



## ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Website:

[stgerardlansing.org](http://stgerardlansing.org)

**JUNE 5, 2015**

**Vacation Bible School is Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for K-5! It isn't too late to register! Call the Religious Education Office at 321-4179**

**Summer Office Hours** The school office will be open during the summer. During June and August someone will be around in the mornings from at least 9:00-12:00. Many days we are here longer but give us a call ahead just to be sure. If you ever need to contact the school over the summer, either send an email or call the parish office and someone will get back with you.

\*Don't forget to pick up medication by Friday, June 19th. We are required to dispose of it at that time.

\*Stop in and check out the used uniform closet or after you clean out your closet drop some off!

**Don't Take a Vacation From Everything** Summer vacation is a great time to be with your family and take some much deserved time off. The stress of the schedule is somewhat gone and life seems a little bit easier. Life is good. There are a few things we ask the students not to take a vacation from and that is reading and math. Research is clear on the fact that students who take a true vacation from their studies will lose some of the ground that they made the previous year. We can't risk this for our students! **This summer we are asking students in grades 4-8 to read a book of their choice and be ready to share with their class the first week of school. Please see supply list for recommended length.** This isn't meant to be anything more than an encouragement to read as well as an opportunity to have a choice in the selection. Students in grades K-3 received a packet to reinforce learning as well. Last year many of our families also used a program called GRASP. For a nominal fee, students in grades K-8 can sign up and are provided with up to nine weeks of lessons in math and/or reading. Students can earn certificates and medals depending on how much they accomplish. More information on this program is available at [www.grpublicschools.org/grasp](http://www.grpublicschools.org/grasp). Finally keep praying! Prayer is a part of our daily life around here and one that is just part of the routine. Make prayer part of your family's routine also if it isn't already.

Last summer many of our families used an online program for math called Ten Marks. It is a free program sponsored by Amazon. The nice part about the program is that it has built in goals and rewards. Please make sure math practice is part of your summer routine as well! Go to [tenmarks.com](http://tenmarks.com)

**Calendar Information-** In your summer mailing you will receive a detailed calendar for 2015-16 school year. A reminder regarding the following dates:

Christmas Break: Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> -Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Break: April 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Auction: November 7<sup>th</sup>





**Summer TRIP** Please mark your calendars with the following dates to drop off TRIP orders: **June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Summer TRIP orders can be dropped off anytime in the school or parish office beforehand. Orders will be placed on Mondays and available for pick up that Friday. TRIP will be available in the school during office hours. After school office hours, TRIP can be picked up in the parish office

**Used Uniform** We currently have an abundance of Jr. High girls skirts, girls jumpers and boys pants in sizes from 4 - 38! An Open Used Uniform Closet Day is schedule for Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 pm. Parents may bring their child along for fittings.

Jr. High Girls Skirts \$6.00  
Boys Pants \$3.00  
Girls Jumpers \$6.00  
Boys and Girls Shirts \$2.00  
Sweatshirts, Sweaters and Shorts too!

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>: All School Mass @ 8:10/Dismiss @ 11:00
- Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Vacation Bible School starts/Summer TRIP
- Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: Summer TRIP
- Beginning of August: School Summer Newsletter sent the first week in August/Girls' Volleyball Grades 5-8/Look for Registration information in summer newsletter and bulletin!
- Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>: Open Used Uniform Closet from 4:00-7:00 pm. Come on in and shop early!
- Monday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>: 2015-16 Open House from 4:00-6:30 PM
- Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>: First day of school for K-8
- Tuesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: First day of preschool

This past Tuesday our staff said goodbye to 61 wonderful 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is always a bittersweet evening from the standpoint of being thrilled for these young men and women as they close their St. Gerard chapter and look forward to high school while at the same time realizing a part of our community is leaving. Each year families that are graduating their last student from St. Gerard stand to be recognized, as they will be missed. We also have a few families that won't be with us next year for a variety of reasons. Our St. Gerard School family has had the privilege of walking this journey with you. This journey is one we don't take for granted. We thank all of our families for allowing us the opportunity to share the mission of the church with you and your family.

**Reminder: School supply lists are always available on our school website under each grade!**

