in our lives and realize how much He loves us. I continue to be grateful for our ability to be in-person this school year. The more I read and the more I hear from other administrators the more blessed I feel for all our children; we all made the right choice by sending our kids to St. Gregory School!

March is proving to be an exciting month. We officially kicked off our Raise Craze fundraiser on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Already, our 1<sup>st</sup> graders are in the lead with over \$1,000. During this fundraiser, students pay their donations forward by completing Acts of Kindness for others. There is an excitement in the air and kindness is prevalent in the hallways of St. Gregs! Please be sure to sign up your child on their online dashboard.

Until Covid-19, all Catholic schools relied heavily on the generosity of their parishes to offset school expenses. With mass attendances and offertory income and an all-time low, our fundraising efforts are even more important. Typically, we strive for 10% of our one-million-dollar budget for a fundraising goal. Unfortunately because of the pandemic, we are much lower than that \$100,000 goal. Please spread the word about this fundraiser and others to help us offset this loss. [Here is another link](#) you can share in case you hear of someone who would like to donate to our school.

Congratulations to the St. Gregory School basketball teams for successful seasons as we near the end. Thank you to the 2020-2021 Athletic Board for all your support as well. This year brought on new challenges that we met head-on. As we enter into volleyball season, I would like to welcome Jessica Dunn as our new Director of Volleyball. If you are interested in joining the Athletic Board for the 2021-2022 school year, please send me an email.

This time of year, I really start to focus on our vision for the next school year. Our focus right now is on marketing because our goal is to have each class filled to capacity. For the first time ever, St. Gregory School has a Social Media Coordinator intern. Jasey Reiser is a La Roche University student majoring in communications, media, and technology as well as film. She is hoping to be a social media coordinator for a big business and work her way up to being VP of communications after graduation. She is excited to work with St. Gregory School! Be sure to check out Jasey's posts on our social media and share them with your friends.

Thank you for your continual support of St. Gregory School. I am happy to be on this journey with all of you and your children.

In Christ,



Mrs. Rice