

GREAT WEEK AHEAD



Week 35

May 1, 2026



This week, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, who live out our Catholic mission each day through their service, compassion, and commitment to forming the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. They model Christ's love in their classrooms, guiding students not only in academic growth but also in faith and character.

We invite our students and families to join us in showing appreciation by writing a note of thanks to a teacher who has made a difference in your life. A few kind words can be a powerful reminder of the impact they have each and every day.

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



We are proud to celebrate Mrs. Lopez, our 4th grade teacher, on being recognized at the 34th Annual Catholic Schools Leadership Banquet as St. Gregory the Great Catholic School's Teacher of the Year! 🍎

Thank you, Mrs. Lopez, for pouring your heart into each student and for the love, dedication, and faith you bring to our school community each and every day. Your impact reaches far beyond the classroom, and we are so grateful for you! ❤️

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!



Message from Mr. Todd

Dear St Gregory the Great Families,

What a privilege and joy it is to serve alongside you at St Gregory the Great! I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to walk with your children and your families in faith and education. This week, I have witnessed God's work in remarkable ways—from a 7th grader at Mass helping her Mass buddy sing a song with such kindness and patience, to a first grader who found a dollar bill on the ground and immediately turned it in without hesitation. These moments remind me that this truly is a special place, and I am honored that you have chosen to be part of our community. Please ask your children about the living rosary that we were able to experience on Tuesday. It was a beautiful way to end the day.

Teacher Appreciation Week

This week, we celebrate the incredible educators who pour their hearts into your children every single day. Last week, I assigned you “homework”—and I hope you have been working on it! **Please send a note or email to your child's teachers expressing your genuine appreciation for all they do.** These messages mean more than you know and will be treasured for years to come.

This week, we will be honoring our staff with special snacks and lunches throughout the day. **If you are able to contribute snacks or treats, please let us know.** Your generosity helps us show our teachers how much we value them.

NWEA Testing

Our students continue taking the **NWEA test**—a nationally normed assessment that measures **student growth**. This is so important! Ask your children about their testing experience. They are working in the computer lab, and these tests will show us exactly how much your child has learned and grown this year. **You will receive detailed information about your child's growth and progress from Mrs. Rosales after testing is complete.** In the meantime, please encourage your child to do their best and ensure they are getting a good night's rest.

ARK Testing – 8th Grade

Our **8th graders will take the ARK test (Assessment of Religious Knowledge) on April 30th.** This unique assessment measures our students' understanding and beliefs about our Catholic faith. Our 5th graders have already completed this test, and we look forward to seeing how our oldest students demonstrate their religious knowledge.

How can you help at home? - Ensure your family attends Mass together regularly - Pray together as a family - Talk about examples of Jesus working in your lives - Discuss how faith shapes your daily decisions.

Staff Updates & Changes

We are excited to share some wonderful staffing updates:

New Roles on for our Team: - **Mr. Todd** will be teaching 6th grade Religion and Art for the remainder of the year - **Grandma Pacheco** will be assisting Music and **Mrs. Hancock** will be teaching Spanish to our lower unit students.

We are thrilled about these opportunities and know your children will be blessed by their gifts and dedication.

Math Department Transition: - **Mrs. Johnson**, our dedicated math teacher, has taken early retirement - **Ms. Martin**, our current Drama Club coach, will step in to teach math for grades 5-8 - **Mrs. Rosales** will provide support in the morning, and **Mrs. Gimbel** will provide support in the afternoon.

Thank you, Parents!

We are deeply grateful to each family who has chosen St Gregory the Great and Catholic education for your child. We recognize that you have choices, and we do not take for granted the faith and trust you have placed in us. We are honored to partner with you in your child's spiritual, academic, and personal growth.

As we continue to build and strengthen our school community, we humbly ask for your help. **Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to visit our campus and experience St Gregory the Great firsthand.** A personal tour and conversation with our staff can speak volumes about who we are and what we do. Your referrals are invaluable, they come from a place of genuine experience and love for our school, and they carry far more weight than any advertisement. We are actively praying that God will send us more families who share our vision of faith-centered, excellent Catholic education. If you know someone who might benefit from learning more about St Gregory the Great, please share our contact information or invite them to visit. Together, we can grow this beautiful community and continue to impact young lives for Christ.

Summer Camps

We are excited to announce that St Gregory the Great will be offering summer athletic camps! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for your students to stay active, build skills, and continue building community with their friends.

First Communion Celebration

Congratulations to the seven students who made their First Holy Communion this past Saturday! We are so incredibly proud of your accomplishment and grateful for this sacred milestone in your faith journey. Your families and our entire school community celebrate with you!

In Closing

As we move toward the end of the school year, I am reminded of the promise found in Philippians 4:4-5: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. It is an honor and a privilege to serve this community.
God Bless,

Mr. Todd



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Student Spotlight

Over the past few weeks, two of our students have stepped forward to join our Music Ministry for Friday Mass — and we couldn't be more proud! Shoutout to Anya and Ezra for sharing their talents and shining so brightly. They help make each Mass even more special for our school community! We're also excited to share that Mrs. Pacheco has joined Sr. Judy and Mr. Garza in leading this beautiful ministry. What a blessing to see our students and staff using their gifts to serve!

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
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	Kinder Field Trip NJHS Induction 5:30 pm in church		5 th - 8 th Grade Field Trip Garden Club 3:45 - 4:30 pm	Mass led by 8 th Grade- May Crowning



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!



Friday, May 8th

Mass and May Crowning will be held at 8:15 am

Students are encouraged to bring flowers to leave for our Blessed Mother.

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 for Tier 1 have been sent! If your family qualified under Tier 1 and you did not receive an award notification I highly recommend calling the Odyssey Support Line as soon as possible. Notifications are expected over the next 2 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>

ST. GREGORY

THE GREAT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESENTS

BINGO

Sunday!

BINGO				
4	26	34	53	68
7	19	43	58	71
9	23	★	50	72
11	20	36	55	75
27	33	48	67	

BINGO				
14	25	33	51	67
3	17	45	57	72
6	22	★	54	61
9	28	38	60	74
12	29	32	46	66

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF FUN,
PRIZES, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT!



LOCATION:
St. Gregory
Parish Hall
709 Beryl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78213



DATE:
Sunday
May 24th



DOORS OPEN:
12:30 PM
BINGO BEGINS:
1:30 PM



ADMISSION:
\$15
for 15 games
4 CARDS FOR
\$50



★ Great Prizes • Snacks • Family Fun • School Spirit ★



COME SUPPORT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND ENJOY AN
Afternoon of Excitement!



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

📞 210-342-0281

✉ Hope.rodiguez@stgregorys.net

TENNIS CAMP



**SESSION 1
JUNE 15-18**

8 AM TO 10 AM

**SESSION 2
JULY 6-9**

8 AM TO 10 AM

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS
GRADES 5TH-8TH

**WOODLAWN PARK
TENNIS COURTS**

1103 CINCINNATI AVE, SAN
ANTONIO, TX 78201

**COST: \$100 PER
SESSION**

MORE INFORMATION

LAUREN.ADAN@STGREGORYS.NET

🌟 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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the Squad!

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Neysa Gonzales
210-291-7671

INFORMATIONAL
PARENT MEETING
MAY 11 @ 7 PM

FOCUS POINTS:

CHEERLEADING
JUMPS
STUNTS
DANCE
TUMBLING

MIDDLE SCHOOL

PERFORM AT:

PEP RALLIES
FESTIVALS
SCHOOLS FUNCTIONS
GAMES
ATTEND LOCAL COMPETITIONS

TRYOUTS

When: **MAY 11-14**

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Where: St Gregory Gym

ATTIRE: WHITE SHIRT,
GREEN SHORTS/SPANKS,
NO GUM, NO JEWELRY

HAIR STYLE: HIGH,
SLICKED BACK PONY TAIL,
CHEER BOW

WHO: BOYS / GIRLS TO
GRADE 4TH-8TH



Come join our Middle School Team for quality competitive cheer coaching and guidance to all athletes. Our focus is to provide a safe & understanding environment to ensure athletes reach their highest potential. We strive to instill strength, knowledge, faith, and integrity on the mat as well as in their every day life.



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!



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 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

**2026 FIESTA DE LA FAMILIA
TOP RAFFLE SALES WINNERS**

1 st top Seller Kacy Lujan \$950.00

VIP seating \$200 Walmart GC

2 nd top Seller Eva Marie Medina \$460.00

\$100 Amazon GC

\$250 School Credit Winner: Aerin Moss

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

1 - \$1500 VISA GC ----- Miguel Samour

2 - \$500 VISA GC ----- Charles Herrera

3 - \$400 Walmart GC ----- Kelsey Almeida

4 - \$350 HEB GC----- Sonia Cisneros

5 - \$300 Target GC----- Ruben Castanon

6 – \$250 Walmart GC----- Kelsey Almeida

7 - \$200 HEB GC ----- Kathy Acosta

8 - \$150 Target GC----- Yolanda Garza

9 - \$100 Chick-fil-A GC----- Christina Bauer

10 - \$50 Whataburger GC----- Diane Gamboa

11. Homemade meal by Father Richard Bianca Martinez