

## **2015 St. Gerard School Auction – Family Donations**

Our annual school auction, held each fall, is our only all-school fundraiser. The dollars raised at this event are used to buy much needed equipment for our school. In past years we were able to purchase classroom furniture and 30 new iPads to be used in the classrooms. We were also able to update the infrastructure necessary to support the use of Wi-Fi throughout the building. New desktop Apple computers were added to the computer lab so students no longer need to share a computer when visiting the computer lab.

We each play an important role to the success of the auction. Perhaps you'll donate your time to a committee. You could also work the night of the auction for a ½ hour or more at the auction bidding tables, one of the games or at checkout. Perhaps you'll even attend the auction for the first time this year (we'd love to have you there)! We anticipate that all St. Gerard school families will donate to the silent or live auction. Lots of items are needed for a successful auction!

Fall is always busy! Get a jumpstart and consider giving your family's donation to the auction now. Items can be turned in at the school office or to the auction chairs.

**Turn in your family donation by September 11 to be entered into a drawing for two free tickets to attend the auction on November 7, 2015!**

In addition, each school child in your family will earn a jeans day coupon as our thank you for donating to the auction. **TOGETHER WE WIN!**

We anticipate each family will donate an item to the auction. There is no maximum or minimum value to what you can donate!

- Attention Hairdressers, Decorators, Chefs, Handymen, etc.: Your talents would make an **easy and popular** donation!
- Group donations are a great idea! iPods, Nooks, iPads, and video game systems are some examples of group donations.
- Need help with an idea? [stgerardlansingauction.org](http://stgerardlansingauction.org) has many ideas, as well as a list of items from last year's silent auction!
- Themed gift baskets, sports tickets, week/weekend stays at cottages are great ideas!
- Not feeling creative? The auction can always use a **simple gift card** as your family donation! We will use these as prizes for games that will be played the night of the auction (formally the Balloon Raffle).

### **Need a Family Donation Idea?**

Visit the auction website at [stgerardlansingauction.org](http://stgerardlansingauction.org) for lots of ideas as well as a list of items donated to past auctions.

If you have any questions, please contact your 2015 auction chairs:

Misty Opperman and Sarah Cook  
**[stgerardauction@gmail.com](mailto:stgerardauction@gmail.com)**

# Family Donation Form

Family Name (First and Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Item Donated \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Description/Restrictions (please be specific)

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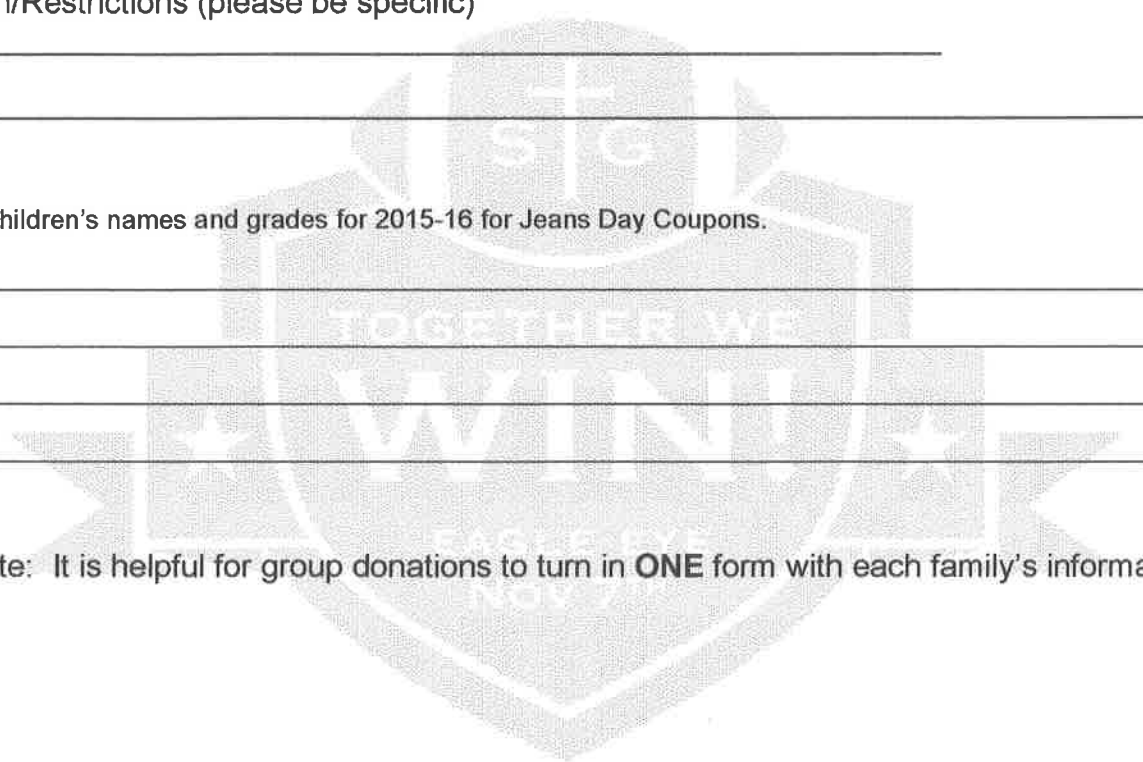
Please list Children's names and grades for 2015-16 for Jeans Day Coupons.

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Please Note: It is helpful for group donations to turn in **ONE** form with each family's information!





# Jeans Day

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Earn Jeans Day Coupons the following ways:

1. Pregame-Volunteer for a committee to prep for the auction.
2. Family Donation-Turn in your Family Donation by Oct 2!
3. Game Day-Volunteer on Auction Night for a ½ hour or more shift.

No more than 3 Jeans Day coupons will be issued per child in your family. Coupons will be issued AFTER the auction and will be valid until Spring Break. NO COUPONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON MASS DAYS!



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September 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to return as the counselor at St. Gerard School this year! This year I will be here most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. I am looking forward to assisting students with a variety of issues that impact their school experience as they arise. I will also be offering beginning guitar and chess club for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade electives.

I am also available to work along with teachers in the classrooms in the areas of positive peer relationship skills, problem solving and conflict resolution, communication skills, coping with strong feelings, and other areas as requested by teachers.

In addition to visiting classrooms and doing small groups, I can meet with students individually. Teachers have been provided with forms that students can use to request an appointment. Our principals and teachers may also ask me to schedule some time to assist a student for a variety of needs or concerns.

Parents and guardians may also make a request for an appointment for their student. A permission slip, email, or permission on the phone, is required before children can participate in a small group or meet with me individually on a continuing basis.

It is possible that I will be organizing some small short-term groups if there is an interest or need at different grade levels with the following themes:

Family Change	Friendship	Grief and Loss
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Please contact me if you would like more information about one of these groups or if you have another concern about your student. I look forward to assisting our staff in helping each and every student have the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Mark A. Nester, LMSW  
Counselor  
517.321.6126, ext. 339  
mnester@stgerard.org

September 2, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year. My name is Carol Schafer and I am the Physical Education teacher. This is my thirteenth year and my objective continues to be to establish a **FUN, ACTIVE** and **SAFE** learning environment for all students in physical education. I want each student to realize his/her full movement potential within the limits of his/her ability. It is my goal to make physical education FUN so that the skills developed are then invested in a lifetime of physical activity.

Your child will be expected to have the following:

1. A pair of **clean**, tennis shoes that will be worn for class inside and outside.
2. A pair of shorts or sweatpants (appropriate length with no writing on the back end).
3. A t-shirt loose fitting but no tank tops, muscle shirts or partial shirts.

We will be going outside so please make sure your child has the appropriate dress for the weather, sweatpants and sweatshirts on cooler days. **All clothing should be labeled with your child's name and grade.** This is very helpful and saves a lot of tears in the younger grades. Students in K-5 are expected to leave clothes and shoes for gym at school.

Please note that there will be no jewelry worn during class, this is a diocesan rule that has been in place a many years now. If your child has just recently had their ears pierced please send a note in stating that.

Kindergarten girls will need a pair of shorts to leave at school, boys will participate in uniforms. **Boys and girls both should have a pair of tennis shoes that stay at school.**

Please put into writing any health problems your child may have that I should be aware of. If your child is excused from class a note from the doctor should be sent in with a date that they would be able to rejoin the class.

Any student that forgets to bring clothes for class will be expected to walk around the gym until class is over. You will be notified if this gets to be a problem.

If you ever have questions or concerns regarding your child and physical education please feel free to call me or e-mail me.

I am looking forward to a very fun and active school year.

Sincerely,



Carol B. Schafer

[cbschafer@stgerard.org](mailto:cbschafer@stgerard.org)



## **NO WAVERLY SCHOOL BUS**

**2015-2016**

<b>November 11</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>January 18</b>	<b>no a.m./ p.m. bus</b>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>no a.m./ p.m. bus</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>no p.m. bus</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>no a.m./p.m. bus</b>

August 2015

Dear Parent(s);

The following letter is a requirement of the Department of Agriculture, State of Michigan.

As part of St. Gerard's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school or day care grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and return to school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 321-6126.

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**PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST**

Please Print:

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list students' names and grades: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: You DO NOT need to return this form if you do not need notification.**

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## PHOTO RELEASE

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I hereby grant St. Gerard Catholic School, their legal representative, or those for whom they are acting, the absolute right and permission to copyright and use photographic portraits or pictures of my child for display during the **2015/16** school year. Photos may be used for marketing purposes such as in the church bulletin, displays, diocesan or school websites, FAITH magazine, etc.

I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or products.

I hereby release St. Gerard Catholic School, their representative, or those for whom they are acting, from any liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with the use of the above stated images.

I state further that I have read the above authorization, release and agreement and that I am fully familiar with its contents.

\_\_\_\_ No, I decline to have my child's photograph displayed; however, I do allow my child to be in unidentified group pictures with no names mentioned, such as pictures displayed for Catholic Schools Week and the school's annual yearbook. The yearbook would include a thumbnail print along with your child's name. If you wish to be excluded from the yearbook, please contact the school office.

Printed Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



HANDBOOK SIGNATURE FORM

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

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Name/Grade of student (please print)

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Name/Grade of student (please print)

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Name/Grade of student (please print)

My signature verifies that I have received a copy of the St. Gerard School Handbook. I have read the handbook and discussed it with my child(ren). We agree to be governed by this handbook.

Parent Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: A copy of the handbook can be found on our website at <http://stgerardlansing.org> We are required to have a record that parents have seen our handbook. In lieu of a signature you may send an email to <http://www.squerrazzi@stgerard.org> stating your name along with your child(ren)'s name(s) and grades and that you have read the handbook.

# St Gerard School

## CONCUSSION AWARENESS

### EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By my name and signature below, I acknowledge in accordance with Public Acts 342 and 343 of 2012 that I have received and reviewed the Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents and Students provided by St Gerard School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return this form to St Gerard School. This form will be kept on file for the duration of enrollment/participation or until age 18.

Students and parents should review and keep the educational materials available for future reference.

## Some common symptoms

- Headache
- Pressure in the head
- Nausea/vomiting
- Dizziness
- Balance problems
- Double vision
- Blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Sluggishness
  - Hazy
  - Foggy
  - Groggy
- Poor concentration
- Memory problems
- Confusion
- "Feeling down"
  - Not "feeling right"
  - Feeling irritable
- Slow reaction time
  - Sleep problems
- Appears dazed and stunned
- Disoriented or confused
- Forgets an instruction

**UNDERSTANDING** Information for parents and students (Content meets MDCH requirements)

# CONCUSSION

## What is a concussion?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. It can also be caused by the shaking or spinning of the head or body. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussions can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If the student reports any symptoms of a concussion, or if you notice symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

## If you suspect a concussion

**1. SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY** A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for the student to return to regular activities, including sports.

**2. KEEP YOUR STUDENT OUT OF PLAY**

Concussions take time to heal. Don't let the student return to play the day of the injury and until a health care professional says it's OK. Students who return to play too soon-while the brain is still healing-risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Repeat or second concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting the student for a lifetime.

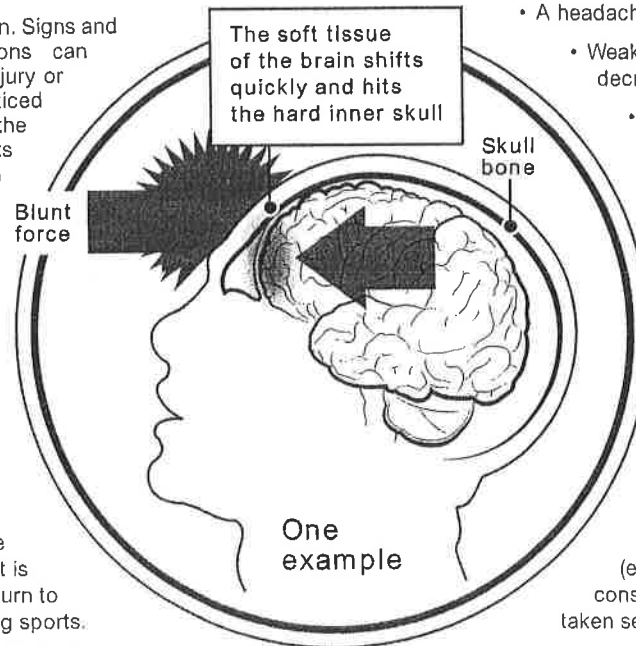
**3. TELL THE SCHOOL ABOUT ANY PREVIOUS CONCUSSION**

Schools should know if a student had a previous concussion. A student's school may not know about a concussion received in another sport or activity unless you notify them.

## Concussion danger signs

In rare cases, a dangerous blood clot may form on the brain in a person with a concussion and crowd the brain against the skull. A student should receive immediate medical attention if after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body s/he exhibits any of the following danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other
- Is drowsy or cannot be awakened
- A headache that gets worse
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Cannot recognize people or places
- Becomes increasingly confused, restless, or agitated
- Has unusual behavior
- Loses consciousness (even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously)



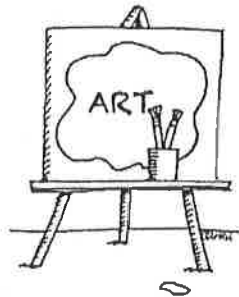
## How to respond to a report of a concussion

If a student reports one or more symptoms of a concussion after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, s/he should be kept out of athletic play the day of the injury. The student should only return to play with permission from a health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion.

During recovery, exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration (such as studying, working on the computer, or playing video games) may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse.

Sources: Michigan Department of Community Health and the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE)

# !!! WHEN IN DOUBT...SIT OUT !!!



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I am so excited to be starting my fourth year teaching art to the students of St. Gerard School. It is a privilege I don't take for granted. I look forward to working with your children each week as we explore the many aspects of art. We will be working with many techniques and media. Students will have the opportunity to work with things such as tempera paint, watercolors, pastels, clay, and many 3-D options. My main goal is to instill a love of art and the courage to try.

This year we will continue the online art gallery on the St. Gerard Website. This will allow me to share your student(s)' artwork on a regular basis. The gallery will include photos of their artwork labeled with their first name and grade. If you would prefer that your student(s)' artwork or name not be included, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter to opt out of this program.

I will also be sharing information with you and your students about noteworthy art education opportunities in our community as they become available. I have attached a flyer about a course available through MSU that several students participated in last year. \* Information on the back of letter

Thank you,

Mrs. Margo Barber  
Art Teacher  
St. Gerard School

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### St Gerard School website art gallery - Opt out

- fill out ONLY if you wish to NOT have your child's artwork displayed on the school website.

If you would prefer that your student(s)' not be included in the online art gallery, please fill out this form and return to the office.

\_\_\_\_\_ do not share name with artwork

\_\_\_\_\_ do not share artwork

Name(s) of student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_



Department of Art, Art History, and Design  
Michigan State University  
art.msu.edu

The Department of Art, Art History, and Design's Saturday Morning Art (SmART) program is part of the Department's Art Education degree program, which affords pre-service art education majors the opportunity to interact and work with school-age children, ages 7 through 18. The creative program serves to broaden and enrich the art and educational experiences of all involved and is designed to expand SmART participants' artistic and problem solving skills, as well as their aesthetic and cultural awareness and sensitivity. The program provides 5 class sessions of instruction and an exhibition day for everyone to celebrate the artistic creations of the students.

The 2015 Fall Semester Saturday Morning Art Program will begin Saturday, **10/10/15** and continue through **Saturday, 12/12/15**. There will only be five workday sessions due to the MSU (home) football schedule. (Class dates are as follows 10/10, 10/17, 11/7, 11/21, and 12/5 with the exhibition scheduled on 12/12/15) All classes meet from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** A non-refundable materials fee of **\$65.00** per child is charged for the semester.

**7 to 8 Year Old Group** – (there will be two class sections for this age group)

**Class 1** will focus on **2-D art**, such as drawing skills, painting techniques, and the printmaking process.

**Class 2** will focus on **3-D art** by exploring additive and subtractive techniques with various materials such as ceramics, wood, and plaster.

**9 to 11 Year Old Group** – (there will be two class sections for this age group)

**Class 3** will focus on **2-D art**, developing stronger skills in such areas as drawing, painting, and printmaking.

**Class 4** will focus on **3-D art**, developing stronger skills in additive and subtractive techniques with various materials such as ceramics, wood, and plaster.

**12 to 14 Year Old Group** – (there will be one class section for this age group)

**Class 5** will include both **2-D and 3-D art projects**, working on expanding and refining students' artistic and creative skills.

**15 to 18 Year Old Group** – (there will be one class section for this age group)

**Class 6** will include both **2-D and 3-D art projects**, exploring the creative process on a more individual level. Projects will be more open to personal interests, incorporating visual thinking strategies to enhance the student's final artistic creations.

To ensure an appropriate and fulfilling learning experience for your child, as well as a proper teaching experience for the instructors, these age qualifications and class categories are not negotiable.

**The deadline for enrollment is 9/28/15. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please enroll as early as possible as availability is limited.** You will receive email confirmation of your enrollment prior to the first class meeting.

**The application along with the three required MSU forms for youth programs can be accessed at art.msu.edu. Application, enrollment fee and three required MSU forms are needed for enrollment!**

The non-refundable enrollment fee is \$65.00 per student. Payment of check/money order or VISA/MasterCard accepted.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to meeting you and your young artists.

Jill McKillips  
Director of Saturday Morning Art  
Art Education Instructor/Advisor

www.art.msu.edu  
msusmart@msu.edu  
(517) 355-7610

*The Kresge Art Center is fully accessible to persons with disabilities.  
For special accommodations, please call (517) 355-7610.*

# Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

August 31, 2015

It is a tradition to put baby pictures of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the yearbook. Please submit a picture of your child as a baby or toddler as soon as possible!

If you have a digital .jpg file, you can submit it electronically using the public upload method on the attached page.

If you have an actual photograph, please submit it to the office and it will be returned when we are finished. Please make sure to clearly mark your child's name on the photo.

**In addition, we need memory pictures of your 8<sup>th</sup> grader at school events from kindergarten -7<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Please send in as many as you would like, but understand that not all will be used. These may also be uploaded directly to the yearbook website or turned into the office for scanning and then will be returned. Remember, this is a keepsake reminder of your child's years at St. Gerard, and only you can provide these past memories!

**PLEASE submit your pictures AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [LynnBloomer@yahoo.com](mailto:LynnBloomer@yahoo.com) or 517-648-2853

Thank you,

Lynn  
(and the yearbook staff)

# **SEND US YOUR BEST PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK**

Our yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so we need your help. If you take any pictures at school events this year, please share the best ones with us!

We need photos of scouts, NJHS, field trips, service projects, classroom events, Christmas Program, etc

Here is how to upload your photos:

1. Go to [images.balfour.com](http://images.balfour.com)
2. Our project number is 618578 and password is yearbook
3. Enter your contact information so we know who sent the picture
4. Select an image (in .jpg format) from your computer
5. Add captions so we know what grade the children are in and a description of the photo
6. Click "Begin Upload" and your images will upload

The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content.

We can not guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

If you have any questions, email [LynnBloomer@yahoo.com](mailto:LynnBloomer@yahoo.com)

Thank You,

Lynn Bloomer (and yearbook staff)



# St. Gerard School Booster Club

September 1, 2014

Dear St. Gerard Parents:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!! This is your official invitation to join the St. Gerard Booster Club. In order to finance the many athletic programs at St. Gerard, the booster club needs YOU as a member. The cost for a family membership is \$40.00. An individual membership is only \$20.00. St Gerard's facilities and the variety of programs offered are unparalleled for a Catholic school. Your support helps maintain the current programs and also to add programs. Currently, St Gerard offers these athletic programs:

Sport	Gender	Season	Grade	Competition Level
Baseball	Co-ed	Summer	K-3	Intramural
Baseball	Boys	Summer	4-8	Competitive League
Softball	Girls	Summer	2-8	Competitive League
Basketball	Co-ed	Spring	1-4	Intramural
Basketball	Girls	Winter	5-8	Competitive (Catholic Youth Activities Conference)
Basketball	Boys	Winter	5-8	Competitive (Catholic Youth Activities Conference)
Volleyball	Girls	Fall	5-8	Competitive (Catholic Youth Activities Conference)
Soccer	Co-ed	Fall	K-3	Intramural
Cheerleading	Girls	Winter	7-8	

In order to maintain and improve our athletic facilities, the Athletic Commission asks for your support by joining the St. Gerard Booster Club. Your membership enables you to attend all home basketball and volleyball games for FREE. (This does not include tournament games). More importantly, your support will ensure that our tradition of providing the best opportunities, facilities, and equipment for our kids will continue.

We can always use interested parents to serve on the St. Gerard Athletic Commission as well. If you are interested in serving your church/school community in this capacity, please indicate on the form below.

Joining the Booster Club is easy; just fill out the form below, select family or individual membership, and attach a check made out to the St Gerard. You can drop this off at the school or church office.

Thank You for Your Support!  
St. Gerard Athletic Commission

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Family \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Grade of Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in learning more about and/or joining the St. Gerard Athletic Commission.