

October 1, 2020

Greetings St. Gregory Families,

As we enter into this new month, I would like to thank the entire St. Gregory School community for this incredible beginning. This has been an unusual start, but everyone has adjusted so well and seems happy to be back. The adjustments we have made due to COVID-19 went much smoother than we even expected. The students don't seem to mind the masks; kids are resilient! In addition to the COVID-19 protocols that were implemented, our new synchronous online learning is going smoothly as well. If you didn't get a chance, please watch our latest [video](#).

If your child is a virtual learner, then most likely you have a good idea of how Google Classroom works. However, if your son or daughter is attending in-person, I highly suggest you watch tutorials on Google Classroom and the entire GSuite. Although we welcome students to attend virtually if they are home sick, the teachers do not have time during the day to train them while teaching a class. Therefore, I recommend that all of you log into your son/daughter's St. Gregory email using gmail.com. Once logged in you will be able to explore the different applications. Pay specific attention to Google Classroom and Kami. Much of this is in my [Parent Orientation](#) presentation. Once the Chromebooks are delivered, we will train the students on how to use their accounts on their Chromebooks. If you have any questions navigating your child's GSuite, please email me or give me a call.

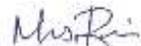
Typically, at this time of the year our PTG is sending out multiple fundraisers and offering many exciting activities. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, we have been limited in what we can do. However, there is still a lot for you to support. You'll find information about these activities and fundraisers on our website and in emails. The goal of our PTG is to make St. Gregory School a great place for kids to have fun and a place where families are connected. Additionally, 10% of our one-million-dollar budget must come from fundraisers. As you can imagine, our figures are very low and far behind because of the pandemic. We need your support. Please do what you can, and feel free to give us new ideas. The Great Pumpkin Race will take place virtually this year! Watch for more information on this soon.

Halloween will be here before we know it. On Friday, October 30th, we will have a virtual Halloween Parade streaming on Google Meet. All students are permitted to bring in costumes that day. Unfortunately, we cannot have parties, but we will still make the day special for everyone. If your child's class is going to Mass that morning, they will have to bring in their costume to change into after Mass.

Luckily, we have been able to host Cross Country this year despite the restrictions. I want to thank Coach Mark Harmanos and his team for their hard work. The decision has not been made yet about indoor sports, but as soon as it is, we will let you know. Our Athletic Board will be meeting soon. We are currently looking for help with our Cheerleading program. Also, Nate Torboli will be taking over as Director of Basketball. Brad Clauss has held this position for a few years and we are grateful for all of his hard work. If you have any questions about athletics or would like to get involved, please email me (erice@stgregzelie.org) or Chris McClellan (athleticdirector@stgregzelie.org), our athletic director.

Finally, we are seeking website sponsorship from local business professionals and benefactors who value our school vision and understand the importance of Catholic education. If you would like to participate as a school website sponsor, please email me directly. School website sponsor benefits include continual exposure for your business and services, and your sponsorship shows your support of Catholic education.

God Bless,



Mrs. Rice