

School News

No School

Friday, November 11th is conference day. There is no school for the students.

Wednesday, November 23 through Monday, November 28 will be Thanksgiving Vacation.

Conferences:

We will hold parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, November 11th.

The teachers in the intermediate grades (4 through 6) will be grouped together and will meet with you in the art room (the current 5th grade room), and the middle school teachers (7 & 8) will be grouped together in the library. So, for **parents in grades 4 through 8, please select the same time slot for each teacher** when scheduling.

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.

Everyone is allotted 15 minutes, so please be mindful of your time. The next parent will show up at his/her scheduled time which will immediately end the conference. If you feel you need more time, feel free to schedule a separate conference with your child's teacher on a different day.

To schedule, please log in to Option C, find your child's teacher(s), and select those you want a conference with. Again, it's critical that you choose the same time slot (grades 4-8) so the teachers can be grouped together. If you want a virtual conference, please email your child's homeroom teacher so she knows. If you choose the virtual option the teacher will send you a meeting link.

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.

The 4-year-old day will run from 10:50 – 1:30.

The 3-year-old classes will run from 10:40 – 12:20 and 1:05 – 2:45.

Cafeteria Volunteers:

We have been having a lot of trouble filling the volunteer slots for cafeteria duty. Please consider helping out. Remember, we ask each family to work 7 days throughout the year. If you cannot work your 7 days you will be charged a \$70 fee at the end of the year. We realize some cannot help due to work, but if you can, please consider helping instead of opting to pay the fee. It means so much to the kids when they see a parent or grandparent helping during their lunch.

Click here to sign up for dates in November:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cof48a9a82aa3fdc61-cafeteria2>

We are also offering Family Share hours for anyone who works days over and above the required 7 days. If you are able to give more days, please record the extra time in the Family Share Tracker to receive credit.

Looking Ahead:

December:

- Sunday, Dec 4 - Super Bingo
- Tuesday, Dec 6 - Pick Up Anderson Christmas Candy Orders
- Thursday, Dec 8 – 12:05 Mass for Immaculate Conception – Packed Lunches Today
- Sunday, Dec 11 – Breakfast with Santa
- Thursday, Dec 15 – Christmas Program (Grades K-8) – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 17 – Lemieux Ice Skating Night (Tentative)
- Monday, Dec 19 – Band Concert – 10:00 am
- Friday, Dec 23 through Monday, Jan 2 – Christmas Break

PTG News

PTG Meeting:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 16th in the school library. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend. Find out what's going on in our school and see how you can get more involved.

A Chance for Millions:

We are once again offer our "A Chance for Millions" Christmas raffle! 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. Every ticket gives you 2 chances to win this year! Each winner will receive 180 tickets.

If each family in the school will sell just 5 tickets, we will sell out and profit \$5,000 for the school. Please do your part to help raise money for our school. You can order online (<https://scratchoff2022.givesmart.com>) or by using the paper order form that will come home with your child. These make great stocking stuffers!

Keystone Christmas Lights FUNdraiser:

We have just four (4) tickets left for \$12 per ticket (2 and under free).

50% of proceeds come back to St. Gregory School.

Tickets are available at <https://LIVINGTREASURES.givesmart.com>.

Bowling Tournament:

The PTG will be sponsoring a Bowling Tournament on Sunday, November 20th at Meridian Lanes from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The cost to register is \$20.

Cost includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, chips, cupcakes, and drink.

Bowling prizes will be awarded for the most strikes, most spares, most gutter balls, most improved, most consistent, highest game, lowest score & best sportsmanship.

Costume prizes will be awarded for the funniest, worst, most original, and best overall.

See attached flyer for more information. Register by clicking one of the links below:

Via GiveSmart:

<https://STGBOWL.givesmart.com>

Via Google Spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H4DWhu-ZyMcNbFHbcg6IAk3sifG-H7uQEYBDgnQmLP4/edit#gid=0>

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser!

All orders will be due November 15, 2022, and delivery will be the week of December 5, 2022. When the exact date is known an email will go out. Paper order forms should have come home with your child.

To Order Online:

Go to pizzakit.com, click on products, then shop, click on "ship my order to the group", enter fundraiser ID: **415163**, click check fundraiser, make sure it says St. Gregory's Catholic School, confirm fundraiser, make an account or log in if you have an account, ENJOY SHOPPING!

All online orders will ship to the school

Anderson's Christmas Candy

All orders will be due November 15, 2022, and delivery will be December 6, 2022. Paper order forms have come home with your child. To order online go to: www.andersonsfundraising.com

Click on "fundraising items" at the top of the page to view & shop.

When completed, click on the shopping cart at the top of the page.

Enter your group ID: **90122stgreg**

Be sure to fill in the student's name who will get credit for this order.

Complete billing information to pay online by credit card.

Athletic News:

Athletic Sponsorship

St. Gregory School is currently looking for sponsors to help our sports' programs. All proceeds help offset the costs of purchasing uniforms, referee fees, equipment fees, and other expenses. The continued success of our sports' programs depends on the support we receive from our community members and local businesses. We are hoping that we can count on some of you as sponsors for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in collaborating with us, please complete and return the attached form by November 15th.

Be sure to click on the QR code on the form to watch a promotional video about our sponsorships. Thank you to Maria Gruber (Grade 8) and her crew for putting together such a nice video.

<https://vimeo.com/767345409>

Spirit Store

Don't forget to order your new SPIRIT WEAR items before the 25% discount expires!

Use code: SPIRIT (This code is good only through Monday, November 14)

Note: Appropriate spirit wear items such as tees, sweatshirts, sweatpants (not tights or leggings), and shorts (when permitted, not tight fitting or too short) can be worn for gym class and on "dress-down" days, but they are not permitted on a normal school day since they are not "uniform".

Here is the link to order!

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/.../zel.../st.-gregory-school>

And a special thank you to Asher, Brooke, and Lizzie for putting together this great kick-off video!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13FCulxR9SO-Wby50ek50y_Alfaazi4XJ/view?usp=sharing

Turkey Shootout

We're gearing up to host our annual Turkey Shootout Basketball Tournament.

Our JV teams will play November 17th through 20th. Participating schools include: St. Killian, Butler Catholic, Sts. Peter & Paul, Holy Cross, Seelos, and Guardian Angel.

Our Varsity teams will play November 30th through December 3rd. More info to follow!

Athletic Director

We wanted to let you know that Trevor Shepherd, our new athletic director, has had to step down from his position due to another opportunity that he is pursuing. Thank you to Mr. Torboli and Mr. Ammerman for their help in keeping things moving in the right direction. We are confident that the upcoming basketball and cheer seasons will be a great success despite this little set back.

Great Pumpkin Race – Revisited

Thank you to our GPR crew, especially the Harmanos' family, and all who came out to run on such a beautiful day. Click the link for some incredible photos taken by the staff of The Butler Eagle.

https://www.butlereagle.com/20221031/photos-zelies-annual-great-pumpkin-race/?fbclid=IwAR1Cq7-xy5CeX1nxy8eqxR6s9Nx8PeuFA4GJ7wJt_fn0vjd-cNGB7Ab1TvA

Student Council News:

Light of Life Food Drive

We will be holding a Thanksgiving Box Outreach for Light of Life Rescue Mission through November 9, 2022. We will only be allowing packed or canned thanksgiving related foods (Ex: Instant Mashed Potatoes, instant stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, etc.). The donation boxes will be near the front door of the school, in front of the trophy case. Please help us reach our goal of 50 cans of cranberry sauce! Here is a link if you want more information about the Charity:

<https://www.lightoflife.org/about-us/>

Penny Race

We also have the Penny race happening through November 15, 2022. The money will go to Student Council Funds. The Penny Race is a fundraiser where you want to put as many pennies in your grades' bin as possible. You can sabotage other teams by putting any other type of silver coin in the other team's bin. When we add the money for each grade in the bin, the pennies are points, and the other money is negative. A penny is equal to one positive penny in your bin, but if you have a quarter in your bin, it is - 0.25 points.