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"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things." ~St. Gregory the Great

June 30, 2025

Hello St. Gregory Catholic School Families!

We pray everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer so far! Our office team is working hard to prepare for the 2025-2026 school year...it is a year-round effort for us! We welcome our new families, our new Pastor, Fr. Bona, and are looking forward to seeing everyone for another amazing school year at STG!

We are excited to welcome the following new staff members to our team:

- Mrs. Abby Polanco, Preschool Aide
- Mr. Ethan Morkert, 3rd Grade
- Mr. Philip Imatong, 6-8 Social Studies
- Mr. Marcial Perucho, 6-8 Literature
- Mr. Ethan Soto, 6-8 English
- Mrs. Lorraine Ramirez, Part-Time Nurse
- Mrs. Adriana Ortega, Aftercare Aide

In addition, the following staff members are continuing serving the STG community, but in different capacities:

- Mrs. Cindy Wolfe, 1st Grade Aide
- Mr. Naz Felix, Director of Student Affairs/Athletic Director/6-8 Life Skills Teacher
- Mrs. Cresilda Parce, 4th Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Lynnette Navarro, Part-Time Nurse

We will introduce our entire staff team and their teaching assignments on Thursday, July 31st at our Meet the Teacher Night.

Included in this letter is the most current information for the start of the 2025-2026 academic year.

There is A LOT of information, so please take time to read through all of the material and attachments. Please share this information with grandparents or family members who help you and your children "do school", so they are aware of what's to come.

*****All information will be detailed in the 2025-2026 Student/Family Handbook
which will be sent out late July.*****

THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Website:** Our school website is www.stgphx.org We update it with current information often, so please check in from time to time as we lead into the new school year.
- **School Summer Hours** for the remainder of the SUMMER:
 - June 27 - July 13: Office CLOSED
 - July 14 - July 25: 8:00am-1:00pm, Monday-Thursday, CLOSED FRIDAYS
 - July 28: Resume regular hours - 7:30am-3:30pm, Monday-Thursday and 7:30am-1:30pm Fridays

School Hours for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- Monday-Thursday: 7:50am-3:00pm/Fridays: 7:50am-1:00pm
- Intermittent 12:00 Noon Early Release Days (marked on school calendar)
- **Calendar:** The School Calendar reflects all major, scheduled events and notable days. Please keep in mind it is subject to change and some events are still awaiting scheduling. Ongoing communication will go out prior to each individual event with particular details.
 - The 2025-2026 calendar-at-a-glance is attached. We will be adding a detailed, monthly calendar to our website. This will be a living document that will be updated in real time...a good thing to bookmark!
 - We will be combining CURRICULUM NIGHTS & POTLUCKS together this year! The potlucks last year were a positive addition. We took feedback and are fine-tuning these evenings to maximize time, effort and community building. You will find these evenings on the calendar and detailed information will be shared.
- **Handbook:** Our Student/Family Handbook serves as a contract between home and school and a crucial part of the day-to-day function and expectations of our school. Handbook compliance directly impacts the safety and order of our school. It is the responsibility of every parent to read, acknowledge and follow the rules, policies and procedures outlined in the handbook, as well as to ensure their student(s) understand and follow the rules and procedures. Every parent & student must sign and submit a Handbook Agreement form. **The 2025-2026 Student/Family Handbook and Handbook Agreement Form will be sent in a separate email later in July.**
- **Student Summer Work:** Summer is for fun & relaxation, but it is important to keep the mind engaged. Please make sure your child is completing any summer assignments available on our website www.stgphx.org. Please note, not all grades have set summer work expectations. ***Overall, reading and reviewing math facts is the best practice!***
- **Safe Environment (SET)** Initial Training and/or Renewal is MANDATORY for all adults (parents, grandparents, older siblings, aunts, uncles, etc.) who wish to have any interaction with our students. This includes visiting our campus, chaperoning field trips, assisting with school events on campus, recess/lunch helpers, classroom visits, etc. This is a Diocese of Phoenix requirement and important to maintain the safety of our students. RENEWAL begins after July 1, 2025. *The renewal link for the 2025-2026 school year is <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/> and you will also receive an email reminder.*

- **FACTS Family Portal** is our school information management system. It allows you to access your student's assignments, grades, calendars, forms, etc. during the school year, as well as where to set up your tuition account. If you need to create a Facts Portal account, please go to factsmgmt.com and go to parent log-in to create a new parent account using our school code: SG-AZ and email on file. Accessing this portal regularly, especially for students in grades 4-8, keeps parents connected to their student(s) learning, progress and academic needs.
- **Uniforms: We have FULLY transitioned to Anton Uniform. All uniforms with logos and plaid must be purchased through Anton Uniform (including PE uniforms).** Solid color uniform pieces without logos, can be purchased at any retail store. Uniform details can be found in our Student-Family Handbook.
 - Don't forget about P.E. uniforms! The P.E. uniform is **optional for K – 2nd grade students and mandatory for 3rd – 8th**. Students will wear P.E. uniforms on their P.E. days. They will also be able to use them for after school sports practices.

Anton Uniform

905 N Scottsdale Rd Tempe, AZ 85288
(480) 968-6636 - <https://antonuniforms.com/>

- **Please ensure all students have handbook compliant hair and nail styles to start the year off on the right foot! So, please remove artificial nails/hair color in time!**
- **Hot Lunch:** We have a hot lunch partnership with My Hot Lunchbox. Hot lunches are optional and ordered/paid for through My Hot Lunchbox, directly by parents. My Hot Lunchbox meals are offered Monday - Thursday on 3pm dismissal days when school is open, unless stated otherwise. The cost of hot lunches vary based on the items ordered. Information will be communicated and available at stgphx.org once the new school year menus are available. **Sack lunches must be brought to school if not ordering hot lunches.*
 - *On this note, we will have parent recess/lunch help opportunities again this year! Adults current in Safe Environment Training, who would like to come and help supervise our lunch recess and cafeteria times, please contact the school office.*
- **Extended Day Care:** We offer an after-school Extended Day Program which is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services. The initial registration fee is \$40 per family for the school year and then \$10/day per student. The program operates from 3pm-5pm Monday –Thursday, and 1pm-3pm on Fridays. There are days on the calendar when Extended Care is not offered. In addition, we offer free morning care, before school, from 6:45am-7:30am. Contact the school office for more information at 602-266-9527. Register for Extended Day Care here: [Extended Day Registration Link](#)
- **Athletics:** If your 5th-8th grade student will be participating in a school sport, a physical is required, including [Sports Physical Form](#). There is a sports fee of \$125 per full-season sport, per athlete (cost reflects increase to cost of officiating & equipment). Participation in sports is encouraged, but optional. A physical and physical form are only required if participating. More information and details will come from our Athletic Director, Mr. Felix, but get your child's physical now, so you are ready for the fall sports season!

- **School Mass:** Weekly School Masses will continue to be celebrated every Wednesday at 8am (unless we have a special schedule, such as Holy Days of Obligation or Special Liturgical Celebrations, in which communication will be shared on Mass schedule change). Sunday School Masses will take place one Sunday a month (most months), where STG students and families are encouraged to celebrate 10am Mass with us.
- **Morning Assembly:** We start each day in fellowship and prayer in the courtyard for our Morning Assembly at 7:50am. Parents are welcome to attend Morning Assembly with us.
- **Arrival & Dismissal:** Parents may choose a designated area/gate of drop-off/pick-up that best suits their needs and be expected to follow all rules. Please look for details on designated gates in the handbook coming later in the summer.
- **Skill-Set to Share:** If you have a skill, talent, service that you would like to share with our school, please contact the school office. We love to support our families and form partnerships that improve STG!

IMPORTANT START OF SCHOOL YEAR DATES:

Tuesday, July 15	Used Uniform Sale, 9am-12pm, St. Gregory Hall
Thursday, July 31	Meet the Teacher Night , 5:00pm in Church ~ All will gather in the church, followed by time on campus! ~ <i>Feel free to bring & drop off school supplies that night!</i>
Tuesday, August 5	<u>First day of school!</u> Please be at school by 7:45am
August 5-8	Early dismissal schedule, 12:00 pm dismissal, bring sack lunch! (Full days start August 11)
Monday, August 11	Preschool/PreK Curriculum Night & Class Potluck
Tuesday, August 12	Kindergarten-2nd Grade Curriculum Night & Class Potluck
Wednesday, August 13	3rd-5th Grade Curriculum Night & Class Potluck
Thursday, August 14	6th-8th Grade Curriculum Night & Class Potluck
Friday, August 15	First School Mass, 8am...Holy Day of Obligation, all are welcome!

We pray that you continue to take the time to enjoy and treasure this summer with your children. Be mindful of the gift the experiences and memories created in the downtime of summer are, but know that an exciting adventure lies ahead for them in the new school year.

If you have questions, please contact us at (602) 266-9527. We are joyfully anticipating the presence of your beautiful children on campus and working together to make the upcoming school year a huge success! We look forward to seeing you all soon!

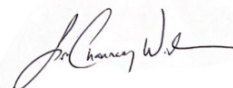
Prayers and Blessings,



Mrs. Rachel Gatson
Principal



Mrs. Margie Welfelt
Assistant Principal



Fr. Chauncey Winkler
Parochial Vicar