

## Week 33: Message from Mr. Bloomer

Dear St Gregory the Great Families,

Hello from Mr. Todd!

It has been another wonderful week at St Gregory the Great, and I continue to be amazed and impressed by the dedication of our students and staff.

Last week, I had the privilege of joining our first-grade class on a field trip to Lake Mitchell. It was inspiring to witness our teachers bringing science and ELAR to life through this hands-on experience. Our students were engaged, curious, and demonstrated the love of learning we strive to foster here at St Gregory.

This week, I will attend a field trip with the kindergarten class to SeaWorld. They are in for a treat, as they will receive a behind-the-scenes tour!

I continue to visit classrooms, and honestly, I enjoy becoming an active participant in the class. I enjoy supporting the teachers and seeing your children shine in the classroom. I am very impressed with what I see every day in the classroom. I encourage you to continue checking your child's backpack and to ensure that all homework and assignments are completed. A partnership between the school and home is imperative for a successful child.

### Academic Updates

Our students are gearing up to take the NWEA test for the third time this year. This nationally normed assessment provides our teachers with valuable data to identify student strengths, measure growth, and pinpoint areas where we can best support student success. For 8th graders, it will help determine their high school coursework, so it is important that everyone does their best on the test.



"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him." Romans 15:13



Additionally, our 5th- and 8th-grade students will take the ARK test—the Assessment of Religious Knowledge—a wonderful, unique assessment offered in Catholic schools. This test reflects the faith-centered education that is central to our mission. Parents, you can help by talking to your children about the importance of prayer and going to church. You can also have your child lead your family in grace before supper and ask them to talk about what they are studying in religion class at St. Gregory the Great.

### **Celebrating Student Character**

I am also very proud of our students' behavior during Mass each Friday. I challenged our older students to model proper reverence and conduct for our younger students, and they have truly risen to the challenge. Their example of faith and respect is something we are grateful for and proud to witness.

Friday's mass was beautiful, and I looked around to see so many students singing and participating. I was very proud of them.

### **Community Support Needed**

I am reaching out to families for assistance with a campus project. If you are a plumber or know someone who could help our school, please contact me directly. We would greatly appreciate any support you can offer.

### **Safety Drills Practiced this Week**

If your child came home this week and mentioned a fire drill, tornado drill, or lockdown drill, we practiced all three. We practiced our fire and lockdown drills in the classrooms and our tornado drill in the church. As we discussed, I reiterated that they were just drills and that we had to practice them. As I expected, they were excellent during the drills.

### **Fiesta de Familia**

Thank you very much to everyone who made our campus Fiesta event such a wonderful celebration.

### **In Closing**

If your child needs to be seen in our clinic, I wanted to let you know that Mrs. Lisa Fernandez will be assuming those tasks as our health coordinator. She will communicate directly with parents about any medical concerns.

Please know that I pray for our school community every morning, and I ask that you join me in praying for St. Gregory the Great. We are blessed to serve alongside such wonderful families.

If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My email is [todd.bloomer@archsa.org](mailto:todd.bloomer@archsa.org)

God Bless you,  
**Mr. Todd**

# Plan Your Week- **WEEK B**

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

Day of the Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Dress Code</b>	Spirit Shirt w/Uniform Bottoms or Regular Uniform	Regular Uniform	Faith Family Fun Shirt w/jeans	Mass Uniform	Battle of Flowers No School
<b>Schedule</b>	Regular	Regular	Regular	Mass	
<b>Mark your Calendar</b>	NWEA Testing Window Opens up	Kinder Field Trip to Sea World  Faith Family Fun Preorder Shirts go home.	Faith Family Fun Day	Mass led by 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Garden Club 3:45-4:30	No School



Did you know our Event calendar is posted on our website for the entire year? Plan ahead and visit our website homepage for a list of events for the entire school year!



### Crave-It Lunch Pre-Order

Register for a Crave It Lunch Account. Crave-it is our school lunch caterer.

### Academic Calendar

Our School Calendar is posted for the entire year on our school website and is updated regularly.

### FACTS Demographic Updates

Need to make a change to your FACTS pick up list, address or phone number change? Click the icon and our school office will make the changes for you.



### St. Gregory Catholic Church

Father Richard warmly invites your family to celebrate Sunday Mass with us! Join us Saturdays at 5:30 pm or Sundays at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, or 12:00 pm (Spanish). We'd love to see you there as we come together in faith and community!





Faith Family Fun Shirts will be distributed on Tuesday and sent home in your child's backpack.

If you did not purchase a Faith Family Fun T-Shirt your child can wear a solid t-shirt in their class color. See Class Colors below:

- PK3: Light Pink
- PK4: Light Blue
- Kinder: Gold
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Orange
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Red
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Lime Green
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Purple
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yellow
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Royal Blue
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Navy Blue
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Neon Pink
- Staff: Kelly Green

**Students may wear shorts following the School Dress code Policy listed in our Parent/ Student Handbook.**

**Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches from the center of the knee; slacks, jeans, or capri pants may be worn; no holes or slits in the jeans or pants that are open to the skin; skin tight leggings or pants are not allowed for 4th through 8th grade.**



If you have any questions or need to make changes to your FACTS financial account, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hope Rodriguez.



What if I missed early verification for HFF?

You can still apply. Early verification ended January 31, but regular verification is now open.

Schools will continue walking with families through the process.

Apply today! [Factsmgt.com/aid](https://factsmgt.com/aid)

**Know a Family looking for a School? Invite them to tour our school!**



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Looking to complete your family service hours? We have volunteer opportunities waiting for you! Click the links below to sign up and get involved.

- [Spirit Lunch Runner](#)
- [Kona Ice Day Volunteer](#)
- [Monthly Community Mass Sign Up](#)
- [Faith Family Fun Day Volunteers NEEDED](#)



TEFA notifications began last week! Be sure to check your email and log in to the portal regularly so you don't miss any updates. It's important to complete your school selection and accept your award—both steps are time-sensitive. More details will be shared soon.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



27TH ANNUAL

GOLF



**EVENT  
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**DUE TO LACK OF  
INTEREST OUR  
27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF  
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# GARDEN CLUB

## Moving to Thursdays

- **March 26** (Chores around the garden / How to prepare for the season)
- **April 9 & 23** (taking care of plants during the heat/ rainy days are helpful for everyone)
- **May 7 & 21** (caring and cutting for grown flowers/ last school season meeting)

*Please send your child with a water bottle and snack. Snack donations are appreciated.*

**SIGN UP →**

IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY ATTENDING YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION AGAIN. TO UNENROLL PLEASE CONTACT MRS. RODRIGUEZ.



EXPLORE. DISCOVER. LEARN. GROW!  
Early Childhood Exploration and Discovery Camp

**Give your child a summer full of FUN and LEARNING!**

Our Early Childhood Exploration and Discovery Camp offers age-appropriate lessons designed to spark curiosity and joy. Throughout the summer, we'll explore exciting themes while building essential skills your child needs to thrive.

**What We'll Focus On:**

- **Fine & Gross Motor Skills** — Creative activities and active play
- **Letters & Numbers** — Head start learning at your child's level
- **Social Skills** — Teamwork, friendship, and communication
- **Themes & Interests** — Your child's curiosity guides our adventures!
- **Small Group Learning** — Instruction tailored to each child's needs

**Who Should Attend:**

Children ages 3+ entering PreK-3, Pre-K4, or Kindergarten

**When:**

- June 1–July 24  
*\*(No camp July 2–3)*

**Where:**

Ms. Moreno's ECH Classroom, Room E-3

**Time:**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Cost:**

- \$225 per week OR \$50 per day
- One-time \$25 supplies fee (required at registration)



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# FANG DANGO

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual FangDango event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the campus of Central Catholic. This event is now part of Fiesta San Antonio and includes Food Booths, Live Music, Games, and Entertainment for the entire family!  
¡Viva Fiesta!



**THURSDAY,  
APRIL 23, 2026  
5 PM - 11 PM**

**Central Catholic High School**  
1403 N. St. Mary's St. SA, TX 78215



For more information on sponsorships, tickets, and parking, visit [www.ccfangdango.com](http://www.ccfangdango.com).