

November 1, 2019

Happy Fall St. Gregory School Families,

We are a quarter of the way through the school year and so far, everything is going so well. Everyone seems happy and healthy, and the students are making remarkable progress. To drive our instruction, we often use data based on the students' academic performance. For years, we have been using Acadience to make it easier to detect K-6 students who are at risk for early reading difficulties to provide timely instructional support and prevent the occurrence of later reading difficulties. As you may have seen on our website, the students at St. Gregory have shown extraordinary success each year.

October was a wonderful month for all of us. Ironman football and cheer, and cross country ended with successful seasons. Additionally, the Great Pumpkin Race was a success again! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to those who participated. The marking period officially ended Wednesday, October 27th. On Thursday, November 11th, we will hold parent-teacher conferences; the kids do not have school on this day. The teachers in the intermediate grades (4-6) will be grouped together, and the middle school teachers (7 & 8) will be grouped together in the library. Everyone is allotted 15 minutes, so please be mindful of your time. If you feel you need more time, feel free to schedule a separate meeting with your child's teacher on a different day. 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 the teachers of the special classes such as gym, computer, and art. If you would rather have a virtual conference, please notify your child's teacher so he/she can send you the link.

November is always an enjoyable month. Our annual *Cold Turkey Shootout* basketball tournament takes place this month. This is a wonderful event and I encourage all of the students to attend and cheer on St. Gregs! If you haven't heard about our "Zelie Zoo", then you must come to experience it for yourself. It is great to feel our school spirit permeating throughout the hallways and at events. It's obvious how much the students love their school. We already had our first pep rally celebrating this and all of the other sports and clubs in our school. Many kindergarten students told me that it was the best pep rally, and I'm assuming the only one they've been to!

I am hoping that your child has mentioned that we have been reading "Jesus Calling for Kids". The students are like sponges, and they seem to be soaking up Scripture and important messages that I read. Please discuss it with them at home too; this is a great way to stay connected to each other and our Lord. I am so proud of them for getting so excited about their faith.

As a reminder, please monitor your child's OptionC gradebook on a regular basis. This is a great way to keep up to date with your child's grades. Although Google Classroom posts grades, Option C is more reliable.

I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. These next few months are filled with joy, and I wish you blessings and happiness during this holiday season!

God Bless,



Mrs. Rice