



# St. Gregory the Great Academy

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Dear Parents,

Peace be with you! Once again we have partnered with School Messenger to be our emergency notification system for the 2019-2020 school year. One important feature that School Messenger offers is sending SMS messages. As you might already know, in order to receive regular SMS messages from a company, a user must “opt-in” by sending a message to a short code number. (For example, if you want to receive prescription updates via text from a drug store, you will get an initial message asking you to confirm your consent by “replying YES to this message.”) In order to enable your phone to receive SMS messages from School Messenger, you will have to opt-in to the system. The attached flyer provides instructions on how you can manually opt-in to the system at any time. **It is recommended that you opt-in to this service as soon as possible.** While the flyer presents the details, **all you actually need to do is send a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587.**

**It is important that mobile phone numbers are on file as such with the school.** Thus, we will need families to confirm each “home cell” number on the EMERGENCY INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM that will be sent home with each student on the first day of school. If you only have a mobile number as your home contact number (e.g., you do not have a land line so you just use your mobile number), please write the mobile number in the “home cell” field on the form even if it is already listed as your “home” number. This will ensure that we have mobile numbers accurately recorded in Genesis. If we only have your mobile number listed as a “home” number in Genesis, it will not receive SMS messages even if it is a mobile number. Thus, it is very important that you **return the emergency information verification form to school the very next day** after you receive it.

I will be sending a test message via School Messenger on Monday, September 9, 2019 to test all contact information. We will address any missing data after that message is sent.

If you have any questions aside from your contact information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May peace and every blessing be yours,

Jason C. Briggs, Ed.D.

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