



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

STREAM Science • Technology • Religion
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Great Week Ahead

Week of Dec. 3rd - Dec. 7th

2018 - 2019 Spiritual Theme:

"The gifts we have we are given to share"

Advent Prayer Service

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School and our PTC Committee invite you to an Advent Prayer Service on Wed., December 5th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church. There will be refreshments and an Advent craft activity for the children following the Prayer Service in the Parish Hall. Join us for a special evening of prayer as we focus on Advent and the true meaning of Christmas.



Catholic Life Raffle

Thank you to all the families who continue to support the Catholic Life Raffle sale. While the sale is not mandatory like most schools, it is a part of our school budget. Any help is greatly appreciated in selling the tickets. The last day to turn in the Catholic Life Raffle tickets is January 25th. **The top selling student will receive a \$200 Visa Gift Card!** Thank you to all the StG families that helped support the Catholic Life Raffle. Every ticket sold benefits our community.

Please remember to turn in any unsold tickets to the Advancement Office or you will be charged on FACTS for the any tickets that are not turned in.

Again, thank you for your support!

Ugly Sweater Day for the Charger Fund

Let's support the Charger Fund by wearing our ugliest Christmas sweater for \$2.00 on Friday, Dec. 7th! Students may wear jeans with an ugly Christmas sweater. Thank you for supporting our tuition assistance program!



We are having a Toy Drive for the St. Gregory the Great Catholic - St. Vincent de Paul community. We are asking for new, unwrapped toys to bring a smile to a child in need this holiday season. You can send your child with the unwrapped gift or drop it off at the Advancement Office. All toys are due by Thursday, December 6th. Thank you for your generosity.

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Charger Spotlight



This week's spotlight shines on Frankie G in 5th grade. He is a true leader and a GREAT student. During Prayer Service last week, Frankie stood with Ms. Floyd and sang as Sr. Judy was leading the school in song. We are happy and proud of Frankie for showing his love of God and sharing his talents of signing. He showed GREAT courage being the only student to stand and sing with his teacher! Thank you for showing us how to #beGREAT!



Attendance Report

Week of 11/26—11/30:

Attendance Rate: 96.5%



Tardies: 30

2018 - 2019 School Year

Attendance Goal: 100%

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

Weekly Calendar

Date	Description of Event
Sunday 12/02	 <i>Happy Sunday!</i> 
Monday 12/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ StG WinterWonderland Store opens in the Advancement Office ◆ Advent Prayer Service in gym 8:15 a.m. ◆ Ronald McDonald House Presentation after Prayer Service
Tuesday 12/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Song Fest in the Church at 8:15 a.m. ◆ 3rd grade Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m. ◆ 7th & 8th grade Reconciliation at 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday 12/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Box Tops Due ◆ Liturgy at 8:15 a.m. ◆ Basketball @ St. Pius: StG vs. St. Pius 4:30(BG) / 5:30(BB) / 6:30(AG) / 7:30 (AB) ◆ Advent Prayer Service in the church at 6:30 p.m. followed by an Advent Craft activity in the cafeteria
Thursday 12/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Catholic Life Ticket Turn in - For every ticket turned in on Thursday's ticket turn in day you will have a chance to enter into a drawing for four tickets to the San Antonio Zoo (For example: If you turn in 2 tickets on Thursday, your name will go into the drawing twice...5 tickets = 5 times into the drawing) ◆ 4th grade Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m. ◆ 5th & 6th grade Reconciliation at 1:15 p.m. ◆ Basketball: B Team Tournament for boys and girls
Friday 12/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ \$2 Free Dress Theme: Ugly Christmas Sweater ◆ PTC Prayer Service in the Courtyard at 7:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Faculty & Staff ◆ 8th grade Cross Ceremony 10:30 a.m. in church ◆ Basketball: B Team Tournament for boys and girls
Saturday 12/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HSPT for 8th grade ◆ Basketball: B Team Tournament for boys and girls



Breakfast & Lunch Menu



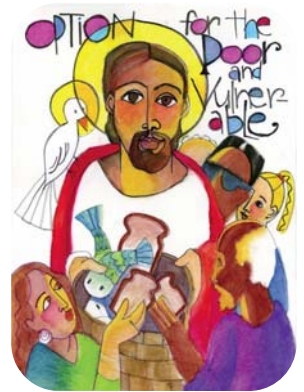
	Monday 12/03	Tuesday 12/04	Wednesday 12/05	Thursday 12/06	Friday 12/07
Breakfast	Waffles or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Plain or Chocolate Pancake or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice	Bean & Cheese Taco or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Toaster Strudels or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk
Lunch	Chicken Patty White Gravy Seasoned Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	Plain or Cheese Hamburger Seasoned Fries Lettuce & Pickles Fruit Milk	Spaghetti w/Meat Garlic Bread Buttered Corn Fruit Milk	Fideo Loco Homemade Beans Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Fruit Milk

December's Spiritual Theme: Option for the Poor and the Vulnerable

“The Church’s love for the poor...is a part of her constant tradition. This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor... ‘Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation.’ “

Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos.2444and 2448

The preferential option or choice for the poor and vulnerable is not optional. A basic moral test for society is measuring how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst. In a society with a growing gap between rich and poor, Scripture gives us the story of the Last Judgement (Mt 25: 31-46) and reminds us that we will be judged by our response to the “least among us.” How can we at St. Gregory’s continue to grow in God’s call to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are poor and in need? Each year we are given opportunities at school to be of service to others, especially the poor. There are many around us who are in need.



Our annual StG Winter Wonderland store will be opening soon! Shop with us Dec. 3rd - Dec. 19th in the Advancement Office. Students will have the opportunity to buy gifts for their parents, teachers, family and friends!



All items are \$5.00 or less.

We will also be selling the PERFECT STOCKING STUFFER! Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer for your child or their friends...or even their teachers?! Purchase 5 FREE DRESS DAY COUPONS for only \$25! You can use all 5 of them for your child or give them as individual gifts. Coupons are redeemable any day in the month of January (excluding Mass days).



There are a total of 13 days in January that the coupons can be used. Sale begins Monday, Dec. 3rd in the Advancement Office.



December & January

*Dates/Times subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charger Fund Bake Sale after Mass 	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Meeting 6pm 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liturgy @ 8:15 Basketball: StG vs. Sts. Peter & Paul 4:30-8:30pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Life Ticket Turn in Box Top Free Dress Kinder Christmas Program 8:30 Basketball: StG vs. Holy Spirit 4:40-8:30 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTC Prayer Service-Special Intentions for 4th grade PK3 & PK4 Christmas Program 8:30 Ugly Sweater Dance for Adults 8pm Sponsored by the 8th grade parents 	15
16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Posadas hosted by the school at 6pm 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liturgy @ 8:15am 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polar Express in ECH 8am 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd quarter ends NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE Las Posadas Prayer Service Early Release at Noon 	22
 <p>Christmas Break December 24th - January 7th Classes resume Tuesday, January 8th</p>						January 5th Family Retreat
6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball: StG vs. Providence 4:30-6:30 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Meeting 6:00pm 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Box Tops are due Liturgy @ 8:15am Basketball: StG vs. St. John Bosco 	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTC Prayer Service - Special Intentions for 5th grade 2nd Quarter Award Ceremonies 	12