

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

WEEK OF JAN 9TH-15TH

Charger Spotlight

This week our Charger Spotlight shines on Mrs. Russell's 2nd grade Class. The second graders have always helped Mrs. Russell out. However, since she had knee surgery, they have gone beyond what they can do to help her. They have rearranged desks, passed out papers or any other items that need distribution. The children pick up any writing utensils that have fallen on the floor before she asks them to. The students move out of the way quickly to prevent Mrs. Russell from falling. They are a great group of children. Thank you for being so wonderful!



Planning Your Week

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

Day of Week	Monday 1/10	Tuesday 1/11	Wednesday 1/12	Thursday 1/13	Friday 1/14
Dress Code:	Regular Uniform	Regular Uniform	Mass Attire	Regular Uniform	2021-22 Spirit Shirt w/ Uniform Bottoms
Schedule:	Regular	Regular	Mass	Regular	Regular



We invite all our students to participate in the Parish Bookmark Contest.

- Deadline is Monday, January 10th
- Top 3 designs and they will be printed and given to those who attend the Catholic Schools Opening Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 30th
- Please see attachment for more details.

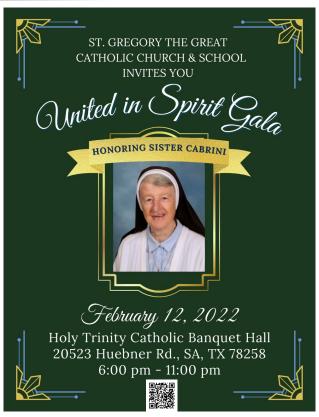


Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30–February 5



Click the link below to watch a short video about the program:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fjF6ILVN3M1X6BODBrmQloLoxeDFEY6F/view?usp=sharing



Click here to purchase tickets



\$10 PER PLATE 1/4 chicken, sausage, beans and rice





TICKETS ON SALE NOW

PLEASE SEE ANY 8TH GRADE STUDENT OR CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE. 210.342.0281

Catholic Life Raffle Tickets

INCENTIVE TIME

We have 2 more turn in dates for the Catholic Life Sweepstakes! Our fundraising goal is \$ 25,000 and will use these funds to go to the general fund. Each family is asked to sell 12 tickets.

Every 10 tickets turned in will earn a Free Dress Day and your child's name will go into a drawing for 1 month FREE Tuition for 1 child.

100% of monies collected will benefit St. Gregory Catholic School.

Next Turn in Date: Thursday, January 13th

BONUS INCENTIVE

The class with the most participation this week will earn a
Pajama, Movie & Popcorn Day!

Tickets must be turned in no later than January 13th to qualify for
the Bonus Incentive!





Tuesday, January 11th - StuCo Meeting 3:45 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12th — 1st grade Retreat

Class/Club Group Photos

Mass @ 8:15 a.m. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Award Recognitions after mass (Lead by Mrs. Martinez's 6th Class)

Friday, January 14th- PSAT — 8th Grade (8:30a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

KONA ICE Day (2:30-3:30 p.m.

Preorder link will be sent out early next week.

Monday, January 17th - MLK Day- No School

Wednesday, January 19th - NJHS SVDP Food Drive

Mass @ 8:15 a.m. St. Paula (Lead by Ms. Floyd's 4th grade Class)

Thursday, January 20th – 100th Days of School Cupcake Sale during lunch

Friday, January 21st — Box Top FDD

Wednesday, January 26th – Mass @ 8:15 a.m. St. Timothy and Titus (Lead by Ms. Collins' 4th grade Class)

Friday, January 28th — Last Friday of the Month - Spirit Shirt & Jeans Day Valentine Bear Sale Fundraiser Begins Winter Pep Rally @ 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 29th — StG Pop-Up Market Day 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 30th - Catholic Schools Week Begins

School Mass/8th Grade BBQ (Lead by Faculty & Students) 10:00 a.m. StG Open House (9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.)

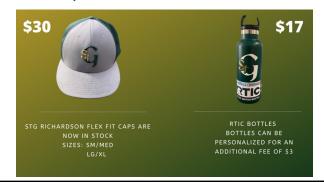






CHARGER SPIRIT STORE IS LOCATED INSIDE THE MAIN OFFICE IN MRS. HOPE RODRIGUEZ OFFICE.

2021-2022 Spirit Shirts are still available in limited sizes.





Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The Archdiocese of San Antonio put out a new COVID protocol and will go into effect today. The isolation period has been changed from a 10-day period to a 5-day for a positive test result.

The protocol reads:

Everyone who tests positive, regardless of vaccination status shall:

- Stay home for 5 days. (from the date of the confirmed test)
- If the individual has no symptoms or the symptoms are resolving after 5 days, he/she can return to work/school.
- The individual should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If the individual has a fever or symptoms have not improved, he/she should continue to stay home until the fever resolves and symptoms improve. The individual should be fever free for at least 24 hours.

As a reminder, any FULLY VACCINATED individual OR person who has tested positive for COVID in the last 3-months is not required to quarantine. Instead they may continue to attend school/work and must wear a mask around others for 10 days, including after school and extracurricular activities. However, If at any point the individual develops symptoms, he/she should then stay home for five days or obtain a negative lab-based COVID test.

As COVID cases continue to rise in our community, we ask that if a person in your household develops COVID symptoms or is awaiting COVID test results, that you please keep your child home until you receive the PCR results. By doing this, we hope to minimize the spread on campus.

Communication is key, if your child is absent, please call the school to notify us of their absence. Early detection and identification can prevent further spread so we need your help.

If a student on campus tests positive, I will be in contact with you IF your child was considered at risk or a close contact. If you do not hear from me, then no risk was identified. Vaccinations do make a difference and certainly help to lower the risk of everyone on our campus. If your child has already received the COVID vaccinations please remember to send me a copy of the dates of vaccines for their school.

Blessings,

JANUARY LUNCH MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
3 Spaghetti and meatballs roll Dessert/Milk	4 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Season fries Dessert/Milk	5 Frito Pie Buttered Corn Dessert/Milk	6 Fideo Loco Beans Dessert/Milk	7 Pre-Order Whataburger Chips Cookie/Juice			
10 Lasagna Salad Dessert/Milk	11 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Dessert/Milk	12 Hot dog Tatar Tots Dessert/Milk	13 Beef Burrito Rice Dessert/Milk	Pre-Order Chick-fil-A Chips Juice			
17 No School	18 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Dessert/Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dessert/Milk	20 Crispy beef Taco Rice Dessert/Milk	Pre-Order Peter Pipers Personal Pizza Chips/Juice			
24 Cheese Pizza Chips Dessert/Milk	25 Plain/Cheese Hamburgers Lettuce/ Pickles Season fries Dessert/Milk	26 Corn dog Tater Tots Dessert/ Milk	27 Enchiladas Rice Dessert/Milk	Pre-Order Whataburger Chips Cookie/Juice			
31 Beefaroni Corn Dessert/Milk							

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.
- Friday Pre-Order Lunches from Whataburger, Peter Piper Pizza and Chick-fil-A. Pre-order lunch form
 closes on Mondays at 4pm and payment must be received no later than Tuesday 8 a.m. to be served
 on Fridays. No late orders will be placed. Orders submitted without payment sent will not be placed.
 Please make sure to send payment for pre-ordered lunches by the deadline.
- Please note we have changed platforms for Friday lunch preorders. You may now prepay for Friday lunches online via the Cheddar Up website. Cash payments are still acceptable as long as they are received no later than Tuesdays.



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

https://lunch-preorder-for-friday-january-14-2022.cheddarup.com



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

0.5% doesn't seem like much but it adds up quick!



After School Library Hours

The Library is open everyday afterschool from 3:30-4:15 p.m. If you have any questions you may contact Ms. Lauren Rosales via email lauren.rosales@stgregorys.net



PTC Parent Service Hour Opportunities:

During Catholic Schools Week PTC will be hosting a Teacher Luncheon on Friday, February 4th 12:30 p.m.— 1:15 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to chaperon each homeroom so the teachers may enjoy a duty free lunch. If you are able to help please click the link below to sign up. Volunteers should arrive by 12:15 p.m. to check in. All volunteers must have a current background check on file. We can assist in obtaining one for you just let us know in advance.



If you enjoy event planning, and giving back to the community through service our PTC elections for the 2022-2023 school year is in full swing. Apply Today! Additional information regarding elections will be sent soon.



School Counselor: Mrs. Sylvia Gonzalez-Bogran

Counselor's Corner Phone Number: (210) 342-0281 ext. 301

Email: sylvia.bogran@stgregorys.net







Catholic Schools Week Activities

SUNDAY: Celebrate our Parish

- Thank You Bookmarks with logo will be passed out after the 10:00am Mass.
- THANK YOU CARD for the parish staff signed by all the faculty and students

MONDAY: Celebrate our Community

 Afternoon (2:45) Prayer Service honoring our Community Leaders Mayor; Fire Chief; Police Chief

TUESDAY: Celebrate our Families

Family Album – Two large pages will be placed on the BB in the hallway and every family will
receive a design on which to place their family picture. These pictures will be placed on the
Album pages. The pictures will not be returned unless you indicate this otherwise when you
send them in.

WEDNESDAY: Celebrate Vocations

- Chalice: Prayer Centers...pray for vocations. The chalice will be passed from grade level to grade level each week and then placed in the class Prayer Center. During that week the class will pray for vocations.
- Pray for Religious Communities in our city.

THURSDAY: Celebrate our Nation

- Students will be assigned colored T-shirts to wear that will form a "Human Flag" 8th BLUE;
 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th RED;
 3rd, 2nd, 1st, EC WHITE. A human flag will be formed and pictures taken to place on our Facebook and the students will sing the National Anthem and say the pledge of allegiance.
- Veterans will be invited for a special Prayer Service at 2:45. The invitation will be placed in the Weekend Parish Bulletin.

FRIDAY: Celebrate of Students and Faculty

- Free Dress for all
- Student Talent Show in the morning
- There will be a Faculty Luncheon provided by the PTC from 12:30-1:00. Parents will supervise
 the students in the classrooms.
- Faculty vs 8th Volleyball Game in the afternoon

Parish "Thank You" Bookmarks

- 1. Cach design must be submitted on white eardstock or construction paper that is 3x8 inches in size...that is no larger than the pattern you have been given.
- 2. Your design must be drawn in black ink.
- 3. All artwork must be original.
- 4. The design can be either horizontal or vertical.
- 5. You must say, "Thank You" in some way to the parish community for all that they have done to support our school.
- 6. Include the year 2022 somewhere in the design.
- 7. You may incorporate the Catholic Schools Week theme. (See below)
- 8. As for style, well...that's up to you You're the designer. But, I'll give you a tip on what will likely stand out: "elean and uncluttered".
- 9. Be sure to put your initials at the bottom of your design.
- 10. Submit your design to the school Office by Monday, January 10.
- 11. Write your full name and grade in 'pencil', on the back of the design.

NOTE: If your submission does not meet all the requirements above, it will not be considered. Please remember that only our students may enter their original design.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 10



We will narrow down all the submissions to our favorite 3 designs and they will be printed and given to those who attend the Catholic Schools Opening Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 30th.



Welcome back Chargers!!!!

Exciting news from Box Tops – Box Tops is continuing its digital program as it has phased out paper box tops!! All you need to do is scan your paper receipt to the Box Tops app or forward your digital receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

The free Box Top app can be found using either the App Store or Google Play. Once the app has been downloaded from either the App Store or Google Play, be sure to scan your receipt using the app. The receipt is only good for scanning for up to 14 days after the purchase. For your child to receive credit for the online submissions, please send a screen shot of your account with the number of box tops that you added to me at maria.zertuche@stgregorys.net. I will then place the total in the student spreadsheet, keeping a running tally for the year.

For the 2021-2022 school year, each student will need to submit 10 box tops each month for a free dress day, while each sibling needs to turn in 5 for a free dress day. This year, the student who turns in the most box tops will earn a \$25 giftcard to Target. The class with the highest percentage of turned in box tops will earn a pizza party in May. For turn in dates and free dress days, please check the

monthly calendar and GWA, as all Box Tops turn in dates and free dress for the year have already been set. Please do not hesitate to contact me at maria.zertuche@stgregorys.net with any questions you may have. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.













TELL FRIENDS ABOUT BOX TOPS



This month only! Buy any 5 participating General Mills items at Target from 1/1/2022 through 2/5/2022 and earn 50 Bonus Box Tops for your school when you scan your receipt. Limit 3 claims per receipt. Offer valid while supplies last.



Due to the most recent challenges of the pandemic and the surge in cases our schools and programs are experiencing, all aial games for 11-man soccer and basketball will be postponed until Tuesday, January 18th.



Students can also bring in box labels, and bottle caps with codes. PTC will manually enter the codes! It's that easy!



Attention USAA Employees

Did you know St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is an approved non-profit on USAA Serves Campaign?

USAA continues to amplify nonprofit contributions (given by USAA employees), by providing a 1:1 donation match for eligible nonprofits in USAA Serves, up to \$1,000 per employee annually.

Log in and search **St. Gregory the Great Catholic School** on the Giving List today!



REMINDER: Toys, Cell Phone Usage, Videogames are not allowed during Extended Care Program. Laptops can be used for school purposes.