

June 18, 2019

Dear Parents,

As the school year comes to an end, I am sure you are looking forward to enjoying the Summer! In order for you to plan properly, I would like to inform you of important dates to remember for the 2019-20 school year.

One last bit of housekeeping for this school year: At this time, ALL tuition and fees for the 2018-19 school year should be paid in full. Please check your account on the billing page of Option C for any outstanding amounts due and send payments in immediately to bring your account up to date. For the 2019-20 school year, the Technology fee for Grades N-8 was due April 12th. The first tuition payment was due May 1st. Payments are due during the first week of each month in May, June, September through April. Please be sure to send payments in on time to avoid late fees being added to your account. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss payment arrangements, please contact Mrs. Andrews in the school office, ext. 102. You will not be able to pick up your child's Report Card if your account is past due.

Please mark your calendar for the following important dates for the beginning of the 2019-20 school year:

- The school office will ONLY be open Tuesday, August 20th, Wednesday, August 21st and Thursday, August 22nd from 9:00am-1:00pm
- Tuesday, August 20th – Summer School/Tutoring proof due
- Tuesday, September 3rd, 7:00pm, Gregorian Hall – mandatory Parent meeting for parents with children entering Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten – **Parents ONLY, please as there is a lot to discuss**
- Wednesday, September 4th— First day of school for students in grades 1-8; half day of school (**please note half day dismissal time has changed to 12:00pm**)
- Thursday, September 5th— First day of school for Kindergarten; full day of school
- Thursday, September 5th – Bus service begins
- Friday, September 6th— Full day of school
- Monday, September 9th – First day of school for Nursery & Pre-K students-full day of school; EDP begins
- Thursday, September 12th– 7:00pm, Gregorian Hall – mandatory Parent meeting for parents with children in grades 1-8. **Parents ONLY, please as there is a lot to discuss**

As noted above, there are some changes in our school schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Please read the following information carefully, as times have changed. School will begin for grades 1-8 on Wednesday, September 4th and for Kindergarten on Thursday, September 5th. The doors to Gregorian Hall will open at **7:55 am** and will close **promptly at 8:05 am. Dismissal will be at 2:55pm for Kindergarten, 3:00pm for grades 1-8** in the school yard, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, dismissal will be in Gregorian Hall at the noted times.

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School will begin for Nursery and Pre-K on Monday, September 9th. Nursery and Pre-K students will enter at the door by the playground on 87th Avenue at **7:55 am** and doors will close **promptly at 8:05 am**. **Dismissal is at 2:55pm at the playground doors.**

ALL TEACHERS WILL BE ON HAND THESE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE PROPERLY GUIDED TO THEIR CLASS LINES. PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE GATHERING SPACE. I know many of you are concerned your children will not be able to find their way, but it becomes too congested if parents are permitted inside.

An additional change to our schedule is the lunch period which is being moved to 12:00pm-12:45pm for all students. Because of this, dismissal on half days has been changed to 12:00pm.

Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten students should be in their summer uniform – St. Gregory’s tee shirts and St. Gregory’s shorts. Grades 1-8 students should be in their summer uniform – St. Gregory’s khaki shorts, short sleeve St. Gregory’s golf shirt or skirts or jumpers for the girls. **In grades 4-8, shirts must be tucked in (boys and girls) and a black belt must be worn.** Students are permitted to wear either their black school uniform shoes OR **white sneakers ONLY**. If the sneakers are not white, your child will be considered to be out of uniform, and will receive a demerit. Also, please remember no “fad” hairstyles are permitted, and girls are not permitted to wear make-up – **this includes nail polish**. In addition, jewelry is not permitted with the exception of a small religious medal, small **post** earrings for girls only, and watches. **NO JEWELRY IS ALLOWED ON GYM DAYS. A reminder that no students may dress-down on Mass days.**

I know that this is a lot of information, but I am sure we all want to start the school year off on the right foot. More details about all of these procedures will be addressed again in our student handbook.

We all look forward to another successful year at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Alaimo
Principal