

Feb. 17th Newsletter



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Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

We begin the Lenten season today with Pope Francis' Lenten message to "renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ." Although our current circumstances distance us physically, we do walk together on our journey towards the light of Easter. Today, on Ash Wednesday, we take our first steps onto the path.

Change in Plans

The school building, including the school office, will be closed through February 26. Students may return for on-site learning on March 1. All students are expected to participate in virtual learning from home during this period, including Fridays. We have cancelled our picture days that were scheduled for February 25-26. We may be able to reschedule them for a later date. More information will be sent out as this becomes possible. Student work pick-up days will go back to the usual format on the 25th and 26th. See info below.

Return to On-Site Learning

As you know, we closed the school building down for virtual learning through February 26 as a safety precaution due to four confirmed Covid-19 cases. I realize the fear and uncertainty that this situation brings to some of our families when determining whether to return students to the school building. We take the health and safety of our students very seriously and want our families to be able to make the best decision for themselves. The survey for parents to opt into on-site learning is now available to our current off-site families. We ask that all off-site students indicate their preference for the month of March. It is easier for us to track numbers if all off-site students participate in the survey so we do not have to call to follow up if we don't hear from you.

<https://forms.gle/dktm4wSyVFrN1CJH6>

Points to consider

- The four confirmed student Covid-19 cases were traced to outside sources. They were not transmitted in the school building.
- As relayed by the Milwaukee Health Department, transmission of the virus is most likely to occur if people are within six feet of one another for over a 10 minute span of time. Our current on-site social distancing practices do not permit this type of close contact among students or staff even within the same cohort.
- We had a visit from the MHD today and were commended for our social distancing and cleaning practices we have in place in the building. They had no further suggestions for additional protocols.
- We are currently at 41% participation of on-site learning. (Before we all had to return to off-site virtual)
- If we hit 50% or higher of on-site learning participation, we may be able to increase the amount of live instruction for our students in the classrooms with less screen time throughout the day.

February Enrollment Period Ending

The February enrollment period ends on Monday, February 22. Because the school office is closed during this virtual-only period, supporting documents for all applications must be emailed to Sherry Fritz, our Administrative Assistant, at sfritz@stgregsmil.org by Monday. Currently, we have over 90 applications submitted to DPI, but only 42 have been completed with the supporting documents to the school office. Applications become void on the DPI website if the supporting documentation is not submitted to us within the enrollment period. The next enrollment period begins March 1.

Student Work Pick-up

The February student work pick-up is now scheduled for Thursday, February 25 from 3 to 4:30pm. Fridays will continue to be virtual learning days, so the pick-up will be from 8-9am on Friday, February 26. We will have support teachers distribute the student work on Friday, so the classroom teachers will be ready for virtual instruction at 9am as usual.

March Lunch Sign-up

Please remember to sign your student up for any March breakfast or lunch orders. Meals are free to any student wishing to participate in the meal program, but they must sign up to order in advance.

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Marketing Incentive

Just a reminder that St. Greg's is offering an incentive to families who bring new families to our school. **We will give a \$100.00 gift card to any family who secures a new family for enrollment and fall attendance.** New families can name a current family in their registration form. We hope this incentive will encourage our St. Greg's families to become even greater ambassadors for our school.

Kind Regards,

	Amy Schlegel	
	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Kids Heart Challenge</p> <p>When your student joins the Kids Heart Challenge not only will they raise funds to help kids—and all people—with special hearts, they'll also learn about their heart health. Activities and interactive technologies make it fun to learn how to keep your heart and brain strong and emphasize both physical and emotional wellness. Plus, our school can earn PE equipment.</p> <p>Please register today. Information for registering may be found in the attached virtual online parent letter.</p>	
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