



ST. GREGORY CONNECTION

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Upcoming Events:

- **Join us for Swim Nights this Summer!** Meet at Zelenople Pool Tuesday, August 9, and Wednesday, August 31 from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Sponsored by St. Gregory PTG, and open to all school and Parish families.
- **Super Bingo** — Sunday, August 7. Come, have fun, and stay cool with us this summer!
- **Save the date! 100th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee** — Help us celebrate 100 years of St. Gregory School — Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Butler Country Club. Look for invitations and more details soon!
- Does your church, school, or community group have something to share in the **September edition** of the *St. Gregory Connection*? Please submit your information and/or articles **by August 15** to Lori Maloney at: lrimaloney@zoominternet.net

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Welcome to New St. Gregory School Families!

It's hard to believe that a new school year will be starting in about a month!

And this school year we will once again welcome a number of new families into the St. Gregory community.

St. Gregory PTG has created a Buddy System that pairs new families with current ones in an effort to help the new families get oriented and give them a chance to get to meet a few people before the start of the school year. Many thanks to all the families who volunteered their time to be a buddy. Your help is very much appreciated!

In total, we expect 23 new students, with 20 of them entering Kindergarten, two in third grade, and one in 5th.

A number of families with students already attending St. Gregory will also have Kinder-

garteners joining their siblings this year!

While the summer heat is still on, we welcome old and new school families alike, as well as parishioners, to cool off at the Zelenople Pool at our PTG-sponsored swim nights.

Cost is just \$3.00 per swimmer, with a maximum of \$12 per family. Hot dogs and condiments are provided. We only ask that you bring drinks and/or a snack to share. Last year, the kids enjoyed healthy snacks (fruits and veggies) and pizza. We appreciate any contribution and look forward to seeing you at Family Swim nights.

Watch for update reminders through the email system and also check the school website. Any changes or rain cancellations will be communicated as early as possible.

The remaining dates are Tuesday, August 9, (rain date from the



cancelled July 28 swim night) and Wednesday, August 31 from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Another way the PTG is welcoming the new families is with an Ice Cream Social that will be held just before school starts. All new families and their buddies should have received their invitations. Please RSVP to Cathy Troiani if you have not yet done so, at 724-453-1720 or ctroiani@zoominternet.net so we can plan to have plenty of ice cream and toppings for all.

In the meantime we hope everyone enjoys the remaining weeks of the summer. See you in September!

What's Happening in the Community



Cross Country Camp

When: August 1-5

Where: Zelenople Community Park

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Who: Open to children and youth ages 4-17.

Children will learn various running skills, proper running technique, and have their running stride evaluated. They will learn drills to improve speed, agility, and ability to run up hills and over various terrain. They will learn proper nutrition for runners, and how to make their own snacks and lunches for race day. They will have fun, play games and learn to love running.

The camp is \$75 or \$50 for all St. Gregory Cross Country runners. Please call Joella Baker at 724-321-4265 for more information.

St. Anne Guild News

St. Anne Guild wishes to thank all of you who donated, helped out in some way, and purchased items, which made the Annual Rummage Sale a huge success.

This fundraiser helps our group support various undertakings of St. Gregory and our St. Gregory School.

We are also looking for new members to join the Guild. We meet February thru July, then September thru December. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. in the Blue Room.

In May we hold the Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet. In June of course, our Rummage Sale.

July is Lawn Fete and some members do help with the White Elephant Sale which is in its second year, plus we have done a bake sale booth for many years. In December, the Guild members enjoy the Annual Christmas dinner.

This fall, St. Anne Guild will be celebrating 88 years as an active group of St. Gregory. Come see what we're all about and join the tradition!



Join us for the Grandparents Race — sign up today!

Race Date: September 17, 2011

10 mile, 5K Run and Walk and 1 Mile Run and Walk. You can register for one race, two races, or all three races.

All proceeds benefit the Benevolent Care Fund at the Passavant Retirement Community.

10 mile starts at 7:30 AM

5K starts at 10:30 AM

1 mile starts at 11:00 AM

Awards at 11:30 AM

Fun for the entire family. Food and beverages for everyone following each race.

For more information or to get an application, contact Joella Baker at 724-321-4265



Thanks to YOU — the 2011 Lawn Fete was a great success!

A HOT SPOT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

The 2011 St. Gregory Lawn Fete was held on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd, during some of the hottest weather experienced this summer. Festival patrons managed to keep cool sipping Slurpees, stepping in front of the misting fans and taking a ride on the Giant Slide. “Beat the Dealer” and “Over and Under” games had air conditioners in the booths. The delicious dinners, White Elephant Sale and card games were also provided in air conditioned comfort.

The Lawn Fete offered fun for all ages. Children were greeted by the St. Gregory Wolf and the Penn Dot Litterbug on the grounds. The WDVE Sports Center visited the festival on Thursday. The “Shakin Bacon” Cloggers performed on Friday. The new game ‘Air Wolf’ was a big hit as was the ‘Frog Launcher.’

Bargain hunters found treasures at the White Elephant Sale and sweets at the Bake Stand. The Chinese Auction featured 28 baskets ranging from Vera Bradley to Steeler Nation with a variety of themes in between. Sports fans played golf, tossed footballs, tried to predict their fastest pitch and spun the wheel to win Black and Gold prizes.

A visit to Kiddie land provided favorite games, face painting, rides and crafts.

The Lawn Fete Committee thanks everyone who participated in the festival. The event could not have happened without the many dedicated volunteers, generous donors and the support of Father Bill and the parish staff.

Thanks to all of the patrons who attended the festival. Comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please email your ideas to stgreglawnfete@gmail.com.

