

November “Blurbs”

End of First Quarter:

Our first grading period has ended and report cards will be available to you via OptionC on Wednesday, November 4th. Please be sure to look at more than just grades. It is very important that you also look at your child’s “Character Development” and “Skills” marks as well. They can be very helpful. Some “Skills” marks will be left blank on purpose. Those are skills that have not yet been covered. Kindergarten students will not receive a report card for the 1st grading period. They will get their first report card in January.

No School

Wednesday, November 11th is conference day. There is no school for the students.
Wednesday, November 25 through Monday, November 30 will be Thanksgiving Vacation.

Conferences:

We will hold parent/teacher conferences virtually on Wednesday, November 11th through Google Meet. The link to sign-up is now available in OptionC.

For parents in grades K through 3, please schedule with your child's **homeroom teacher only**. There is not enough time in the day to schedule conferences with all of the teachers of the special classes such as gym, computer, and art.

The teachers for grades 4 & 5 will be grouped together, and the teachers for grades 6, 7 & 8 will be grouped together during Google Meets. Please select the same conference time for each of your child’s teachers. There is not enough time in the day for you to have a separate conference with each teacher. Please do not schedule conferences with teachers of specials such as gym, computer, and art.

Everyone is allotted 15 minutes, so please be mindful of your time. The next parent will show up at their scheduled time which will immediately end the conference. If you feel you need more time, feel free to schedule a separate Google Meet with your child’s teacher on a different day. We will be sending the Google Meet info out in an email closer to the date.

Emergency Delays & Closings:

As we approach the winter months, please be keep in mind that any delays & cancellations due to weather will be announced via the OptionC alert system. If you would like to make any adjustments to how you receive these alerts you can do that under “Communication” and then “Manage Alerts” when you log in to OptionC. As a back-up, you can always listen to KDKA radio, watch channel 2, 4 or 11, or check the Seneca Valley web-site for information. You can also sign up on many of the news stations websites to get alerts from them if you choose.

We will follow Seneca Valley’s decision since we are within their district boundaries. If you live in another school district, your children will need to follow that district’s decision about bussing. If Seneca Valley is on a normal schedule, we will also be on a normal schedule, but if you live in another school district your bussing will be determined by them.

It is possible that we may have a normal schedule and your district may be on a 2-hour delay or closed, or that we will be delayed and your district is running on a normal schedule. Please make sure that you do not put your child on the bus at their normal time if St. Gregory is on a delay.

If your district deems the roads in your area to be unsafe and they cancel school we ask that you use your own judgment in regard to bringing your child to school. While we are still required to mark them absent if they are not in school, we certainly want everyone to consider safety first and foremost.

Morning Day Care for Delays:

When St. Gregory is running on a 2-hour delay, we will also run morning day care on a 2-hour delay. That means that day care will begin at 9:00 am instead of 7:00 am. This is for two reasons. First, quite often a delay will be changed to a cancellation and that becomes a problem when we already have children in the building and parents have already headed to work. Second, if the roads are unsafe for the buses, they are also unsafe for our day care provider. The extra time gives the road crews a chance to treat the roads.

Preschool Delays:

When St. Gregory School is on a delay, our preschool classes will also be on a delay. When this happens, preschool children should bring a packed lunch to school. Their day will run from 10:50 – 1:30.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

It has been a tradition at St. Gregory School each year to have the students bring in non-perishable food donations before the Thanksgiving break for the St. Vincent DePaul Society to use to help feel the needy in our immediate area over throughout the holiday season. Due to COVID, they are not allowed to accept donations of food this year, but can use monetary donations to purchase food products instead. If you are interested in helping out, please send your donations to the school office in an envelope marked “Food Drive”. Checks can be made out to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. It may be a good thing to encourage your children to be involved with as well. They cannot present their donations at the altar this year, but they should be reminded how important it is for us to all help those less fortunate than ourselves. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

PTG News

PTG Meeting:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 18th. We will not be resuming in-person meetings yet, but if there is ever anything you would like to discuss, feel free to get in touch with any of our PTG Board members.

A Chance for Millions:

We are kicking off a brand-new fundraiser just in time for the holiday season! We will be selling chances to win a collection of PA Scratch Off Lottery Tickets!!! That means there is a potential to win millions!!! Tickets will be sold for \$10 each. Only 1000 tickets will be sold on a first come/first serve basis. If each family in the school will sell just 5 tickets then we will sell out and profit \$5,000 for the school. Please do your part to help raise money for our school.