

*Faces of Faith in Christ***Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,**

We are down to five weeks left of school for the year. The end is approaching quickly. I think it snuck up on us while we were experiencing the cold, rainy weather. We were tricked into thinking it was still March! We have so much to do in so little time!

Upcoming Events

May is a very busy month for us at St. Greg's. We have so many events coming up, so mark your calendars!

- This week we are celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation- thank you to those parents who are helping out with student supervision on Wednesday so the teachers and staff can enjoy lunch provided by Home and School Association.
- Spring Concert for grades 5-8 is tonight at 6:30pm. Come join us for a presentation of The Power of Music. Please see info about dress code and attendance.
- We will welcome 2 of our school students and their 2 younger siblings into God's family through baptism at the all-school mass on Thursday, May 9th. Congratulations Julissa and Izayah and Family!
- Our 2nd grade students will be making their First Holy Communion the weekend of May 18-19.
- Awards Day Ceremony is in the church on May 22 at 1:30pm.
- Kindergarten Bridging is on May 31 at 9am in Tenpenny Hall.

Changes for Next Year

We are always looking for ways to improve to better serve our students and families. Please review the following changes for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Implementation of Standards Based Grading- if anyone still has any questions about SBG, please contact me to discuss over the phone or in person.
- Our school year will be divided into trimesters instead of quarters. This allows for students to have more time to demonstrate their performance in the standards based grading system. This also means that our students will receive a report card 3 times per year instead of 4 times.
- Implementation of Math Daily 3- As part of our math improvement plan, we will institute a school-wide daily math instruction format in grades 1-8. We have seen much improvement in our reading scores with the implementation of our Reading Daily 5 format two years ago.
- Breakfast Program will move to before school starts. Breakfast will be served to school students at 7:40-7:50am each school morning. Students should be finished and in their classrooms by the 8am bell. Students arriving to school after 7:50 will not be served breakfast. This change is due to the revised instructional minute requirements from the state. Breakfast can no longer be counted in the instructional minutes.
- Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be departmentalized. This allows teachers to specialize in specific subject areas, and the students will travel among different teachers for subject instruction. The departmentalized format better prepares students for the transition to high school.
- St. Greg's is going Google! The plan for the summer is to install a fiber network throughout the school and parish and move to a Google platform. Part of our long-term technology plan is to become a Google-Certified School. This will mean that all our educators will be able to successfully implement G Suite for Education into their teaching practice in order to enhance teaching and learning. The teachers have had some of this training this year and will continue towards

this goal in the upcoming years.

- Chromebooks for upper grades. Our laptop program is switching over to a Chromebook program for our students. We are purchasing two classroom sets of Chromebooks for the upcoming year along with charging stations for grades 5-8. A set will be shared between two classrooms. We hope to add a set or two each year so that each classroom will eventually have their own set.
- New flooring for the 1st floor. Four years ago we replaced the 2nd floor. This summer is the 1st floor's turn. It will be exciting to see the finished work come this fall! Stay tuned!

Farewell to a Few

We will be saying farewell to a few staff members at the end of this year. Our School Secretary, Kelly Rohrbach and our Communications Specialist, Laura Bruno, are saying goodbye after 7 years of serving our school community. Our long-time Instructional Aide, Mary Jablonowski, has decided to enjoy retirement with her grandchildren and family. Also, 8th Grade Teacher, Lisa Orlovski, is moving on to other opportunities. We thank them whole-heartedly for their service to our school and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Board Positions

We do not have a Home and School Association Board for the next school year. This means we will not have anyone coordinating school events, maintaining a budget, overseeing fundraisers, or representing our parent association. If you would like to prevent this from happening and would like to get involved, please contact our current H&S president, Rich Medina at stgregshomeandschool@gmail.com.

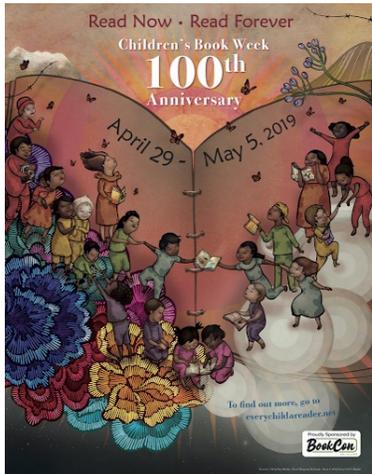
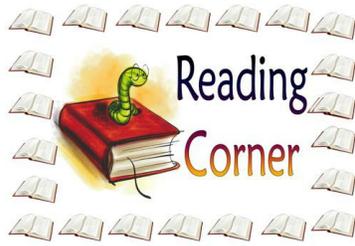
Road Construction

The road construction will continue through November. Traffic patterns may be redirected with little notice. As inconvenient as they are, we must comply for the sake of safety. We continue to battle the traffic patterns both in the parking lot and as cars leave the lot. Please remember there is NO LEFT TURN onto 60th street. Also, several cars are seen trying to exit out onto Oklahoma Avenue during drop off and pick up times. We have tried to establish strict rules for the safety of all who travel on the premises, but we can only do so much to enforce them. PLEASE...

- Do not cut across the parking lot through the aisles. Drive to the end of the aisle toward the back of the lot to cross.
- Do not drive through the drop off line and then into the parking lot. Choose either the line or the lot.
- Do not pull into parking slots towards the office door during drop off or pick up. We have too much walking traffic in those areas, which is why it is blocked off by cones.
- SLOW DOWN!!! Please drive slowly and cautiously in the lot.

MAP Testing, Round 3

We are in our final testing window for the year for grades 1-8 in reading and math. This test session will allow us to gather growth data for our students. We use this data to determine the effectiveness of our instructional programs, the academic growth rate of individual students, and areas of strength or improvement. We track data from year to year to develop a complete profile of each student's learning performance during their time at St. Greg's. If your student will not be in school, please inform the office so arrangements can be made to make the testing up.



Last week at St. Greg's we were all reminded of the extraordinary power children's literature can have in our lives. We came back from spring break and celebrated the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week. Readers in kindergarten through middle school read, listened to, and voted for their favorite among 5 books for their grade level band (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8). The books voted on were all published within the last year. Students at St. Greg's who cast a vote join thousands of others in this national campaign to select the Children's and Teen Choice Book of the Year. Want to know what books made the cut? The Children's Book Council website has the complete **l i s t** . <https://www.cbcbooks.org/cbc-book-lists/2019-finalists/>

The writer's at Oprah magazine even joined in the Children's Book Week campaign and compiled a list of eleven young adult classics. I personally love this list because it is a celebration of strong characters who overcome challenges and rise to be their very best selves.

<https://bit.ly/2DQUNoW>

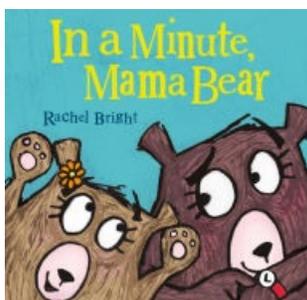
Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 12th. What better way to honor the important women in our lives than with a special book? These lists have a recommendation for all different types of families.

<https://www.workingmother.com/childrens-books-mothers-day>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/8-perfect-picture-books-for-mothers-day-2/>

Is the mom in your life a bookworm? Then you might want to check out these title suggestions for her. <https://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/holidays/mothers-day/books-for-mom?>

Mark your calendars:



Storytime and Activities Featuring In a Minute, Mama Bear
Saturday May 11, 2019, 11:00 AM @ Barnes and Noble
on South 76th Street

When Mama Bear decides to throw the to-do list out the window and spend the day playing and relaxing in the park with baby Bella Bear, they find that sometimes, when things don't go as planned, they can still have a whole lot of fun.

Flower Shop, Tuesday, May 14, 6-7 pm @ Zablocki Library
Practice helping out at the florist's shop. Help customers, arrange flowers, run the cash register, and write up orders.



Ice Cream Story Time, Saturday, May 18, 10:30 am @ Central Library

Summer's coming! What better way to get ready than with ice cream? Let's sing songs and read stories that celebrate this tasty treat. Then we'll experiment by making our own creamy concoctions.

Kids' Book Hangout

Saturday May 18, 2019 2:00 PM @ Barnes and Noble on South 76th Street

Join us for our Kids' Book Hangout and discover your next favorite book. Enjoy games, activities, and giveaways, and save 20% on featured books from 2PM-5PM. Plus, receive a coupon for a \$1 Blondie Bar.

New Book Releases:



Happy Reading!
Mrs. Wabiszewski,
Reading Specialist

Spring Concert

Just a note to remind you that 5th through 8th grade students have a performance tonight, Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM. All are expected to be in attendance as this is a major portion of their final Music grade. This date has been on the school calendar since the beginning of the school year.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Students are to report to their homerooms by 6:10 PM.

The concert is a dress occasion. Therefore, we ask that NO jeans of any color be worn. School or Church appropriate attire is the rule of thumb. Girls should wear safe shoes as they will be climbing and standing on a riser.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you on May 8th at 6:30 PM.

Joanne Collins, Music Specialist

Home & School Restaurant Night

Home and School is having a restaurant night at Blaze Pizza in West Allis! Come and support St. Greg's while enjoying delicious pizza. Bring in this FLYER or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to St. Greg's!
May 14th ~ 5-8pm ~ 10730 W. National Ave.

[Flyer](#)

(submitted by Amber Ordaz)

Heart of the Nation Mass

The St. Greg's children's choirs had the opportunity to sing in a Heart of the Nation Mass. All cantors were outstanding. The Masses filmed will air June 23rd, and 30th and July 7th, 14th and 21st on channel 6 at 5:30 AM and channel 24 at 9:00 AM. Additionally, they will be uploaded to our website, www.heartofthenation.org, Facebook, and YouTube www.youtube.com/heartofthenation.

Scrip

Scrip Families and Partners... Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 9 a.m. will be the last opportunity to purchase Scrip to be used towards St. Greg's 2019-2020 school year tuition. Anything purchased after that will be put towards the 2020-2021 school year. If you currently have a student that is in 7th grade (an 8th grader for the 2019-2020 school year) or are partnering with a family whose youngest child is now in 7th grade, they will not need St. Greg's tuition credit for the 2020-2021 school year. Please consider sponsoring another family or becoming a tuition angel after May 28. Please contact Alice Erlandson, Scrip Coordinator, at 414.543.8292 ext.217 or aerlandson@stgregsmil.org to discuss your options. If you do not specify, your credit will go into the general parish fund.

St. Greg's Annual 10¢ Book Sale

When: May 16th & 23rd
During regular class library times

Where: St. Greg's Library

Students bring your dimes and take home books!

(submitted by Mrs. Jaimie Sponder)

Yearbooks

Yearbook order forms were due into the school at the beginning of the year. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please contact

VIP, Visual Image Photography.
W63 N582 Hanover Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012
Phone: 262.375.4457

Box Tops Fundraising

Turn everyday purchases into money for St. Greg's! From cereal to snacks to office supplies, look for Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.

Send in your cut out Box Tops to school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school. Our school can use the money for anything it needs! Technology, books, and playground equipment are just some of the ways schools have chosen to use the funds raised through Box Tops for Education.

[Product List](#) [Flyer](#)

(submitted by Mrs. Mona Seidcheck)

Save the Date

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL...

join us at the...

1st Annual St. Greg's athletic banquet

May 31, 2019 ~ 6:30 - 8:30pm (TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

St. Greg's Tenpenny Hall
MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

See flyer [HERE](#)

(for student athletes and their families)

(submitted by John & Jill Schneider, Co-Athletic Directors)

Upcoming Events

May 16 & 23: Library 10¢ Book Sale
May 21: 8th grade Retreat
May 22: Awards Day 1:30pm
May 27: Memorial Day - No School
May 31: K4-K5 Bridging 9am; 1st Annual St. Greg's Athletic Banquet, 6:30 - 8:30pm
(TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Attachments

[May Calendar](#)
[May Breakfast Menu](#)
[May Lunch Menu](#)
[Revised 2019 School Calendar*](#)

Links

[UWM Reading Skills Program](#)
[St. Thomas More Junior Cavalier Basketball program](#)
[St. Thomas More 2019 Summer Camps](#)
[Pius XI 2019 Summer Camps](#)

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