



**ST. GERARD CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL**  
Website: [stgerardlansing.org](http://stgerardlansing.org)

March 12, 2015



Jeans Day on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>! Donations accepted for our Lenten Mission (see below)



**Enrollment/Registration for 2015-16** We have just over 50 current families left that haven't finished the registration process. If you haven't received the initial email from Smart Tuition to register, please don't hesitate to call the office and we can help you through this process. We would like to thank all of our families for your patience as we work through the beginning glitches with Smart Tuition. Please continue to ask and/or share your feedback with us. We hope that by putting this service at your fingertips, our families are able to find this convenient and easy to monitor.



Each year we are excited to welcome new families in a number of our grades as well as many new families in preschool and kindergarten. Please remember that financial aid information is due to **PSAS no later than Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. In order to be considered for financial aid through St. Gerard School, families need to submit their information through PSAS. Forms are available at [glcef.org](http://glcef.org). Forms must be postmarked no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>. Each year there are families that would have received aid had they taken the time to submit their information.



**Lent**

Of the three marks of Lent (prayer, fasting and almsgiving)-almsgiving is surely the most neglected. That being said, almsgiving can be the most powerful of the three. Why is almsgiving "better" than prayer and fasting? Because it is prayer, and it involves fasting. Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is "giving to God" and not just philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving and not just giving something, but giving up something, giving until it hurts.



As a community, St. Gerard School has pledged to use our alms toward Operation Rice Bowl, Friends of Kenyan Orphans, and Waverly Community Schools Backpack Program sponsored by the Rotary Club. Many of our junior high students have packed backpacks of food for students literally in our own neighborhoods to take home each weekend so that they may have food to eat.



Your family is invited to join us this Lent in giving alms. For starters, next Wednesday we will sponsor a jeans day. Donations towards our mission for Lent will be encouraged but not required in order to participate in the jeans day. This might be a great opportunity to have our students really give alms by giving a sacrificial gift of their own money. Finally as our Lenten journey comes to an end, Rice Bowls can be sent into school and we will combine our alms to send to ORB, Kenyan Orphans and the Rotary Club. What a great gift we can give others and ultimately ourselves!



**APRIL IS SOON APPROACHING** All parents participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program **must** re-enroll during the month of April. This will ensure that St. Gerard School continues to earn money during the 2015/2016 school year. To re-enroll, visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Sign in, click on "Michigan", then click on "Enroll".



**Did You Hear the Great News?** Congratulations to the following eighth grade students for placing in the Farm Bureau "America and Me Essay Contest".

First place: Brianna Haarer

Second Place: Natalie Endres

Third Place: Audrey Morris



### Upcoming Events

- Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Financial Aid must be postmarked today!
- Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:** All School Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick
- Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Order hot lunch for April!/Jeans Day for Missions/Pep Assembly at 2:10
- Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Chicago/Preschool bowling field trip
- Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:** No School Pre-8<sup>th</sup> grade/Faculty to MACUL Conference in Detroit  
Child Care Open
- Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Concert at the Wharton for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade (sack lunch)/ Intramural Skills  
Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the gym at 5:30 for boys and girls
- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day to Order Hot Lunch for April
- Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Kindergarten Roundup at 8:30 am/No School Kindergarten Only  
Registration for Summer Baseball and Softball in Fr. Weber Hall 6-8 pm
- Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Projects in Fr. Weber Hall from 1-2
- Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Registration for Summer Baseball and Softball in Fr. Weber Hall from 1-3
- Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:** No Waverly PM Bus
- Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> :** No Waverly PM Bus/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Chaperone Meeting for Camp at 6:00 in  
the library/Summer Baseball & Softball registration 7-8 pm in Fr. Weber Hall
- Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> :** Holy Thursday Prayer Service at 8:10/Spring Break begins at 2:40/  
Report cards go home/Junior High to the Wharton Center to see Phantom  
School Resumes/Feelin' Good Mileage Club Begins/Intramural Skills Testing  
for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at 5:30
- Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>:**
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** PTO Board Meeting at 6:30 pm/Virtus Training at 6:30 in the Parish  
Hall/Pre-register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)