



St. Gregory Parish School strives to create and foster a safe learning environment where a child may grow spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially through a quality education, a living relationship with God and a respect for themselves and others. We strive to recognize that each person is scared and unique, and we encourage each student to explore and meet their full potential, so that they may successfully respond to the challenges of life and the call to become leaders for Christ, America and the world.

CRUSADE FOR KIDS AUCTION –April 25th

As you know, the Crusader for Kids Auction is the main fundraiser for the school. Sponsorships are extremely important for this event. Sponsorships helps keep the costs lower and generate more money. Please consider obtaining a sponsorship for your procurement from a business. It is great advertising for the business and a huge benefit for our school.

The Crusade for Kids Auction Early Procurement Deadline is Friday, March 6th! For every \$500 you have procured please fill out a jot form (link below) and submit it to receive 1 ticket into the \$1000 tuition voucher drawing. For every \$100 over \$500 you will receive an additional ticket. Please remember that all procurements are due by March 6th. **No items will be accepted after April 10th**. Link to the new online Procurement Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/253385811575161>

**AUCTION
BUY OUTS OF
\$500 ARE DUE
FRIDAY,
MARCH 6TH**

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Advisory Meeting, Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM in the library

PTO Meeting, Monday, March 9th at 5:00 PM in the library.

**Straw Hat Hot Lunch Orders
April 2026 – Due 3/27/2026**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

4/3 Turkey & Cheese Wrap _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

4/14 Pizza (Cheese OR Pepperoni) _____ x \$5.00 = _____

4/21 Ham & Cheese Wrap _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

4/28 Pizza (Cheese OR Pepperoni) _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Lunches Ordered _____ x \$5.00 = _____ Enclosed

**St. Joe's Hot Lunch Orders
April 2026 – Due 3/27/2026**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

4/9 Mac & Cheese, Veggie & Roll _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

4/16 Pasta, Salad & Roll _____ x \$5.00 = _____

4/23 Hot Ham & Cheese, Soup & Fruit _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

4/30 Burger, Chips & Fruit _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Lunches Ordered _____ x \$5.00 = _____ Enclosed

**END OF THE
3rd QUARTER IS
THURS., MARCH 25th**

Open House
Registration,
Book Fair &
Spring Concert

St. Gregory Parish School will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 4th from 6 PM until 8 PM for all grade levels, including Preschool and Kindergarten. The students will showcase our musical program from 6 PM until 6:30 PM in the school gym. Tours of the school and a Book Fair will held be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend.



Tuition assistance is available. We will be holding a brief meeting regarding applying for tuition assistance and completing the appropriate paperwork. Every family is encouraged to attend and complete the forms, regardless of income. By completing the St. Gregory application you will be able to reduce tuition costs by \$1,000.00.

If you know a family that would be interested in attending the Open House, please inform the Office so an invitation can be sent inviting them to our school.

If you bring a new family to Open House, you will receive **ONE** entry into the \$1,000 Tuition Discount drawing. However, if the new family enrolls in the 2026-2027 school year at St. Gregory School, you and the new family will receive **FIVE** entries into the \$1,000 Tuition Discount drawing being held at the Crusade For Kids Auction on April 25th.

\$1000

Parent Volunteers – Clearances

In order to be eligible to volunteer at the school, the state and diocese requires parents to complete several clearances and trainings. ***If all of the requirements are not completed then a parent is forbidden to volunteer.*** If you are not sure if you are eligible to volunteer, please contact the office and they will provide you with your status.

RECESS

Children will be going outdoors for recess if the wind chill factor is at least 20 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it is actively raining or very wet/sloppy/icy underfoot. Therefore, **PLEASE make sure your children dress appropriately for the weather.** This means: heavy coats, boots, hats, gloves or mittens, scarves, etc. The children need the fresh air and exercise, but we don't want them getting chilled or sick, so please make sure they are prepared for the weather.



Inclement Weather and 2 Hr. Delays

With the changing season, in the event of a school cancellation or a 2 hour delay, you will be notified via the parent broadcast system. **Please make sure that you are receiving these notifications.** In the event of a 2 Hr. delay **Preschool and Prekindergarten** will also be delayed until 10:30 and will run from 10:30 until 3:00. Students can bring a packed lunch and will eat in the cafeteria. Also, before school care will also be delayed by 2 hours and will start at 9:30 a.m.

Rice Bowls were sent home on February 12th. You may collect money throughout Lent in



your rice to donate. All donations will be used to help those less fortunate. Part of your donation will stay right here, in our community, to help families in need. Please return your Rice Bowl on March 24th.

SHREK The MUSICAL

The Shrek School Musical is on March 12th and 13th at 6:00 PM. We will have raffles available to win. PTO will have a Shrek Snack Shack running prior to the event. There is no cost to attend, however, donations are greatly appreciated.

We thank you for supporting the staff and students in this annual event. It would not be successful without your support!



April 1st to 6th - Easter Break NO SCHOOL

April 4th - Happy Easter

April 7th - Advisory Board Meeting 7 PM

April 13th - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM

April 14th - School Liturgy 9:15 AM

April 15th - **DEADLINE** for tuition assistance applications to be submitted to St. Gregory's and Diocese of Erie

April 20th to May 8th - NWEA Testing

April 22nd - Earth Day

April 24th - Lunch orders due through June

April 25th - Crusade for Kids Auction

April 28th - School Liturgy 9:15 AM



Office is in need of miscellaneous storage bins for the supply closet to store office supplies. If you have any bins, all sizes, that you would like to get rid of we can put them to good use. THANK YOU!



Apply at: www.doetap.org

Application Window: **February 2 – April 15, 2026**

How to Apply: Easy as 1, 2, 3

1. **Create** an account (or login using your existing registered account from a previous year)

2. **Upload** the required documents:

- **ALL 2025 W-2s, 1099s**

- **2025 Federal 1040 Tax Return**, pages 1 and 2

Note: You may save an incomplete application and return to it later. However, be sure all documents are uploaded *before* submitting the application fee.

3. **Submit** the \$30 application fee when the application is complete. Accepted payment methods are: debit card, major credit card, or check.

Application Requirements

Only "Complete" applications - submitted by the deadline with all required tax documents and the application fee - will be considered for the Diocesan of Erie Tuition Assistance Program (DOETAP).

One application per family qualifies students for:

- Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program
- CPSF (formerly STAR Foundation) awards
- Additional needs-based scholarship programs.

Must apply online

at www.doetap.org by **April 15, 2026** or you will not be eligible for tuition assistance through these funds.

Please note the Diocese application is IN ADDITION to the St. Gregory School Financial Aid application. BOTH APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED.



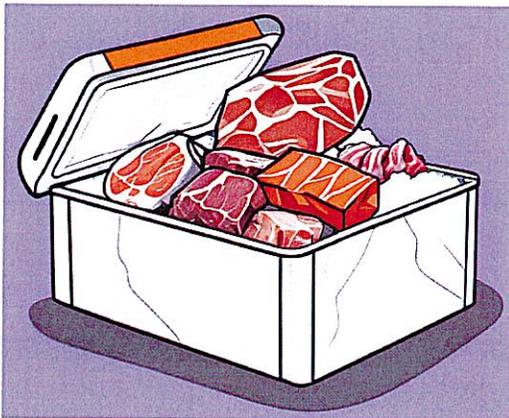
Finger Lakes

Aurora Romantic Getaway

Enter to win a 2 night weeknight stay in a Wallcourt deluxe queen room, Spa service for 2, Dinner or Lunch at one of the Inns Dining options, 4 ½ hour Bianconi Boat Tour Wine Cruise with cheese tray.
**Package valued over \$2,000*

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Drawing April 25th at the Crusade for Kids Auction.

For every 15 tickets sold by an SGS family, their name will be entered into the \$1,000 Tuition Discount Raffle at the Auction



Fill the Freezer Raffle

Enter to win chest freezer filled with a variety of premium meat products generously donated by Sanders Markets and the Sank Family. The total package is valued over \$500.00 Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Tickets will be sent home to families next week. For every 15 tickets sold by an SGS family, their name will be entered into the \$1,000 Tuition Discount Raffle at the Auction.



You're Invited to St. Gregory Parish School's Open House

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
6:00pm until 8:00pm

6-6:30 Introduction & Musical Showcase

Introduction by our Principal Mrs. Schoenfeldt followed by a short musical program by our talented music teacher, Ms. Verity and the St. Gregory Students.

6:30-8:00 Tours, Book Fair, & Financial Assistance Workshop

- Tours of our School will be given to any families interested in learning more about our schools programs and classes
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open in our Library. Pick out a good book or two and help support St. Gregory's School Library. When books are purchased through the in person Book Fair the school receives 40% of all sales!
- Contract and Financial Assistance Workshops will also be available to anyone who has questions or would like assistance in getting the paperwork completed for next school year!

Light Refreshments will also be available!

Now accepting registrations for 2026-2027, Preschool through 8th Grade!

Secure your child's spot today!

St. Gregory School Offers:

3 & 4 year old preschool with Half-day or Full-day options & 2 to 5 day flexible Scheduling
Full Day Kindergarten | Before & After School Care | Advanced Classes with Mercyhurst Prep |
Tuition Assistance Available - Workshops Offered during Open House or by Appointment

For More Information call (814)725-4571
or visit us online at www.stgregs.net

stgregs.net

BACK TO SCHOOL BONUS!

Turn In Your Paperwork & Win BIG!

COMPLETE YOUR
ENROLLMENT EARLY & GET
REWARDED!

Sign and return
the following
items by Friday
April 17th

- Tuition Contract
- Financial Aid Application
- All completed back to school 2026-2027 packet

Your family will be entered
into the \$1,000 tuition
Discount Drawing at the
Crusade for Kids Auction on
April 25th.

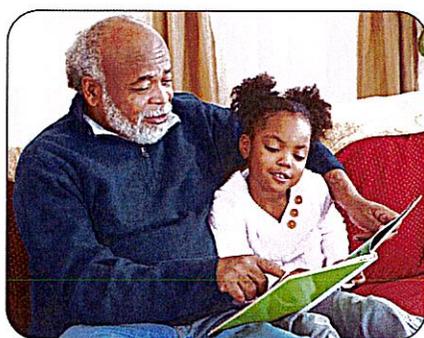


We can't wait to see you
there and good luck!



Join AmeriCorps Seniors and bring out the best in children

Become a Foster Grandparent Volunteer through AmeriCorps Seniors and help children love learning. Connect with at-risk students by sharing your experiences, tutoring, and offering encouragement.



Find the opportunity that is right for you

Join with other caring people to tutor and mentor children in schools, childcare centers, and educational programs. Experience the love and wonder of children eager to hear your special stories. You will decide where to volunteer and the days and times that fit your schedule.

Receive income for your volunteer service

Receive tax-free income that does not affect your Social Security, housing subsidies, or any other benefits. In addition to a modest stipend, you will earn paid vacation and sick benefits. Reimbursement for mileage to and from your site is paid. If you do not drive, transportation will be arranged at no cost to you.

Develop a purpose in your life

When you volunteer with children and teens, it has a way of bringing out the child in us again. Volunteering gives us purpose and adds new energy to our life. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers report better health and longevity having served their community.

Volunteer Qualifications

You are the perfect fit for the Foster Grandparents Program if you meet the following qualifications:

- You have a passion for children
- You are an Erie County, PA resident
- You are age 55 or older
- Your annual income is within federal program guidelines
- You can pass criminal and children's background checks
- You can volunteer 5-40 hours per week

Volunteer today

To become an AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer, please call our Foster Grandparents Program Director at:

Greater Erie Community Action Committee
(814) 459-4581, extension 462

Visit www.gecac.org for more information

The Senior Corps Foster Grandparents Program is funded by AmeriCorps Seniors and is sponsored by the Greater Erie Community Action Committee

March

2026

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



easter break

END OF 3RD QUARTER

Auction Buy Out \$500

Scholastic Book Fair

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Scholastic Book Fair 6 - 8 PM

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Scholastic Book Fair

Pasta, Salad & Roll

Auction Planning Meeting 6 PM

Hot Ham & Cheese, Soup & Fruit

6 PM

Burger, Chips & Fruit

Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Veggie

Hot Lunch Orders Due

1 PM

Ham & Cheese Wrap

9:15 AM

Pizza

9:15 AM

8th grade 9 AM-1 PM



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