



# GREAT WEEK AHEAD

WEEK OF APRIL 5TH-10TH

A weekly newsletter brought to you by St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

## Student Spotlight



This week's spotlight shines on Dolci M. in Mrs. Russell's 2nd grade class. Dolci is one of the most kind and polite young ladies you will ever meet. She consistently volunteers to help when she sees a teacher holding a door open or carrying a lot of items and she does so with a smile on her face. She says, "good morning/afternoon" every time she sees you and is an excellent example to her peers. Thank you, Dolci for showing us how to #BeGREAT!

## Planning Your Week

In order to help plan your child's week, we have included our uniform schedule for the week.

Day of Week	Monday 4/5	Tuesday 4/6	Wednesday 4/7	Thursday 4/8	Friday 4/9
Dress Code:		Regular Uniform	Mass Attire	Regular Uniform	Spirit Shirt w/Uniform Bottoms
Schedule:	No School	Regular	Mass	Regular	Regular



***Please notify Vice Principal Cortez if your child will be switching learning platforms.***

***Mrs. Cortez contact Info: 210-342-0281 x368  
or [ana.cortez@stgregorys.net](mailto:ana.cortez@stgregorys.net)***



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is proud to celebrate National Vice Principal Appreciation Week from April 5-9, 2021. On behalf of our Pastor, Father Miguel, Principal Martinez, the faculty, staff and students, THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY, Vice Principal Cortez!

Vice Principals play a significant role in the overall leadership and direction of a school, and our VP is no different. Mrs. Cortez wears many hats at StG. Her regular responsibilities include the oversight of the enrollment management program, safety, security and crisis management plans, personnel requirements, advancement and fundraising, extended programs, award ceremonies, school communication, and she serves as the accreditation chair for the 2021-2022 visit. Mrs. Cortez also serves as an instructional leader for teachers, teaches a 6th grade STEM class and serves on multiple school committees. As if this wasn't enough, Mrs. Cortez consistently steps up to help where she is needed. Whether it be planting flowers before open house, putting on the leaf blower to clean and beautify our campus, helping to remove furniture from a flooded ECH building, acting as a counselor and mediator to students, or any number of other areas where she volunteers her time, Mrs. Cortez is truly a servant leader and exemplifies the qualities of a Catholic school educator.

Mrs. Cortez and her family are truly #CHARGERS. Mrs. Cortez and her husband, Mr. Don Cortez were active parishioners at StG for many years, serving in leadership roles with ACTS retreats and community events. Mr. and Mrs. Cortez sent all four of their children to St. Gregory the Great and currently, Mrs. Cortez has three grandchildren attending StG with four future Chargers soon to come. Her son, Coach Donnie Cortez is a proud alumnus who serves as a teacher and coach of StG and shared that it is because of the love and commitment of his parents to the StG community that he developed the same sense of pride and affinity toward our beautiful community.

Mrs. Cortez holds a Masters degree in Catholic School Leadership and has been recognized as a Teacher of the Year. She is a dedicated servant leader, a mother, grandmother and friend. Mrs. Cortez believes in the mission of St. Gregory the Great and has devoted herself to ensuring the mission is vibrant and alive daily. For these reasons and many more, we collectively say, "Thank you for your ministry, Vice Principal Cortez!"

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# Teacher of the Year



## **Congratulations our 2021 teacher of the year, Mrs. Melissa Dewey!**

Every year the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Department of Catholic Schools honors teachers who demonstrate excellence in teaching.

The person qualified for the award based on the following criteria:

- They consistently promote the school's mission, vision, and ideals to the school and broader community;
- They demonstrate strong content knowledge and remain current through professional development;
- They lead the school in campus-wide activities and events;
- This person contributes to the spiritual growth of students and staff members as well as contributes to the Catholic identity of the school;
- This person embodies Christian values and is a model for teachers, students, parents, and the community;

The nominee was selected by her peers based on the following:

- She believes in the mission of Catholic education with her whole heart and she believes in the mission of StG;
- She has been a long time member of the community and will do anything for the children;
- She is a team player whom others can count on; She is committed to providing the best educational and spiritual growth experiences to her students and colleagues;
- When you walk into her classroom, students are engaged in meaningful learning, asking questions and excited about their class. She brings out the best in children.
- She is constantly learning and growing and is always willing to try new things if they will benefit her students;
- She is truly an inspiration to others as a caring educator, a loving mother, colleague, teacher, and friend;
- She has a great understanding of who Christ is and a rich faith that shows in all she does;
- This teacher does not hesitate to offer new ideas and suggestions regarding our school and is always willing to volunteer for campus activities.
- She will come in early, stays late, and work over the weekend;
- This teacher consistently shows her love of Christ through her interactions with others. She is so deserving of this award. She would never want the recognition but is very deserving of it!

Our honoree this year will receive \$500 to use toward any St. Gregory project of her choosing.



## APRIL – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

It appears that we are slowing on our way to some sense of normalcy. However, COVID -19 is not over yet. We must continue to following CDC guidelines to wear masks, practice social distancing and meet in small groups. We cannot let our guard down.

COVID-19 has caused anxiety and tested the patience of parents and families. The Department of Families and Protected Services (DFPS) is reporting an increase in child abuse and domestic violence cases. Children are the most vulnerable during this time of uncertainty. It is important for families to continue to stay connected by phone or virtually. Talk it out with another person before the stress becomes too hard to handle. Take a break and most importantly ask for help. We are all in this together.

If you know a child that might be in crisis or a family that needs assistance, please consider the following resources. Calls are confidential.

**CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800-252-5400** for reporting child abuse and neglect.

# April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



FIND TOOLS, TIPS, AND RESOURCES AT  
[WWW.CHILDWELFARE.GOV/PREVENTIONMONTH](http://WWW.CHILDWELFARE.GOV/PREVENTIONMONTH)



# FDLF Raffle Ticket Incentive

Turn in \$50 FDLF raffle tickets on Thursday, April 8th and receive a personal Peter Pipers Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) and a drink on Monday, April 12th.



## FIESTA NEWS

Class Auction Items are due Thursday, April 8th.

Online Auction will begin  
Wednesday, April 14th- Saturday, April 17th

Fiesta De La Familia Drive-Thru Event will take place  
Sunday, April 18th. We will be selling fajitas, turkey legs, chicken on a stick and sausage wraps.



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 FROM 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM

700 DEWHURST, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78213

Music by DJ Ray

FOOD: FAJITA TACOS,  
CHICKEN ON A STICK,  
SAUSAGE WRAPS, WATER, SODAS

ONLINE AUCTION ITEMS CAN BE  
PICKED UP DURING THE EVENT





ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2022  
FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, April 24, 2021  
8:00am – 1:00pm



You may drop off donations beginning Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in the POD located outside the gymnasium.

We accept items such as furniture, clothes, appliances, artwork, tools, lawn equipment, etc...

For more information, call Hope Rodriguez 210-342-0281 ext. 326

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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# Summer Camp 2021

More info to come...



Thank you for choosing St. Gregory the Great Catholic School! Let us know how we're doing by dropping us a quick Google review! *Positive* Google reviews help others feel confident about choosing a great school and community. Plus, your feedback equips us to continue serving you best. Take a minute to share your happy experiences with us at:

[https://search.google.com/local/writereview?placeid=ChIJs\\_ID-jteXIYRTO6d1UqVOM](https://search.google.com/local/writereview?placeid=ChIJs_ID-jteXIYRTO6d1UqVOM)

We will be forever grateful. Thank you in advance for helping us out!



## Distance Learners

Distance learners are always encouraged to attend school events. If you have any questions regarding protocols for attendance, please call the school office.

**Monday, April 5th**– Easter Monday ( No School)

**Wednesday, April 7th**– Mass @ 8:15 a.m.  
Box Top Turn in day

**Saturday, April 10th**– 1st Holy Communion

**Monday, April 12th**– NWEA Testing begins

**Wednesday, April 14th**– Mass @ 8:15 a.m.  
6th grade Retreat

**Friday, April 16th**– Box Top FDD/ Progress Reports

**Sunday, April 18th**– Fiesta de la Familia Drive-Thru Event

**Monday, April 19th**– FDLF Clean-up Day ( No School)

**Friday, April 23rd**– Battle of Flowers Holiday (No School)  
Movie in the Ballpark Community Event (8 p.m.-10 p.m.)

**Saturday, April 24th**– Class of 2022 Flea Market (8 p.m.-1 p.m.)

**Wednesday, April 28th**– Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

**Thursday, April 29th**– Early Dismissal (After School Care available)

**Tuesday, May 4th**– NJHS Induction and Installation (6 p.m. -8:00 p.m.)

**Wednesday, May 5th**– May Crowning Mass @ 8:15 a.m.  
8th grade Retreat/ Box Top Turn in day

**Friday, May 7th**– Golf Tournament  
8th grade Service Hours Due

**Monday, May 10th**– Early Dismissal (After School Care available)

**Wednesday, May 12th**– 8th grade Cap & Gown Individual Pictures  
Mass @ 8:15 a.m. / AR Goals Due

**Friday, May 14th**– 6th& 7th grade Service Hours Due  
Box Top FDD

**Monday, May 17th**– Library Closes

**Wednesday, May 19th**– Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

**Friday, May 21st**– 8th grade Graduation @ 6:00 p.m.  
PK4 Recognition Ceremony @ 8:15 a.m.  
Last Day for graduates  
Early Dismissal (After School Care available)

**Friday, May 28th**– Last Day of School/ Early Release/ No Afterschool Care

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# ATHLETICS

## Upcoming Schedule

### Softball

- April 6th- 4:30 PM vs. St. James  
April 13th- 4:30 PM vs. Blessed Sacrament  
April 15th- 4:30 PM @ Sts. Peter & Paul  
April 20th- 4:30 PM vs. Providence  
April 22nd- 4:30 PM @ MSH  
April 26th- 4:30 PM @ Holy Cross  
April 29th- 4:30 PM vs. St. Luke

### Baseball

- April 6th- 4:30 PM vs. St. James  
April 8th- 4:30 PM @ St. John Bosco  
April 20th- 4:30 PM vs. St. Paul  
April 22nd- 4:30 PM @ MSH Mount Sacred Heart  
April 26th- 4:30 PM @ Holy Cross  
April 29th- 4:30 PM vs. St. Luke



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## DID YOU KNOW?

STG HIRED A PROFESSIONAL CLEANING COMPANY TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF OUR CUSTODIAL AND SANITATION NEEDS. JUST ONE MORE WAY WE ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT OUR STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE IN A SAFE AND SANITIZED ENVIRONMENT. ALL LEARNING SPACES AND PLACES OF HIGH TRAFFIC ARE CLEANED DAILY WITH ELECTROSTATIC SPRAY. "E-SPRAY APPLICATION OF DISINFECTANTS GIVES BUILDING OCCUPANTS, VISITORS, STUDENTS, STAFF AND CUSTOMERS THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE."

**#beGreat #ChargerStrong**





# April Menus

APRIL BREAKFAST MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cold Cereal Milk	Cold Cereal Milk	Cold Cereal Milk	Cold Cereal Milk	Cold Cereal Milk

APRIL LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Bean & Cheese Chalupa Rice Cookie/Milk	2 <b>GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL</b>
5 <b>EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL</b>	6 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Fruit/Milk	7 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Fruit/Milk	8 Fideo Loco Beans Cookie/Milk	9 <b>Pre-Order Chick-fil-A Chips/Juice</b>
12 Chicken sandwich Mashed Potatoes Cookie/Milk	13 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Fruit/Milk	14 Meat Lasagna Corn Fruit/Milk	15 Tamales Rice Cookie/Milk	16 <b>Pre-Order Whataburger French fries Cookie/ Juice</b>
19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	20 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Fruit/Milk	21 Chicken Alfredo Salad Fruit/Corn	22 Bean & Cheese taco Rice Fruit/Milk	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
26 Corn dog Tater Tots Cookie/Milk	27 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Fruit/Milk	28 Chicken nuggets Mashed Pota- toes Fruit/Milk	29 Cheese enchiladas rice Fruit/Milk	30 <b>Pre-Order Peter Pipers Personal cheese pizza Chips/Juice</b>

## Cafeteria/Lunch

- Cafeteria lunches are on a PREPAY basis. Students will only be allowed to charge up to 5 lunches on their account. Please make sure to check your child's FACTS account regularly to ensure your child's lunch account remains current.
- Students who forget their lunch will need to order a tray from the school cafeteria and will be charged in their FACTS account. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, we are a closed campus, thus lunches and/or snacks may NOT be dropped off at the school's front office.
- We are now offering Pre-Order Lunches from Whataburger, Peter Piper Pizza and Chick-fil-A. Pre-order lunch form closes on Tuesdays at 4pm and payment must be received no later than Wednesdays to be served on Fridays. No late orders will be placed.

To order your child a Pre-order Lunch click the link below:

<https://forms.gle/dBMCVnUwQbv3gpPp8>



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. A simple way to help our school by using Amazon Smile on your online orders. #BeGreat #StartShopping

Click the link below for more information.

[https://www.stgregorysa.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5e873f9613b2c?in\\_archive=1](https://www.stgregorysa.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5e873f9613b2c?in_archive=1)

0.5% doesn't seem like much but it adds up quick! One of our StG Families sent in a screenshot of their contributions. Every little bit counts!

**Every little bit counts**

When millions of supporters shop at AmazonSmile, charitable donations quickly add up.



You have generated: **\$76.10**

as of March 19, 2021



Your current charity **St. Gregory the Great Catholic School** has received: **\$633.74**

as of March 2021



All charities have received: **\$241,928,506.19**

as of February 2021



All worldwide charities have received **\$266,896,659.48**

as of February 2021

**Tele-Mental Health available**



For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact the school counselor, Mrs. Sylvia Gonzalez-Bogran (210) 342-0281 ext. 301 or email: [sylvia.bogran@stgregorys.net](mailto:sylvia.bogran@stgregorys.net)



**Parents, if you or your child were diagnosed with COVID at anytime, we are respectfully asking that you please report that information to Nurse Cruz at [naomi.cruz@stgregorys.net](mailto:naomi.cruz@stgregorys.net) or by calling 210-342-0281 ext. 319. The school is continu-**

**ing to keep record of this in order to ensure we keep everyone safe by following all CDC and archdiocesan guidelines. For questions, please contact Nurse Cruz.**



**VIRTUAL MEDICAL CLINIC**

**StGregoryClinic.com**

For more information click the link below:

[www.StGregoryClinic.com](http://www.StGregoryClinic.com)