

# Our Mission. To Learn. To Achieve. To Grow.



## FACULTY

- The School's faculty is one of the best in the area. Saint Gregory's dedicated and professional staff is passionate about teaching and has excellent credentials. With an average class size of 15 students, faculty members foster leadership and scholarship through small classroom study. They encourage students to be independent and critical thinkers and support all students with tutoring, advising, peer-to-peer support and homework club.
- Teachers know each child well, and can tailor learning to the individual. Teachers mentor and challenge, encourage and nurture, and help each boy grow and develop academically, socially and emotionally. Personal teacher-student relationships continue well after graduation.
- In a recent survey of parents, other than strong academics, the faculty was listed as the single most important reason for selecting Saint Gregory's School for their child. All respondents rated the teachers as "qualified, competent and professional" and felt that they were dedicated to students' success.

## ATHLETICS

- Saint Gregory's offers strong and competitive athletics beginning in 3rd grade. Boys compete with other schools

in baseball, basketball, soccer, cross-country and track. Good sportsmanship and teamwork are fostered and rewarded. Parents, teachers and fellow students enthusiastically support the teams. This past year, the 7th-8th grade soccer team was undefeated. The previous year, the 7th-8th grade basketball team was league champions.

- Physical education classes are offered beginning in Nursery and expose students to a wide range of sports from dodge and volley ball to bowling, baseball, flag football and scooter hockey.

## SPIRITUALITY

- Saint Gregory's welcomes all faiths and appreciates religious diversity.
- The spiritual emphasis of the School fosters the development of faith-filled, respectful, moral, kind young men. Founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs, the School teaches the tenets of Catholicism. Students in 2nd grade are prepared for and receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Weekly Assembly focuses on character development and

offering prayers and intentions for others' needs. Daily prayer and the pledge of allegiance begin the school day. Mass is offered monthly.

## HUMANITIES

- The academic program is balanced with a rich art, music and humanities program. Music begins in Nursery and continues through the years as the boys learn to play the recorder and bells in Upper School. The School has a boys' choir and a jazz band. Private musical instrument lessons are offered after school. Boys sing the National Anthem and play the bells at community events.
- Extra-curricular clubs include chess, ski club, golf lessons and book club. Ballroom dance instruction is offered monthly to 5th and 6th graders with girls participating from area schools.
- Each year, the Christmas Program, class plays and musical performances showcase the many acting, singing and musical skills of the students. Grandparents Day, when children invite grandparents or special friends to school, is an anticipated event.





- Student art shows are offered throughout the year displaying a variety of drawings, sculptures, and artwork by students in each grade.
- An essay contest is offered annually. Last year students wrote about whom they considered their hero. Beautifully written tributes to parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers and friends were submitted.
- The annual “Saint Gregory’s School Reads” offers the entire school population and their parents a reading and book discussion program culminating in a special activity night. Last year the school read “Robin Hood” and participated in a Medieval Faire in the spring.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Saint Gregory’s cultivates the integrity, confidence and character of its students by valuing social responsibility, leader-

ship and community involvement. Community service is encouraged both on an individual and school-wide basis.

- In the Lower School, faculty and students work together on several projects: Make-A-Wish Foundation, packages for our Armed Forces, basketball games for local charities, and commemorations for national holidays.
- The Knights’ Program in the Upper School recognizes boys for their exemplary work in school and community service. Boys advance through the ranks from Page to Squire to Nobleman, Knight and finally, Knight-Ex Templar based on the amount of community service they complete over the required four credits per year.
- School-wide service includes: a food drive for a local food pantry; adopting families from Albany Medical Center for the holidays; collecting money for the Regional Food Bank; hosting a jump-a-thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and raising funds for many other local and national charities such as the American Red Cross and Haitian Orphans.

### SCHOOL SPIRIT

- All boys are encouraged to lead

by good example, incorporating thoughtfulness, positive attitudes and integrity into daily activities. The boys are taught to accept responsibility for their own actions and to develop initiative.

At Saint Gregory’s it is common to see an 8th grader stopping to chat with a Kindergartner; or, a 6th grader playing catch with a 2nd grader; or, a 7th grader looking out for a 1st grader on the school bus.

- Camaraderie is encouraged with annual team building days, whitewater rafting trips and spirit days. Saint Gregory’s boys encourage one another and develop friendships that last a lifetime.
- The foundation that the School builds throughout the program supports the development of boys into men, confident in their abilities and well prepared for the challenges of secondary school. Our boys go on to renowned boarding schools, academies, public schools, and eventually on to renowned colleges such as Bentley, Brown, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Holy Cross, NYU, Trinity and Williams to name a few. Our graduates are business and community leaders and include lawyers, educators, accountants, CEOs, doctors, judges, realtors, and bankers.

Saint Gregory’s School, the only all boy grammar school in the area, encourages boys to excel academically, grow emotionally, socially and spiritually, compete athletically, and develop artistically.



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