

## May 26 Newsletter



# St Gregory the Great Parish School

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May 26, 2021

### **Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,**

This final week in May has us not only preparing for the last days of school, but we are also looking ahead to our beginning days of next year. So much to do in such little time! The planning never ends.

#### **June Choice Enrollment Period**

Tuesday, June 1 begins our next enrollment period. Get your child registered for next year to ensure a seat. Our numbers are slowly increasing, but "Great" seats are still available! Remember, current families who refer a new family to St. Greg's will receive \$100.00! Please see the Refer-A-Family voucher found [here](#).

**Fall Athletics**

In-person sign-up for fall sports will be in the gym again this Thursday from 1:30-2:30pm. Please enter through the gym doors from the parking lot. Volleyball Gr. 5-8 girls and Soccer gr. 5K- 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. [See flyer.](#)

**Back to School Photos**

We will be taking student photos on Back to School Night on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The protocols for ordering photos has changed to streamline the process. VIP will need parent email contacts to send photo proofs to parents for purchasing options. There will be no envelopes for pre-order information or money needed on the night of the photo shoot. Please make sure we have current parent email information recorded in Power School, so we can provide accurate emails to the photo company. All photo orders will be made through online purchase directly with VIP. Yearbooks will also be available for purchase in this manner.

**Fond Farewells**

After 25 years of dedicated service to the students and families of St. Gregory the Great Parish School, Mrs. Lisa Bayer will be retiring at the end of this school year. We have been very blessed to have Mrs. Bayer as a member of our school and parish community and thank her for her loving care and commitment to St. Greg's and to Catholic Education. She will be entering retirement after 27 years of teaching in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We will definitely miss her!

We will also be saying our farewells to Mr. Ben Oberdorf, our P.E. and Middle School Health Teacher. Mr. Oberdorf will be leaving St. Greg's next year to take a principal position at another school. We thank him for his superior motivation, wellness support, and great ideas, and wish him well on the next phase of his career in education.

**Warm Weather School Attire**

As the temperatures rise and the classrooms warm up, we want the students to dress comfortably yet appropriately. Since we have not been enforcing the uniform policy this year, we will allow students to be "out of uniform" for the remainder of the year, but will still enforce the knee-length rule for shorts or skirts, proper footwear with closed toe and heel straps, and modest-fitting clothing. Sleeveless, spaghetti straps, or cropped shirts are not allowed.

**Final Drop Off/Pick Up**

All school materials, books, and devices must be returned to school on June 10 from 3-4:30pm or June 11 from 8-9am. Report cards and end of year school info packets will be distributed at this time as well. If you are unable to attend during these times,

please call the school office to arrange for an alternate time. Students who are in-person will be able to exchange materials during school hours on those days.

### **Summer Meals Program**

There are many organizations throughout Wisconsin that provide free healthy meals to children throughout the summer. You may use one or more of the following resources to find your nearest location:

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Kindest Regards,  
Amy Schlegel  
Principal

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## **2020-21 Annual School Status Report St. Gregory the Great Parish School**

**Mission/philosophy/goals-** The current school improvement plan in mission and Catholic identity has been to increase staff participation and role modeling of Catholic Social Teachings in our school community and provide opportunities for faculty and students to learn, reflect, and take action as Catholic participants in global discipleship.

- Explore opportunities for students and staff to participate in action projects within the community.

- Re-establish our Catholic commitment to service and volunteerism
- Fine tune service expectations for our graduates

Due to the pandemic, this goal has lost some of its momentum this year. However, the staff participated in 2 retreats, our students participated in the Rice Bowl program, and individual classrooms completed simple service projects with their students such as cards for veterans, artwork for the pantry patrons, letters to soldiers, and letters to home bound parishioners.

We will continue to work towards this goal next year as the pandemic ends and more opportunities become available. We would like to renew our Exemplary status in School Mission and Catholic Identity in 2023.

**Overview of the curricular program-** The past two years we have been focusing on the goal to update technology infrastructure and design curriculum and instruction that prepares students to become expert users of technology within the classroom.

- Transition to school-wide student use of Chromebooks
- Become a Google-certified school- increase education technology literacy across the board
- Provide training for teachers to utilize and incorporate more technology into the learning process

One of the benefits of the pandemic was that we were forced into the realm of technology in a way that we would have never imagined. Our staff and students had to quickly learn how to become expert users of technology and everyone rose to the challenge. We now have school-wide 1:1 Chromebook access. The school owns 4 classroom sets of Chromebooks, and we were able to obtain 6 more classroom sets with our Esser funds this year. Each set came complete with charging carts. Some Google training was offered to the middle school teachers this year, but most of the learning was self-taught in the moment of teaching. Next year we will provide more training to seek Google certification.

Last year we established the goal to improve student Math RIT scores to reflect a 1.5 year growth in 1 year's time in 60% of our students.

- Implement Daily 3 instruction format
- Adopt the latest math series across all grade levels (2019)

- Training for teachers in Daily 3 instruction and best practices
- Develop tracking system for individual student growth

With the adoption of our new math series for all grades in 2019, we were off to a great start in providing training in Daily 3 instruction for our teachers and providing guided instruction for our students. We were seeing a slight increase in our student MAP math scores from fall to winter, but then the pandemic struck, and we were no longer able to test students to track student growth. We have not been able to MAP test this year at all, so we hope to resume our tracking next year.

Thankfully, our goal to fully implement a school-wide Standards-Based Grading method of assessment was met the year before the pandemic hit. We had established the framework with the students and families in 2018-19. Each year since, we have further aligned our objectives and assessments with the standards and provided more opportunities for our students to be involved in the assessment process. By identifying priority standards for each subject area at each grade level, we are better able to determine what students must learn before moving to the next grade.

- Provide communication to parents and students
- Make policy updates in handbooks i.e.: homework policy, grade reporting
- Provide professional development of the best assessment practices for teachers
- Update grading and reporting systems- PowerSchool and report cards

All these tasks were completed. We are now implementing scoring guides and assessment strategies to further support the goal.

**General curriculum-** We had hoped to adopt a new Social Studies series this year, as our current one is from 2013. New state SS standards were recently adopted and have shifted the instructional focus from content to skill-based with an emphasis on inquiry. As the pandemic required us to modify our curriculum to accommodate a virtual setting, we felt that it was best to wait another year to adopt a new series. We are currently in the process of reviewing resource options for next year.

I must commend our teachers for their dedication, professionalism, flexibility, and perseverance in the implementation of our virtual and hybrid learning formats. Their tremendous efforts and rapid skill development provided smooth transitions and effective accommodations for our students.

**Achievement test results-** Our students have not participated in our diagnostic or growth measurement testing of MAP this year. Grades 3-8 participated in the state Forward Exam. Results are not released until mid-July.

**Goals-** The School Commission developed a new marketing plan to incur an 11% increase in enrollment in early childhood over a 3-year period.

**Status of accreditation-** We were fully accredited this year. We are currently in year 3 of the 7-year cycle. Each school receives an accreditation visit every 7 years.

**Financial status and projections-** Our enrollment was lower than anticipated this year due mainly to the pandemic. We also graduated a class of 28 and took in a class of 7. We hope to enroll a minimum of 150 choice and 10 tuition students.

**Tuition and fees-** see tuition schedule

**Parish subsidy and other funding streams-** The school received Esser Funds this year as part of the pandemic relief support for schools. The archdiocese gave us a \$1000.00 in the form of a COVID-19 relief grant. In addition, Title funds were used to provide PD, learning materials, and start-up funds for our school garden.

**Parent engagement initiatives, including parent education, extra-curricular activities, and volunteerism** - It becomes increasingly difficult to engage parents in volunteering for these roles within the school. This year we did not have much parent interaction, but the Home and School and School Commission are challenged with finding committed, skilled, and willing parents to support extra-curricular and/or leadership positions. Therefore, the following goal was established: Leadership groups engage in formation, ongoing training, and self-evaluation for themselves to ensure the faithful execution of their respective responsibilities.

- Develop evaluation tools to aid in defining and evaluating the effectiveness of leadership groups
- Ensure understanding of specific membership responsibility
- Provide training to improve leadership quality

Our school commission was blessed to receive training from Mr. Bruce Varich, Associate Superintendent for the Office of Schools, in order to establish an effective team. We were able to accomplish these three tasks for the current School Commission; however, the terms of several of our commission members will be up

after the next school year. Recruiting new members and providing the ongoing training is always a challenge.

**Recognition of accomplishments of students-** The students of St. Greg's have demonstrated tremendous adaptability and perseverance throughout the school year as we transitioned through virtual and hybrid learning settings. They developed vital technology skills, time management, and independence in their learning.

**Recognition of professional accomplishments of teachers/staff/administrator-**

-Lisa Bayer (5<sup>th</sup> gr. Teacher) is retiring after 27 years of teaching in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and 25 of those years were served here at St. Gregory the Great.

-Katie Hayes (5K teacher) is pursuing her special education degree to add to her early childhood degree.

**Recommendations to strengthen the quality of the school program-** Continue to strengthen the bridge between the parish and the school. Combining efforts of marketing and recruitment. Providing opportunities for families and youth to participate in parish and school events.

**Report on facility usage, maintenance, and projections of future needs-** An ongoing goal has been to increase the safety and security measures of our school building

- Establish, implement, and enforce building security procedures and protocols
- Install more security cameras to increase surveillance of interior and exterior of building
- Install double lock features on all school entrances
- Install security door between main school entrance and Tenpenny Hall vestibule
- Obtain financing through DOJ security egrant to support upgrades
- Provide staff training in crisis prevention and response

The security grant was completed this school year. All the listed goals were completed except the security door in the hall vestibule. The door is no longer considered a priority. However, continued communication with outside parties who use the school facility must be maintained to ensure building safety and security.

-One more security camera placed facing the steps of door #10 would provide added surveillance of a “popular loitering spot” for our teenage neighbors.

-The gym floor was resurfaced, the 1<sup>st</sup> floor was replaced, and a new roof was surfaced over the 4K and Bookends building.

-Expenses for Cleaning and safety precautions were taken on this year to accommodate for the pandemic.

-Consideration for window replacement throughout the school building is still in effect.



**St. Greg's Trojans  
Volleyball/Soccer Sign up  
2021 Fall Season**



**VOLLEYBALL – GRADES 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Girls**

**SOCCER – GRADES K5-8<sup>th</sup> Boys/Girls**

ONLINE SIGNUP - May 19<sup>th</sup>- June 11<sup>th</sup>  
<https://stgregsmil.weshareonline.org>

IN PERSON SIGNUP - Thursdays 1:30PM -2:30PM  
(May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>)

**St. Greg's Gym**

Please come through the Gym entrance from the parking lot



COST: \$40 per player  
(cash or check made payable to St. Gregory the Great Athletics)

**Coaches are needed for both volleyball/soccer.**  
**If interested in coaching please email St. Greg's Athletics at**  
[athletics@stgregsmil.org](mailto:athletics@stgregsmil.org)



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## PIUS XI 2021 BOYS BASKETBALL CAMPS

*Come and learn from Pius XI Varsity Head Coach Dan Carey, his coaching staff, as well as current and former Popes players!*

### FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

This camp focuses on the basics of the game. Campers can expect to practice shooting, passing and catching, ball handling, rebounding and defense. The basic concepts of game play and strategy will also be covered. We welcome kids of all ability and experience levels who simply love to play the game and want to get better in a fun environment!

Dates: June 14 - June 17  
Time: 8:00am - 10:00am  
Grades: Incoming 4th - 6th  
Fee: \$80

Dates: June 14 - June 17  
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm  
Grades: Incoming 7th - 9th  
Fee: \$80

### PURE SHOOTING

This camp focuses on the fundamental mastery of shooting technique, form and proper repetition. Campers can expect to shoot a high volume of shots each day, with emphasis on shot mechanics, proper form and footwork. Sign up today and let's get to work on your shot!

Dates: June 21 - June 24  
Time: 8:00am - 10:00am  
Grades: Incoming 4th - 6th  
Fee: \$80

Dates: June 21 - June 24  
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm  
Grades: Incoming 7th - 9th  
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LOCATION: Pius XI Field House (135 North 76th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53213)

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[www.piusxiathletics.org/page/show/4851761-summer-camps](http://www.piusxiathletics.org/page/show/4851761-summer-camps)



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# CATHOLIC MEMORIAL CRUSADERS POMS

*Don't Miss Out and Register Today*

## **CMH Pom Spring Clinic & Halftime Performance**

**Tuesday, May 18th, 2021**

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Open to all K5 - 8th Graders!**

**Clinic:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (clinic location: CMH InPro Athletic Center)  
(performance location: Crusader Turf Field)

**Game:** 6:00 p.m.

**Halftime:** approx. 6:30 p.m.

K5 through 8th Graders are invited to join CMH Varsity Poms for a session of dancing and fun! The dancers will learn a pom routine and then showcase their hard work at halftime of a Catholic Memorial Varsity Lacrosse game.

**Cost:** \$35, includes clinic participation, snack, performance poms and souvenir T-shirt!

**Suggested Attire:** Participants should wear black bottoms (athletic shorts, pants, or capris), tennis shoes, and a tank-top or white long sleeve shirt (depending on the weather) that they can keep on under their clinic T-shirt for the performance. Other T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are welcome for the clinic portion of the evening. Please bring your own water bottles.

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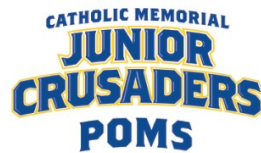
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**Register Today at [www.catholicmemorial.net](http://www.catholicmemorial.net)**

### CMH Pom & Dance

[www.catholicmemorial.net](http://www.catholicmemorial.net)

For questions contact: [catholicmemorialdance@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmemorialdance@gmail.com)



## 2021 JUNIOR CRUSADER POM & DANCE TEAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! OPEN TO ALL INCOMING 4TH - 8TH GRADERS!

**2021 team formation is dependent on the number of girls participating and volunteer coaches.**

**Practice:** 2 times a week for approximately 2 hours at CMH

**Performances:** Team members will learn pom and dance routines to perform at four Junior Crusader Home Football Games.

**Season Schedule:** The Junior Crusaders Pom & Dance team season begins with practices starting at the end of June and runs through October. Practices will run twice a week starting at the end of June and beginning of August, the team(s) will start performing at Junior Crusader football games.

### Uniforms

Uniforms and poms rental are included with registration.

Registration for the first year includes the Accessories Package participants will keep (white tennis shoes, dance shorts, backpack, socks and bow (after the first year, the accessories package is optional and families only need to pay for uniform/pom rental)

**Program Total Cost: \$250**

(includes uniform/pom rental & accessories package)

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

[www.catholicmemorial.net/junior-crusaders-poms](http://www.catholicmemorial.net/junior-crusaders-poms)

For questions contact: [catholicmemorialdance@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmemorialdance@gmail.com)







YEARLY RENTAL FEE: **\$150**

ACCESSORIES PKG TO KEEP: **\$100**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- Uniform Top Shell
- Uniform Skirt Shell
- Crop Top
- Blue & Gold Poms

**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- Performance Dance Shoes
- Blue Team Backpack
- Gold Hair Bow
- White Performance Socks



**Catholic Memorial**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**Register Today!**  
**CMH 2021 Summer Camps**



**Open to All Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**Sports, Arts, Drama, and much more!**

**Sports**

Bill Young's Football Camp, Quarterback Summer Camp, Summer Strength & Speed Training, Fencing for Beginners, Distance Running, The Crusader Way High School Girls Rugby, Tag Rugby, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Volleyball, Boys Basketball Shooting Camp, Boys Basketball, Future Crusader Basketball Camp, Summer Golf Camp

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**Activities**

Summer Cooking Camp, Top Secret Mission

**Fine Arts**

Bookbinding, Photoshop Basics, Build-A-Character, Dare To Doodle, Shakespeare Plays, Acting Shakespeare

**For Dates, Times, Full Details & to Register go to:**  
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