

## **GREAT WEEK AHEAD**

As the school year begins, we're excited to welcome you back for fresh start, filled with opportunities and new experiences! We hope your summer was enjoyable, restful, and that you're ready to dive into an exciting and productive year ahead.

The first week of school is always a special time as we reconnect with familiar faces and meet new ones. This newsletter will guide you through what to expect in the coming days and highlight key information to ensure a smooth and successful start to the year. We're committed to making this year a fantastic journey of learning and growth for everyone. Whether you're settling back into a routine or joining our school community for the first time, we're here to partner you every step of the way.

Let's make this year the best one yet!

## Plan Your Week

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			Regular Uniform	Mass Uniform	Regular Uniform
Schedule	No School	No School	Early Dismissal No After School Care	Mass	Regular

### **GROOMING/DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

GROOMING (Applicable for all grade levels with uniform, Special Events, and for Free Dress/Spirit days):

• Neatness and cleanliness are expected of each student.

#### MAKF-UP:

- NO make-up is to be worn on school days or to school sponsored activities.
- Sculptured nails and/or nail polish is not allowed.
- Students wearing make-up will be sent to the nurse to remove the make-up and a signature will be given.

### JEWELRY: (Girls Only)

• Earrings may only be worn for pierced ears on the earlobe. Only stud earrings may be worn and may not extend below the earlobe (one earring in each earlobe).

### Jewelry: (Boys and Girls)

- One watch may be worn (not Smart Watches or other watches with internet capabilities).
- One necklace may be worn.
- One religious pin and/or school organization pin may be worn on school attire.
- One ring per hand may be worn.
- One bracelet per arm may be worn.
- Eighth grade students may wear their retreat cross necklace.
- · Boys are not allowed to wear earrings or other types of body piercing.
- The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged jewelry.

\*\*\*Should items of jewelry distracts from the learning environment, teachers may ask students to refrain from wearing them to school. \*\*\* No other jewelry will be permitted.

### HAIR ACCESSORIES: (GIRLS ONLY)

- Only St. Gregory's plaid or solid colors from the plaid are allowed for hair accessories (ribbons, bows, barrettes, headbands).
- No accessories are to be excessive in size or length and no flowers, metallic, ears, horns, or sparkly decorations allowed.
- Hair accessories may not be worn as jewelry.

#### HAIR: (BOYS AND GIRLS)

- Fad haircuts or hairstyles are NOT allowed;
- Spiked haircut may not be longer than a half inch.
- Hair may not be higher than I inch from the top of the scalp
- The differentiation between sections of hair should not be more than 2 clipper lengths.
- Hair may not be artificially streaked, highlighted or colored.
- No feathers or hair weaves are allowed.
- Haircuts, hairstyles, or hair color that is deemed inappropriate by the Administration will be subject to an immediate required change.
- Boys' hair must be above the eyebrows; over the ears, and above the collar.
- Girls' hair may not cover their eyes.
- Hair must be kept clean, neatly combed or brushed at all times.
- The Principal or administrative team will be the final judge of what hairstyles will be acceptable.

FACIAL HAIR (6th - 8th grade Boys) such as a mustache or sideburns are not permitted. Students are expected to be clean-shaven.

The dress code and grooming code are applicable to the Extended Day programs, co-curricular, and extracurricular events, unless otherwise noted. The administration is the final arbiter of uniform policies.

## **DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURES**



# TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN \*\*\*PARKING ALONG NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS OR

IN THE ADORATION/RECTORY PARKING LOT IS NOT ALLOWED\*\*\*

This is a request from our Pastor and Balcones Heights Police Department in respect for our neighbors and parishioners attending Adoration.

The church parking lot is designated as a "park and walk" area and will be used ONLY for parents/guardians who choose to escort their child(ren) to morning care (before 7:45 am) and to pick them up in after school care after 3:45pm.

\*\*\*All Drop off before 7:45 am must be at the Morning Care room (room K3)

## **DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURES**

#### STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

- NO CELL PHONE USAGE IN CAR LINE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS.
- Grades PreK 3 Kinder are to be dropped off and picked up at the ECH drive thru care line located on Beryl Drive.
- Grades 1-3 are to be dropped off and picked up at the drive thru located in the school parking lot located on Dewhurst Drive.
- Grades 4-8th are to be dropped off and picked up at the Upper Unit drive thru care line located on Beryl Drive.
- Families with multiple students can be dropped off at the youngest child's drive thru.
- Drop off to the Early Childhood Building site begins at 7:45am.
- Pick-up for all grade levels begins at 3:30 pm.
- The Early Childhood car line to enter will form on the church side of Beryl Drive.
- Cars will not be permitted to enter the car line from the side of the baseball field.
- Children must exit on the passenger's side and will not be permitted to exit on the driver's side.
- Children should be prepared with a backpack, lunchbox, etc. in hand to exit the vehicle and prevent delay in order to allow the car line to move efficiently.
- After 8:00 a.m., parents must send their child to the front office for a tardy slip.
- Parents/Guardians are asked to pull forward and buckle seat belts for all students before proceeding through the
  lot.
- Beginning at 7:45 a.m. parents may begin to line up for drop-off in the car line of the Faculty/Staff parking lot site.
- Afternoon Pick-Up, cars will be able to enter the faculty/staff parking lot drop-off and pick-up site at 3:00 p.m.
- Children must exit on the passenger side and will not be permitted to exit on the driver's side.
- Children must enter the vehicle on the passenger's side.
- Students dropped off in the car line between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. may exit the car and walk directly to their respective classroom.
- All cars will be allowed to enter the car line until 8:00 a.m.
- Students will be counted tardy if they do not reach the classroom door by 8:00 a.m.
- ALL cars will continue around the faculty/staff parking lot site and will turn right to exit onto Dewhurst Road. No left turns will be permitted.
- Cars will not be allowed to park in the Faculty/Staff parking lot site.
- Families with children in PK3 Kinder, please plan to pick these children up first at their pick up location and then travel to the faculty/staff parking lot site.
- Under advisement from Balcones Heights Police Department, StG Faculty, Staff and Administration will control the flow of traffic. Please follow directions given to ensure safety for all.
- All cars must enter through the marked lane.
- If a child is not ready for pick-up, a family will be asked to circle back around to allow the car line flow to continue.
- Families with multiple children should use the youngest child's drop off location.

#### FOR PARENTS WHO CHOOSE TO ESCORT THEIR CHILD(REN) TO THE CAMPUS:

- Parents are welcome to park in either the church parking lot or the baseball field parking lot and walk their child to the campus.
- NO PARKING and walking from any neighborhood streets is allowed, unless a resident of those streets, for the safety of our StG families and respect for our neighbors.
- Walking through car lines in either the faculty/staff parking lot drop off and pick-up site or the Early Childhood Building drop-off and pick-up site will not be permitted.
- The Faculty/Staff parking lot will be used as a drop off and pick up area by parents and guardians. Faculty and staff will continue to use this lot for parking.
- Texas law requires children under age 8 to ride in an appropriate car seat or booster seat unless they are 4'9" tall. StG Faculty/Staff will not allow a child into a vehicle that does not have the proper safety equipment.
- Parking spaces in the Beryl parking lot, facing the street, are reserved for Charger Tot Parents only.



### **CRAVE-IT LUNCH PROGRAM**

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School has partnered with Crave-it Nutrition to provide you a secure, fast, and easy-to-use online ordering system that allows you to view our lunch menu, order, prepay and manage student lunches from a smartphone, tablet or computer. Please click the link below for additional information on setting up your account.

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**Nutrition** 



## PTC/ SCHOOL COUNCIL BOARD NEEDED

St Gregory the Great's PTC & School Council Committees are looking for new members, all positions are open. We encourage all family members to join, and help our school. If you are interested please click the link below.

PTC/School Council Sign-up

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### **SAVE THE DATES**

- First Day of School- August 14th (noon dismissal-no after school care)
- **Mass** August 15th @ 8:15 am
- C/O 2025 Parent Meeting- August 26th @6 pm



### TOTS TEACHER POSITION



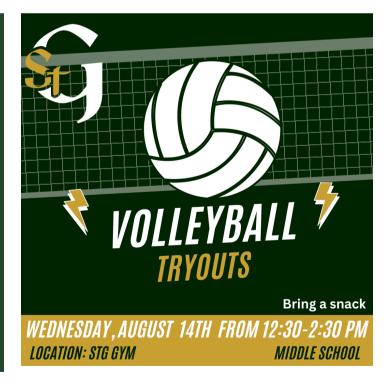
St. Gregory Charger Tots Program is looking for a dedicated and passionate Toddler Teacher to join our team! If you love working with young children and have a nurturing spirit, we would love to hear from you.

Interested candidates, apply online or contact our Charger Tots Director, Ruth Moreno at ruth.moreno@stgregorys.net

Join us in making a difference in the lives of our youngest Chargers!

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## **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Our 2024-2025 Academic Calendar is available on our school website home page.

Calendar

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



