

September 13, 2017



### Greetings St Greg's Families,

The rush of the first weeks of school and the festival are finally behind us. We can now settle into routines and get into serious learning mode. We only have 32 days until the first quarter ends!

### Growth Mindset

This summer I spent a great deal of time thinking and learning about how to develop a growth mindset in our school environment- a place where all students believe that with effort and perseverance, they can succeed. Dr. Carol Dweck, a researcher at Stanford University, has identified two belief systems about intelligence.

A **fixed mindset** is one where we believe that our children's innate abilities, talents, and intelligence are fixed. They are either "good" or talented at something or they are not. They can certainly learn new things, but this particular skill or subject is not really their "thing."

A **growth mindset** is the belief that intelligence, skills, and talent are malleable, and they can change with effort, perseverance, and practice.

Our faculty and staff spent some in-service time this summer in preparation for instilling a **growth mindset** into the learning culture of our school. We are committed to helping our students move to a growth-oriented mindset that can give them the drive to succeed.

One component of a **growth mindset** is learning from failure. From the moment our children are born, we want to protect them. Our instincts are to catch them before they fall. It is not easy to see our children not have success in whatever goal they are working toward- from learning to walk to getting into their first choice of college. But in order to raise resilient, confident, optimistic children, we must learn to be comfortable when they make mistakes and/or fail. When children are given opportunities to struggle, it builds resiliency. Without struggle it is difficult to develop coping skills, grit, and resiliency. As parents, we must model this as well; let your kids be persistent and overcoming challenges-not quitting because something is too hard.

We ask that you join us this year in establishing a **growth mindset** in our students. Please see the inserts in this week's postings as to how you can help your child at home move toward a **growth mindset**. Additional information will be sent home in the next few newsletters to create a **growth mindset** in the home environment.

### Bishop Haines Visit

We are excited to welcome Bishop Robert Haines to preside at our September 21st all-school mass next week. Parents and families are invited to attend.

### Festival Fun

Thank you to all our festival volunteers and visitors for contributing to the success of St. Greg's Parish Festival this past weekend. It was so nice to see so many of our school families and friends supporting our community.

### Parking Lot Procedures

Now that the festivities are over, we can get back to the usual parking lot routine. Please remember to follow the procedures as established in the parent handbook. Just a reminder to park only in the designated areas for drop off and pick up. Please only drive down the aisles of the lot

instead of crossing over the parking spaces. Also, please drive slowly, carefully, and be mindful of children who don't always watch for moving traffic. We want to keep everyone safe.

### **Gym Teacher and Spanish Teacher**

We continue our search for teachers to fill these vacant positions. If you know of any certified teachers in either of these specialty areas, please refer them to me. Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering for lunch or recess supervision, we could use the help.

Kind Regards,  
Amy Schlegel

### **Last Day for Basketball Sign-Up!**

Today is the ***last*** day for online sign-up for 5th - 8th grade girls and boys basketball.

**There is an evening registration in the gym concession stand on TODAY, Wednesday, September 13th from 5:00-6:00 PM.**

Please visit the Athletic Association website for the sign-up link and for forms.

<http://www.stgregsmil.org/Athletic-Association>

Thank you from the Athletic Association

### **Festival Cans for Computers Update!**

Festival Cans for Computers was again a successful venture for our school Technology Fund. We collected a total of \$241.00 worth of aluminum during the festival. Thank you to all the festival workers, bartenders, parishioners, parents, and students that donated their time and helped collect and crush cans. Don't forget to continue saving your aluminum cans. You can drop off your crushed aluminum cans on the playground every Monday morning before 8:00 A.M. starting September 18th.

(Mrs. Bayer & Mrs. Dahl)

### **Bookends Information**

A St. Greg's family may use Bookends without formally registering. Attendance must be arranged through the office or directly with the Bookends Director. Families will be charged \$15 per child for the session regardless of drop-off or pick-up time. The fee is due at the time of drop-off or pick-up.

(Mrs. Alice Erlandson, Bookends Director)

### **Soles for Catholic Education**

Come and join us at the 5th Annual Soles for Catholic Education Walk on Saturday, October 21st! The walk gives us the opportunity to celebrate Catholic schools and celebrate our community! All the funds raised by our walkers remain right at St. Greg's and support tuition assistance.

The school is holding a competition between the classes this year. The classes with the most walk participants get a popcorn/movie party. Partner grades will compete against each other for participants. (8th vs 7th, 6th vs 5th, etc.)

Free registration ends on Monday, September 25.

Register now at [www.catholicschoolswalk.org](http://www.catholicschoolswalk.org) and select St. Gregory the Great as the Participating School

**Let's get walking!!!**

(See [Flyer](#))

## First Day Forms

Just a reminder to please fill out and return the first day forms as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Also, please be sure to update information throughout the year as any changes occur so our records remain current. Thank you from the school office.

## High School Fall Events

### Pius XI Catholic High School 2017 Fall Events

Registration for Pius XI Fall Shadow Days is now open to 8th grade students. Registration forms can be found at [www.piusxi.org/shadow-days](http://www.piusxi.org/shadow-days)

Oct. 5

Oct. 12

Oct. 20

Oct. 27

Nov. 9

Nov. 10

Nov. 16

Nov. 22

Nov 30

#### Open House

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 am Mass, 10:00 a. - 2:00 pm Tours

Monday, October 23, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tours

#### 8th Grade Application and Entrance Exam Dates

Registration for the entrance exam is found on the Pius Xi Admissions Application at [www.piusxi.org/apply-now](http://www.piusxi.org/apply-now)

Saturday, Oct. 28 - Full ACT Entrance Exam

Friday, Nov. 3 - Reading and Math ACT Entrance Exam

Friday, Nov. 3 - Application Deadline

#### 8th Grade Merit Based Scholarship Competition

Saturday, Nov. 19

Applied students can participate for merit scholarships in areas of math, science, writing, vocal and instrumental performance, theater, dance and Catholic Leadership. Registration for Scholarship Day is found on the Pius XI Admissions Application.

Thank you for all you do for Catholic education. Please let me know if you have any questions about the events or admissions process for your 8th grade students.

(Angela Mullooly, Admissions Outreach Manager)

## Marquette University High School

- The annual Marquette University High School Open House will take place on Sunday, October 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mass will be offered for families at 9:00 a.m. in the O'Rourke Performing Arts Hall. Families are encouraged to register online before the day of the event.
- The annual Marquette University High School Entrance Exam for 8th graders will be held on Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 4th. The test will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Students must register for their chosen exam day prior to the day of the exam. Registration includes a completed application and a confirmed reservation.

If you have questions regarding admissions or general information about Marquette University High School, please have them contact MUHS Admissions at (414) 933-7220 or [admissions@muhs.edu](mailto:admissions@muhs.edu).

Please see attached [flyer](#) for more information.

(Erin Brown, Admissions Assistant)

### Upcoming Events:

September 15: Spirit Wear Day  
September 21: All School Mass with Bishop Haines (Gr. 7)  
October 3: Make-up Pictures  
October 12-13: No Classes - Teacher In-Service  
October 16: No Classes - Teacher In-Service

### Attachments:

[The Do's and Don'ts Encouraging a Growth Mindset](#)  
[A Parent's Guide to Encouraging a Growth Mindset](#)

[Patrick Reilly Lecture](#)

[2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

### Spirit Wear Days:

September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th, January 19th,  
February 23rd, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th

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