



**ST. GERARD CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

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***Look for exciting reading activities and events to celebrate March is Reading Month!**

Enrollment/Registration for 2015-16 Current family registration will begin Wednesday, February 18th with new family registration beginning on Friday, March 13th. Returning families will receive an email from **Smart Tuition** regarding registration for 2015-16. I will alert you via edline that the email has been sent. Registration, \$50 registration fee per child, and tuition will be paid through Smart Tuition. We truly believe once we have worked out the kinks, that this will be a great service we can provide for our families. Once you have registered on line, the system will alert us to send any other miscellaneous paperwork not related to the financial aspect of registering. **Your family will not be considered registered until we have notification from Smart Tuition.** Please register on line in a timely fashion so that we may be able to meet the needs of incoming families. We have the wonderful problem of having some grades that are full and want to provide new families the opportunity of communicating their placement for the fall in a timely manner. Word of mouth continues to be our best form of advertising. If you know of someone looking for a preschool, kindergarten or simply a Catholic school program, please don't hesitate to send him or her our way. We would be happy to share everything that St. Gerard School has to offer.

Student Teacher Jennifer Williams will be student teaching three days a week with Mrs. Kathy Pavelka. Mrs. Williams is adding an endorsement to her teaching certificate. Jennifer is from St. Johns and until recently was the K-6th Special Ed/Title 1 Teacher at Cole Academy. If your student currently works with Mrs. Pavelka, chances are they will get an opportunity to work with Mrs. Williams as well. Welcome to our school, Mrs. Williams!

DARE Graduates On Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, the 5th grade students of St. Gerard School graduated from the DARE program. DARE is an acronym and stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program. Fifty-one students and their parents listened to the wisdom of Deputy Jon Van Core (recently awarded Deputy of the Year through the Eaton County Sheriff's Department) as well as student athletes from Michigan State University. The athletes encouraged the students to know themselves, to stay true to their family values, and to live their faith. They encouraged them to stay drug free and to keep their DARE pledge for life. The evening concluded with skits written and performed by the students. These conversations may start in 5th grade (in some families even earlier), however they must continue. The choices our children make become even more important as they get older.

Middle School Youth Rally Attention parents of 6th, 7th and 8th graders! The Diocesan Middle School Rally is quickly approaching on Saturday, March 14th. This year's rally will take place at Lansing Catholic from 12-9:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to help strengthen the faith of your child. There will be among 500 other students of their own age with the goal of building up our faith community. If your child is unsure, perhaps they could bring a friend, even if they aren't Catholic. If you have any questions, please call the parish office and ask for Jeff or email him at youth@stgerard.org.



Feeling Good Mileage Club Spring is just around the corner. (we hope!) St. Gerard is once again working with Sparrow to offer the Feeling Good Mileage Club. This is a free, seven-week program that takes place during recess and runs from April 13th (the day we return from spring break) through May 29th. Registration continues this year to be done by the parents, either online at sparrowmilesclub.com or by sending in the postage paid postcard sent home last week in Thursday envelopes or available in the office. Once you register, you will receive progress reports and other information through Sparrow. If your children participated in this program last year, you may have already received an email alerting you. Registration opened February 1st and runs until March 5th. Your child may not participate unless they are signed up. Parent volunteers are encouraged and **necessary** to provide this program. If you are interested in assisting with this program or have any questions, please email Wendi Spagnuolo at wendi.spag@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools Week While Catholic Schools Week was one day short due to the weather, the staff and students at St. Gerard School made the most of it! From switching teachers, praise and worship music to start the week, wearing your uniforms to weekend Masses and praying morning and night as a whole school community, we made the most of our celebration. On Friday, we topped it all off with an assembly. Alumni student, Kim Parvianen came to share her story of following your dreams and listening to the plan that God has for us. The assembly ended by playing "Minute to Win It" games. Students who participated in this event were chosen through a school wide reading contest. Congratulations to 5th grader, Reese Corey, the second recipient of the "Minute to Win It" school trophy! Hopefully, you were able to catch this on the news and certainly on our Facebook page!





Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 12 th	Pre-8th Conferences 12:00-2:30 and 5:00-7:30 pm./No PM Waverly Buses
Friday, Feb. 13 th	No School Pre-8 th grade
Monday, Feb. 16 th	No School Pre-8 th grade
Tuesday, Feb. 17 th	5 th grade Cultural Food Festival
Wednesday, Feb. 18 th	Begin ordering hot lunch/All School Mass for Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, Feb. 25 th	Last day to order hot lunch for March
	4 th grade Camp Parent Meeting at 6:30 in Fr. Weber Hall
	3 rd grade field trip to the Capitol
Thursday, Feb. 27 th :	Preschool Open House and Registration at 6:30 pm in the Library
	No School for 7 th and 8 th graders only/Junior High teachers PD
Wednesday, March 4 th :	5 th grade visit to LCHS/Book Fair Preview for Students during the day
	Book Fair open at night from 6:30-8:00/Faculty-Staff Event at 6:30
Thursday, March 5 th :	Book Fair open all day for students
Friday, March 6 th :	6 th grade to LCHS Spring Play from 9:45-12:45
Sunday, March 8 th :	Come to the Table Mass at 1:00 pm in the church
Monday, March 9 th -13 th :	Jump Rope for Heart takes during gym classes
Tuesday, March 10 th :	Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Impression 5/PTO Meeting at 6:30 in the library
Sunday, March 15 th :	Regional Reconciliation at 2:00 pm in the church
Tuesday, March 17 th :	All School Mass St. Patrick's Day
Thursday, March 19 th :	7 th grade trip to Chicago/Preschool Field trip Bowling
Friday, March 20 th :	No School/Teacher Professional Development/Child Care open

SAVE THE DATE: If you are making plans for next year, please use these dates as a reference for the 2015-16 school year.

Christmas Break 2014: Monday, December 21st-Friday, January 1st

Spring Break 2015: Monday, April 4th-Friday, April 8th 2016

On behalf of the St. Gerard School family, we would like to thank all of you for your hugs, prayers, food, and support that you provided for us during a difficult time. The loss of our dear friend and colleague, Lisa Endres has left a huge void, however, your compassion has helped make this difficult time much easier to endure.

“May the angels welcome her to paradise.”

*See March lunch calendar on the back of this newsletter. You can also find an electronic version on our website.