

GREAT WEEK AHEAD



Week 34

April 26, 2026



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School & Parish Community Mass

Saturday, May 2nd at 5:30 PM

WE'RE EXCITED TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY FOR OUR FINAL FAMILY MASS OF THE YEAR. THIS CELEBRATION IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL AS OUR 3RD GRADERS WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. WE WARMLY INVITE YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES TO JOIN US FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL AND MEMORABLE OCCASION AT THE 5:30 PM MASS. LET'S GATHER IN FAITH, CELEBRATE THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE, AND CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOGETHER.



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



Parent and UU Student Service Hours Due May 1st

Parent and student service hours are due by May 1. Students should submit their completed service hour forms to their homeroom teacher.

Parent service hours must be entered into FACTS. If you need instructions on how to log your hours, please click the link below. Each family is required to complete 15 service hours. Any hours not completed will incur a \$25 fee per hour.

Please note that students who do not fulfill their required service hours will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, including field trips.

Volunteerism and service are an essential part of our mission at St. Gregory. Thank you for setting a positive example for our children and for living out our mission each day.



Message from Mr. Todd

Dear St Gregory the Great Families,

Fiesta Festival Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made our Fiesta Festival such an amazing example of community and family! The rain held off, and it was a beautiful reminder of God protecting and blessing our community. Your support and participation made this event truly special.

We honor 4th-grade teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Lopez, on Friday, May 1st

Mrs. Lopez was named our teacher of the year. We are excited to honor her at a wonderful Archdiocesan Dinner and Celebration this Friday night. If you see her, please congratulate her on this amazing honor.

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4th - 8th

Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May, and we will honor our dedicated teachers each day with special treats, breakfasts, and lunches.

I have homework for you, parents! Yes, homework—and I ask that you encourage your child to write a card or send a message to their teachers thanking them for all they do. After thirty years in education, I have witnessed teachers hold onto these messages and cards for years. They are treasured reminders of why we do this work.

I also ask that you do the same. Please email your child's teachers or send them a thank-you card to express your appreciation. I would deeply appreciate this, and I know our staff would as well.

I also ask that you flood your social media accounts (Facebook/Instagram) with positive praise for not only our teachers, but also our schools. This could include publicly thanking your child's teacher(s) or sharing your positive experiences with St. Gregory the Great! Our world needs more positivity, and let's share the great things happening in our Catholic Schools.

NWEA Testing Updates

Your children continue to take the NWEA test. This assessment is all about student growth. When you receive your family reports, you will be able to see the wonderful progress your child has made this year. Please encourage your child to do their best on this important test.

Looking Ahead to Next Year

We are excited about all the families returning next year, and we know the future is bright for St Gregory the Great. We look forward to:

- Continuing to assemble the best teachers in the Archdiocese
- Trusting that God will guide exceptional educators to our campus
- Expanding our after-school clubs and activities
- Continuing to excel on the athletic fields, courts, and track

Community Support – Thank You

Last week, I asked for assistance from anyone with plumbing knowledge. Our community came together beautifully, and three different families stepped forward to help with various campus projects. From the bottom of my heart, I am grateful for your generosity and service.

Business Directory Project

This outpouring of support has inspired an exciting new initiative: We would like to develop a directory of families from our school who own businesses. This project, which we will complete next year, could:

- Help promote your business
- Help our community continue to connect and support one another
- Make it easy for families to find trusted, quality services
- How many times have you needed an electrician, plumber, AC service, or other professional and weren't sure who to call? If you knew a St Gregory the Great family owned that business, that would be my first call too!

If you are interested in being included in our business directory, please email me:

- Company name
- Address
- Website
- What you specialize in
- Any discounts you offer to school families

Campus Improvement Projects

If you or your company are interested in donating or helping with campus improvement projects, I would love to find a time to talk with you. Together, we can continue to strengthen our physical space and community. Also, we are looking for any Boy Scouts who need an area or project for their Eagle Scout Projects. If this is your child, let's talk.

A few reminders

Our school day begins promptly at 8:00 AM. While I know we run late for a variety of valid reasons, we are seeing an increase in tardiness. When your child is late, they miss valuable instruction. I ask that you do everything you can to ensure your child is seated by 8:00 AM.

I also ask that you ensure your child is in compliance with the dress code upon arrival. This includes shirts tucked, proper attire, belts, and ties. Your attention to this matter is appreciated. If your child lost an item, please ensure it is replaced so that all children are properly attired.

In Closing

I anticipate finishing the school year here at St Gregory the Great, and I am honored to work and walk alongside your children and this wonderful staff. When I hand the keys off to our new principal in June, I will continue to pray for this community because it is truly special.

I ask that you keep our school community in your prayers. We need your intercession and support as we move forward together.

I am here to help. Please reach out anytime.

God Bless,
Mr. Todd

Plan Your Week- **WEEK A**

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
Dress Code	Spirit Shirt w/Uniform Bottoms or Regular Uniform	Regular Uniform	Regular Uniform	Regular Uniform	Mass Uniform
Schedule	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Mass
Mark your Calendar	NWEA Testing Window continues	Living Rosary 2:45 pm		Ark Testing- 8 th grade	Mass led by 3 rd Grade 3 rd Grade Retreat BBQ Club: State BBQ Competition



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!

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LUNCH PREORDER
PIZZA FRIDAY
Order by **TUESDAY**
BUY NOW

Grave-It Lunch Pre-Order

Register for a Grave It Lunch Account. Grave-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!





TEXAS EDUCATION
FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

UPDATE

TEFA award notifications have begun, beginning with Tier 1. Notifications are expected over the next 2-3 weeks. If your family received an award, please let us know as soon as possible. This will allow us to update any tuition agreements before summer billing. Our goal is to help families make this as seamless as possible. If you have any questions, please let us know.

[CLICK HERE](#)

As you begin to receive updates, here are a few important next steps and reminders:

1. Accept Your Award Promptly

If you receive an award, log into your [Odyssey/TEFA portal](#) and accept it as soon as possible. Be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as TEFA communications may occasionally be filtered there.

2. Finalize Your School Selection

After accepting your award, confirm your selected school in the portal. This step allows the school to see your student and begin supporting your enrollment.

3. Complete Enrollment/Re-enrollment with the School

Once your student appears in the school's system, they will guide you through the next steps to complete enrollment/re-enrollment and secure your child's seat.

4. Act Early

Due to increased interest, available seats may fill quickly. We encourage families to complete all steps as soon as possible.

Additional Notes:

- If your student qualifies for additional funding related to special education services, the state will follow up with more information after your initial award notification.
- TEFA funds are distributed through a state-managed account and paid directly to approved schools or vendors.
- If you are having trouble logging into your Odyssey/TEFA account, please contact Odyssey Support and be sure to submit a Texas request:

Odyssey Support (Texas)
help.tx@withodyssey.com
737-379-2362

<https://support.withodyssey.com/hc/en-us/articles/24210891044891-How-Can-I-Contact-Odyssey-Support>

- If your student was listed as ineligible, you may review the official TEFA appeals process here:
- <https://support.withodyssey.com/hc/en-us/articles/49194996729115-TEFA-Parent-Appeals-Process>



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](#)



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.

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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St. Gregory the Great 8th Grade Class

is hosting a Donation Drive
Fundraiser to raise money for
St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

Please support our donation drive fundraiser by
bringing gently used items to donate to our event on

Now- May 30th

In partnership with



All donated items can
be dropped off in
Room D4

Donated items will be given to Goodwill San Antonio in support of their mission of Helping to Change Lives Through the Power of Work.

Acceptable donations:

Clothing, shoes, accessories, books, knick knacks, CDs, DVDs, records, videos, household items, and electronics.

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable donations, or for more information about the Donation Drive fundraiser, please visit www.goodwillsa.org/partnersforgood