

Art News

Students in Grades 1st-6th were told about an art contest sponsored by Life is Good. The information and registration forms are attached for students interested in entering.

The deadline is April 28th.

**Thank you,
Mrs. Barber**

FIRST NAME

AGE



RELEASE

For good and adequate consideration which I acknowledge and have received, I hereby agree as follows:

1. I, _____ (print name), am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (print child's name) ("Participant") and entitled to the care and custody of Participant. I have read this Release and am satisfied that it is fair and equitable for the benefit of Participant. I will not revoke this consent and approval.
2. I hereby grant permission for Participant to enter into the Life is Good Kids' Art Contest (the "Contest"). On behalf of Participant, I give and grant to The Life is good Company and its officers, employees, agents, representatives, affiliates, subsidiaries, consultants, independent contractors, successors, assigns, designees and licensees ("LIG"), the right to use, publish and copyright Participant's Contest submission ("Submission") and to use and publish Participant's name, any recording (sound or video) of Participant, their voice, picture, portrait, likeness, characteristics, signature or facsimile thereof, and biographical materials as embodied in materials associated with LIG's products, marketing, advertising, sales or promotional efforts (the "Materials") in all forms of media now known or hereafter created, including without limitation, video, television, print, billboards, point-of-purchase materials, corporate communications, internal and external marketing pieces, and Internet in any and all territories throughout the world.
3. No further consideration of any kind will be paid to Participant in connection with the Submission or LIG's use thereof. I, on behalf of Participant, specifically acknowledge that the Submission is a "work made for hire" as defined by the copyright laws of the United States. LIG is and will remain the owner of the Submission and of all copyrights, trademarks, and other rights relating thereto. Nothing herein will constitute any obligation on LIG to make any use of any of the rights set forth herein.
4. I, on behalf of Participant, agree and acknowledge that no use of the Submission will constitute defamation of Participant or an invasion of Participant's privacy or publicity rights or any other rights Participant may have in or relating to the Submission. I, on behalf of Participant, hereby release LIG from any and all claims, liabilities, responsibilities, or damages arising from the use of the Submission.
5. I, on behalf of Participant, agree and acknowledge that that I have read and understand this Release. This Release constitutes the entire understanding between LIG and me and Participant with respect to the Submission, and no promises or representations of any kind other than as set forth herein have been made to me by and on behalf of LIG.
6. I warrant and represent that I (a) am the parent or legal guardian of Participant and (b) have the full right and power to enter into this Release on behalf of Participant and to grant all rights hereunder granted without violating the legal or equitable rights of any other persons or entity.

Date: _____

Signature _____

Contact Information

Phone: _____

Printed Name and Relationship to Participant _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

School or Organization _____

Age of Child _____

For each entry received, a \$1 will be donated to help kids in need.*

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1) Entrant's Parent or legal guardian complete and sign entry form.
- 2) Draw, color, create a design that describes why Life is Good.
- 3) Scan or take a picture of your hand-drawn (not digital) original artwork and upload through Lifeisgood.com/ArtContest or by using **#LifeisGoodBecause on Instagram.****
- 4) Entries can also be submitted by mail and postmarked no later than April 29th, 2016 to:

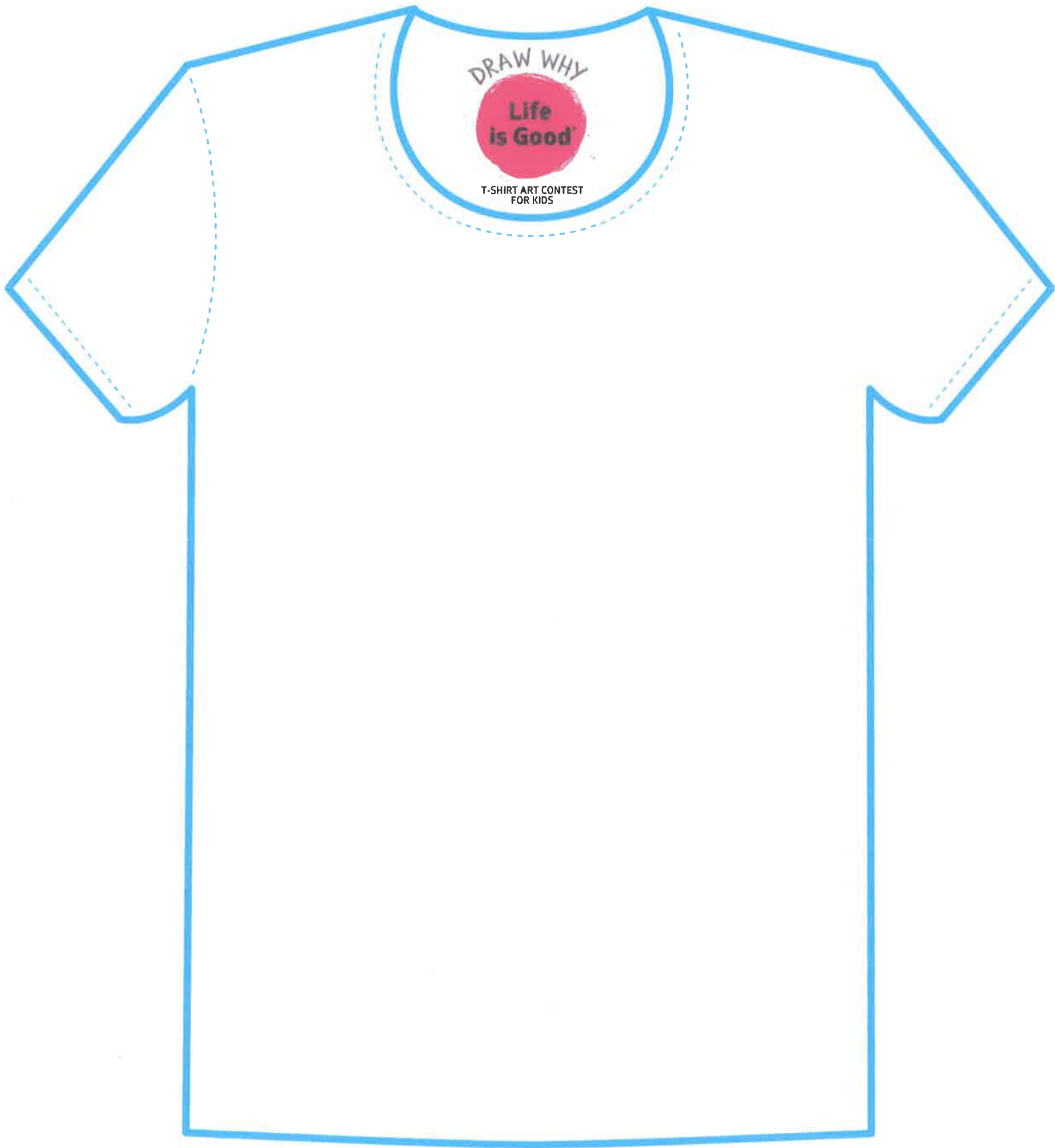
LIG Kids Art Contest Attn: Brand Marketing
51 Melcher Street, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02210

*The \$1 donation for kids in need per entry runs through 4/29/16 11:59pm EST or up to \$25,000.
**Must be submitted by consenting parent or legal guardian to Instagram page.

THREE GRAND PRIZE WINNERS:

- Tees will be created and sold on LifeisGood.com, with all net profits going to benefit *The Life is Good Kids Foundation*
- \$2,000 Scholarship
- Suite of Art Supplies
- Free membership & 3 months of free classes at *My Gym*

Artist must be between the ages of 3 and 12 to enter. No purchase necessary. Some restrictions apply. Void where prohibited.
To see official rules go to LifeisGood.com/ArtContest | Submit between March 15th, 2016 - April 29th, 2016



FIRST NAME

AGE



2016 ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPARTAN WRITING CAMP



Early Bird

(Through June 1st)

\$125 Half Day

\$225 Full Day

Registration Fees

(After June 1st)

\$140 Half Day

\$240 Full Day

Dates & Times

Monday-Thursday

June 20-23

June 27-30

July 11-14

July 18-21

AM Half Days 8:30 to 12:00

PM Half Days 12:30 to 4:00

Full Days 8:30 to 4:00

Spartan Writing Camp offers young writers from 1st through 8th grade the opportunity to develop not only their appreciation for writing as a personally meaningful (and fun!) activity, but also their versatility and skills as writers. Campers work with National Writing Project Teacher Consultants and use visits to such MSU sites as the MSU Museum, the banks of Red Cedar River, various campus gardens, the MSU Dairy Store, and other scenic campus landmarks to stimulate writing in a range of genres.

All children who have a desire to write are welcome, regardless of proficiency. Save money and register early to take advantage of our 2016 Registration Special.

If you have any questions, please email swc@msu.edu or call (517) 432-1347

See "Youth Programs" for registration and more information at rcwp.msu.edu

**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**





2016 ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPARTAN WRITING CAMP

For more information see
 “Youth Programs” at:
<http://rcwp.msu.edu>

Register at:
<http://camps.cal.msu.edu>

Early Bird Registration:
 (Through June 1, 2015)
 Half-day* camps: \$125
 Full-day* camps: \$225

Standard Registration:
 Half-day* camps: \$140
 Full-days* camps: \$240

Times: **Monday - Thursday**
 * AM Half days – 8:30 to 12:00
 * PM Half days – 12:30 to 4:00
 * Full days – 8:30 to 4:00

Location: All camps are held in
 Ernst Bessey Hall, 434 Farm Lane
 East Lansing, MI 48824

Spartan Writing Camps
 Michigan State University
 Bessey Hall
 434 Farm Lane, Room 300
 East Lansing, MI 48824
 517-432-1347
 (Fax) 517-432-3828
swc@msu.edu

June 20-23		June 27-30		July 11-14		July 18-21	
8:30-12:00	12:30-4:00	8:30-12:00	12:30-4:00	8:30-12:00	12:30-4:00	8:30-12:00	12:30-4:00
#1 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#2 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#9 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#10 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#15 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#16 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#22 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#23 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger
#3 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Annette Kelly		#11 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Christina Frost		#17 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Annette Kelly		#24 Elementary 3-5 Sports Write Now! Instructor: Andrea Valo	
#4 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Jill Hoort		#12 Elementary 3-5 Digital Storytelling Instructor: Mary Wilkinson		#18 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Jill Hoort		#25 Middle School 6-8 Creative Writing Instructor: Christina Frost	
#5 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Kristine Megge		#13 Middle School 6-8 Diary of You! Instructor: Ben Woodcock		#19 Middle School 6-8 Creating Comics Instructor: Dianna Baldwin		#26 Middle School 6-8 Poetry Writing Instructor: Rachel Kenney	
#6 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing: Starting with Pictures Instructor: Mary Wilkinson		#14 Middle School 6-8 Geeking Out: Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Instructor: Rachel Kenney		#20 Middle School 6-8 Creative Writing Instructor: Aram Kabodian		#30 Elementary 3-5 Kids for Causes Instructor: Mike Foster	
#7 Elementary 3-5 Animal Facts and Fables Instructors: Ashley Schertzing and Kristin Kochheiser		#28 Elementary 3-5 Kids for Causes Instructor: Mike Foster		#21 Middle School 6-8 Sports Write Now! Instructor: Andrea Valo			
#8 Middle School 6-8 Fiction in a Flash: Super Short Stories Instructor: Rachel Kenney				#29 Elementary 3-5 Kids for Causes Instructor: Mike Foster			
#27 Middle School 6-8 Kids for Causes Instructor: Mike Foster							

2016 Spartan Writing Camp Session Descriptions

Sessions 1, 2, 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, and 23: Growing Young Writers Elementary 1-2

Come join the fun and grow your talents as a writer. National Writing Project Teacher Consultant, Abbie Sliger, will help you, as a beginning writer, develop your appreciation for writing as a personally meaningful (and fun!) activity and will also help you develop your skills as a writer. You will visit many sites on campus that will help cultivate creative ideas for your writing. *These sessions are ½ day camps.*

Sessions 21 and 24: Sports Write Now! Elementary 3-5 and Middle 6-8

Learn to hook your readers and grab their attention in your very first line, whether you are doing a podcast interview, blog post, or short story related to your favorite sport or athlete. In this session, you will look at how the pros structure their writing about sports across genres. Daily excursions to athletic centers on campus are planned to spark ideas for sports pieces. Come join the fun! These sessions will be facilitated by Andrea Valo, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *These sessions are full-day camps, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Sessions 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 20, and 25: Creative Writing Elementary 3-5 and Middle 6-8

Do you enjoy being creative and having the freedom to write what you want? Creating Writing Camp offers you the opportunity to discover new ways of communication to different audiences for many different purposes. You will work with a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant (Annette Kelly, Kristine Megge, Jill Hoort, Christina Frost, and Aram Kabodian) and visit sites on MSU's beautiful campus. You will have the opportunity to try out several different writing techniques throughout the week. Join us for friendship and fun! *These sessions are full-day camps, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Sessions 11: Creative Writing Elementary 3-5

Do you enjoy superheroes, Legos, and Minecraft? In this camp, writers will be *inspired through play* to develop action-packed stories. You will take many excursions across the MSU campus to gather ideas. You will create new worlds and explore them in various ways. This camp is designed to create strong settings, characters and stories through play! You will enjoy this adventure with National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Christina Frost. *This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Session 6: Creative Writing: Starting with Pictures Elementary 3-5

Participation in this session will send you on excursions to various locations across the MSU campus to capture pictures and gather story ideas then use them to create a unique photo journal. This session of writing camp emphasizes visual images, descriptive writing, and creative thinking. You will be taught by a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Mrs. Mary Wilkinson. *This session is full day, so you should bring snacks and a lunch each day of camp.*

Session 7: Animal Facts and Fables Elementary 3-5

Do you love animals? Do you enjoy technology? The Animal Facts and Fables camp will help you learn how important research is to the writing process and how nonfiction and fiction can overlap. Writers will first learn strategies to take those facts and implement them into a fable, creating a fiction piece using digital resources with their animal as a main character. National Writing Project Teacher Consultants, Kristin Kochheiser and Ashley Prichard, can't wait to build your skills on note taking, personification, character development, dialogue, collaborative writing, digital publishing, and much more! *This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Session 8: Fiction in a Flash: Super Short Stories Middle 6-8

Campers will draw inspiration from and will experiment with the very short story and will learn about quick plot, setting, and character development. This camp

will be great for those who have LOTS of ideas they want to develop! Campers will work with Rachel Kenney, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Session 12: Digital Storytelling Elementary 3-5

This camp offers young writers the opportunity to compose their writing digitally using an iPad. Campers will enhance their writing skills, as they learn to incorporate visual and audio elements into their writing. Come join the fun as campers use visits to such MSU sites, as the MSU Museum, The Red Cedar River, various campus gardens, the Dairy Store, and other scenic landmarks around campus to stimulate writing in a range of genres. Campers will work with Mrs. Mary Wilkinson, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *This is a full day, so campers should bring snacks and lunch each day of camp.*

Session 13: Diary of You! Middle 6-8

Do you enjoy reading Jeff Kinney's popular books? If so, this camp is for you! Write your own *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*-like adventure with National Writing Project Teacher Consultant, Ben Woodcock. Don't worry; this won't be "...all 'Dear Diary' this and 'Dear Diary' that" as Greg states in his own diary. *This is a full day, so campers should bring snacks and lunch each day of camp.*

Session 14: Geeking Out: Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Middle 6-8

Robots?! Time travel?! Wizards?! Oh, my! Whether you dream of coming up with the next Hunger Games, the next Star Wars, or the next Harry Potter, you will find your inspiration in this camp. We'll experiment with more far-fetched and fantastical character, plot, and setting development as we draw our inspiration from each other and from Sci-Fi and Fantasy texts. Campers will work with Rachel Kenney, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Session 19: Creating Comics Middle 6-8

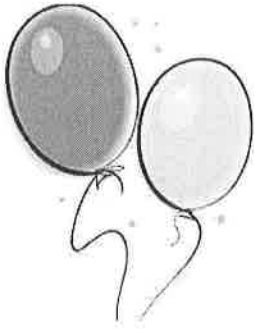
Do you like to doodle or draw? Do you like to tell stories? If you answered yes to either or both of these questions, then this is the camp for you! In this camp, you will learn the basics of comic book creation, including parts of the comic book (panels, borders, gutters, splash pages, etc), basic elements of drawing or composing with pictures (perspective, lighting, angles, etc), and comic book writing (script writing, plot format, character creation, revision, etc.). During this time, working either alone or with a partner, you will create your own 1-4 page comic by the end of the week. Campers will work with Dianna Baldwin, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *This is a full day, so campers should bring snacks and lunch each day of camp.*

Session 26: Poetry Writing Middle 6-8

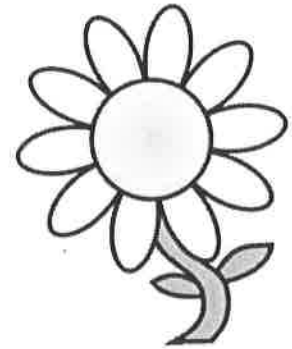
For experienced and new poets alike, if you want to experiment with figurative, poetic language, rhyme, and rhythm, this camp will give you inspiration. We'll experiment with various forms of poetry and ultimately develop a number of original poems! Campers will work with Rachel Kenney, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Sessions 27-30 Kids for Causes Elementary 3-5 and Middle 6-8

Do you want to help change the world? This camp is for you! Campers will take on a cause that they are passionate about and write persuasively to illicit change. Ultimately, they will create blogs with Kid Blog to post their work, so they can communicate with the outside world and have real audiences. You will be taught by a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Mike Foster. *These sessions are full days, so you should bring snacks and a lunch each day of camp.*



**ST. GERARD
 SPRING FESTIVAL
 MAY 7th
 12:00pm to 6:00pm**



The St. Gerard Spring Festival will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The festival is a chance for everyone to enjoy good food, good friends and good fun. Come out and enjoy all the fun activities including children's games, gym games, outdoor games and pub games. There is something for everyone! Don't forget to enter to win one of our fabulous raffle prizes!

***We do need your help to make this day a success.
 Please consider volunteering your time to help at this year's Spring Festival.***

The festival offers many volunteer opportunities. You can help serve food or operate one of the many games. The Walk/Run/Rock event needs race marshals to encourage racers and mark the route. The form below lists the many areas of the festival that need your help. Working a shift at the festival is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and provide a much needed service. If you have volunteered in the past, we thank you and hope you help again. If you haven't ever volunteered, we look forward to meeting you and working with you at the festival.

Please check your area(s) of interest and include your name and telephone number. Our chairpersons will contact you as the festival draws near.

**If you wish to volunteer, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 24, 2016
 Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent to make the Festival a success!
 St. Gerard Spring Festival General Chairs 2016**

Darcy Huddle (517) 648-1708
darcyhuddle@gmail.com

& David Bassila (517) 420-0882
bassila_unit@yahoo.com

Cake Walk _____ Children's Games _____ Fast Food _____ Gym Games _____

Clean Up Crew _____ Parish Raffle _____ Face Painting _____ Outdoor Games _____

Tuition Raffle _____ Pub Games _____ Walk/Run/Rock _____

Teen Dance (Friday night) _____ Beer Tent (Saturday night 7:30pm-12:00am) _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

email: _____

Please drop this completed form in a collection basket or return to the parish or school office in an envelope marked "festival volunteers" NO LATER THAN April 24, 2016. Thank you!

2016 St. Gerard Tuition Raffle

Grand Prize: \$1000 Tuition Voucher

To St. Gerard School or Lansing Catholic Central

Dear Parents,

The 40th annual St. Gerard Spring Festival will be Saturday, May 7th and will once again feature the Tuition Raffle. The winner will receive a \$1000.00 certificate to be used toward tuition at either St. Gerard School or Lansing Catholic Central High School.

The winner will be drawn on Saturday, May 7th at the end of the festival. The festival is from 12pm-6pm. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets may be purchased through the school office by completing the form below and returning it to school with your child. Ticket stubs will be returned to you, via your youngest child, the week of the festival. Tickets may also be purchased during the festival at the tuition raffle table located in Fr. Weber Hall.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or six for \$25.00. Please send your completed form to school no later than Tuesday, May 3rd. Please make your check payable to St. Gerard Tuition Raffle. Cash is also accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Nylander (bnylander@aol.com). Thank you for your support!

Please remove this portion and return to office in an envelope marked "Tuition Raffle"

Parent's name _____ Phone # _____

Full name of youngest child @ St. Gerard _____

Teacher's name _____ Number of tickets _____

Amount enclosed _____ Cash or Check # _____

REMINDER

FESTIVAL CAKE WALK CAKE CONTEST IS THIS WEEK



It is time to start baking to help your child's class win!

First prize—Jeans Day

Second Prize—Pizza Party

Third Prize—Ice Cream Party

- Make a cake (or other baked goods) --- make one or make many!!!
- Bring your cake(s) to the Preschool hallway after 9 am on the day of the festival
- Be sure to use only disposable pans.
- Attach a slip of paper with the student's name, grade and teacher to the cake.
- Your child's class will earn one point for each 8-10" cake, pan of brownies or bar cookies or for 12 cupcakes.
- The three classrooms with the highest point totals will win!

Contact Chair Julie Gudmundsen 321-8186 if you have any questions or need to arrange a different time to drop off your cakes

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

Number of cakes made _____

**Thank you for your help in making the
Cake Walk a success!!**

Shared Pregnancy Women's Center

Lifesavers Celebration and Fundraiser

THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2016

6:30-8:30 P.M.

free admission

silent auction

children's
activities

ice cream
sundaes

face painting



Grand Ledge Opera House
121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837

www.sharedpregnancy.org 517.484.1882



check out our facebook page for auction updates.

Summer Reading Skills

ONLINE PROGRAMS



Individualized programs include engaging online instruction, independent reading in great books, and a skilled and encouraging teacher.



Special Programs

Programs for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

In these fun summer programs, your child will learn to read. Children in these programs learn letter recognition, beginning phonics and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences, and will develop a love of books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children in this program learn phonics and sight words, improve comprehension and develop a love of books and reading. Your child will get excited about learning to read and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a fluent, independent reader. Children in this program build solid phonics and word-attack skills, and develop reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will gain confidence and develop a love of books and reading.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, fluent reader. Children in this program learn to read long words and develop reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will gain confidence and develop a love of books and reading.

Program for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In this fun and effective summer program, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader. Students in this program develop strong comprehension skills in both fiction and non-fiction, including textbooks. Your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, be more successful in school and develop a love of books and reading.

Programs for Entering 6th-8th Graders and Entering 9th-12th Graders

In these effective and enjoyable programs, your student will improve comprehension in both fiction and non-fiction, and will learn to read twice as fast. Students in these programs learn the best way to read textbooks, take notes and study for tests. Your student will complete homework more quickly, get better grades and enjoy reading more.

Phonics

Comprehension

Fluency

Textbook Study Skills

Speed Reading

Love of Reading



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

Call 1-800-964-9974

Monday-Friday 8am-9pm and Saturday 9am-4pm

Source Code: 351-96-30505

Teachers

Programs are offered by University of Detroit Mercy Special Programs, which is a non-profit organization. Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. Tuition varies by program level. Please ask about our family discount.

Exciting Results!

“My daughter is sounding out words on her own, and she is so excited about reading to us! She loved this program, and I was very impressed with the books and materials.”

– Parent of kindergartner

“Thanks to this program my son is now reading independently, and his confidence is through the roof. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for this program.”

– Parent of 1st grader

“Allison loved being able to access the website on her own. Her reading skills have improved tremendously, and she is reading more challenging books.”

– Parent of 3rd grader

“Patrick’s comprehension has really improved, and he loved the books. I’ve recommended this to other parents.”

– Parent of 5th grader

“The online lessons were fun and easy to follow. It is much easier for me to study and take notes now. I don’t put off studying until the last day, because I know I can get through it fast.”

– 7th-grade student

“I liked tracking my reading speed and seeing it go up from week to week. I used to not like to read because it was too time-consuming, but now it’s easier to finish.”

– 9th-grade student

Online reading programs begin every week throughout the summer.



Special Programs

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INQUIRE EARLY! ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED.

