



# St. Gerard School Booster Club

January 5, 2017

Dear St. Gerard Parents:

The St Gerard Athletic Commission is proud to offer St. Gerard Mugs and Water Bottles. In order to finance the many athletic programs at St. Gerard, the Athletic Commission needs YOUR help.

Water Bottles cost \$15.00 Mugs are \$20.00



We are also in need of parents to serve on the Athletic Commission. If you are interested in serving your church/school community in this capacity, please contact the school or parish office, 517-321-6126.

Thank you for your continued support!  
St. Gerard Athletic Commission

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Mr. Rick Peiffer will make copies (DVD Format) of the Christmas Program available to any who may be interested. If you would like a copy, please complete the following information and return to school by Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The cost is \$15.00 and due when you place your order. Please make checks payable to ST. GERARD SCHOOL. Return your check and this form in an envelope marked "VIDEO".

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# Upcoming Middle School Ministry Events

## MOVIE NIGHT

January 20th, 2017

6-8pm



## A St. Patrick's Social Night

March 10th, 2017

6pm-8pm



A collage of event information for Lansing Regional Lock In. It features a vertical banner on the left with the text "Lansing Regional Lock In" in a stylized font. To the right, there are several overlapping cards with text: "FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th 9pm - 6am AT THE WESTSIDE YMCA", "ROCK CLIMBING WALL (with signed waiver), SWIMMING, BASKETBALL, SKATING RINK etc...", and "\$20 PER PERSON (including pizza and chips at midnight.) DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FEBRUARY 17, 2017". The background is a textured, stone-like surface.

Look for the full schedule on the back:

## Middle School Youth Ministry Schedule 2016-2017

### 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Any questions about anything please contact Jeff Corder, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at the Parish Office 323-2379 or by email [youth@stgerard.org](mailto:youth@stgerard.org) . Most Events are Friday Nights. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade can start attending High School Activities on March 5<sup>th</sup> .

#### January

20<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night 6-8 p.m.

#### February

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl of Caring at All Masses

\*\*\* Service Opportunity

5<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl Party 6-10 or end of game.

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Lock-In 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### March

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome (Youth Night) – 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade 7 – 9 p.m.

10<sup>th</sup> – Social Night (St. Patrick's Day) 6 – 8 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Rally – All Day – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break Mission Trip to Jackson

**(8<sup>th</sup> Graders Only)** \*\*\* Service Opportunity

21<sup>st</sup> – Open Gym 6 – 8 p.m.

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> – High School/Confirmation Retreat

Weekend – Bethany House **(8<sup>th</sup> Graders Only)**

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> - Teen Dance at Parish Festival (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

19<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night 6 – 8 p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> – Mushball 7-9 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### June

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Retreat – Bethany House  
**(8<sup>th</sup> Graders Only)**

28<sup>th</sup> – Cedar Point (All Day) 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

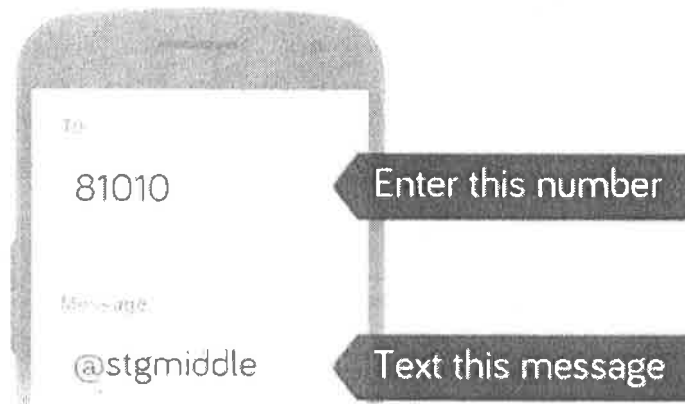
**Visit our calendar on the parish website at:**

<http://www.stgerard.org/calendar?page=1908>

### To Keep in the Loop on Middle School Events!

To receive messages via text, text @stgmiddle to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @stgmiddle'

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @stgmiddle to (616) 421-4994 instead.



### Team Information

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please return the registration form to DTDL (Youth or Adult Desk) or GLADL (Main or Wacousta Circulation Desk) or sign up online at [dtdl.org/battle](http://dtdl.org/battle). Space may be limited. Teams are encouraged to sign up by January 20, 2017, to ensure a spot in the competition. Please make sure you can attend the battles on February 23 and March 4 before signing up.

**The 2017 Battle of the Books is possible due to the generous support of the Friends of the Delta Township District Library.**

### Dates to Remember

#### Battle of the Books Kick-Off

Tue, Jan 10 (GLADL) 6:30 p.m.  
Come to learn more about Battle of the Books, including booktalks of this year's booklist, an overview of the program, and Q & A.

#### Team Spirit Events

Sat, Jan 28 (GLADL) 1 – 3 p.m.  
Wed, Feb 1 (DTDL) 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
We'll have materials on hand to help you build team spirit – make posters, buttons, and more! (Teams who would like to decorate clothing items may bring in their own t-shirts, etc. and we'll provide fabric paints and markers). We'll also be giving out battle tips and tricks and chatting about the books. Teams are welcome to come to one or both events.

#### Battle Book Night

Thu, Feb 16 (DTDL) 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Have fun with your team and get prepared for battle with book-themed activities. Get a better understanding of the books and pick up possible battle questions. Plus one of the Battle authors will be joining us via Skype for a Q&A.

#### Battle Book Chat

Sat, Feb 18 (GLADL) 1 – 3 p.m.  
Join us for a fun and casual discussion of some of this year's battle books. Dive deeper into the themes, plots, and characters and prepare for battle by improving your knowledge of the books.

#### Preliminary Battle

Thu, Feb 23 (DTDL) 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.  
All teams will compete in this written battle to see who knows the most about the five battle books.

#### Battle Day

Saturday, March 4 (DTDL)  
Semi-Final Battles, starting at 10 a.m.

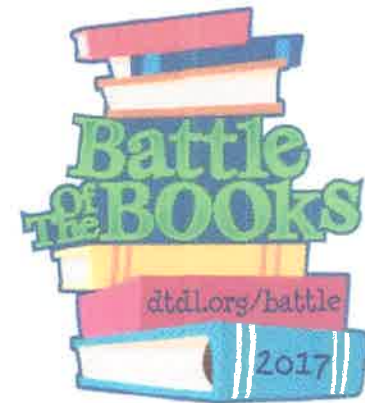
#### Battle Party Potluck

12:15–12:45 p.m.  
Each team is encouraged to bring a Battle book-themed dish to share.

#### Final Battle

1 p.m.  
The top teams will contend for first place in this head-to-head competition. All Battle participants, friends, and family are encouraged to attend and cheer on these winning teams! Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.

DTDL 517-321-4014 | GLADL 517-627-7014 | [dtdl.org/battle](http://dtdl.org/battle)



Delta Township District Library  
Grand Ledge Area District Library  
Kick-Off \* Tuesday, January 10 \* 6:30 p.m.  
GLADL Main, 131 E. Jefferson St. Grand Ledge

### What is Battle of the Books?

It's a fun trivia competition that tests your book knowledge. Teams of 4-5 participants read the five selected Battle books. In February and March, teams will compete in a series of battles to see which team knows the most about the books.

### Who can participate?

Adults, teens, and kids (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up) are welcome, and teams can be made up of participants of all ages. A team could be a family of four, grandparents and grandchildren, four teen classmates, five book club friends, or other combinations. The booklist includes books appropriate for young readers but will appeal to all ages. Families are encouraged to participate together; even children too young for the competition can be included in the fun by acting as team cheerleaders and reading books on similar topics.

### Team Members

Teams are encouraged to have at least 4 and a maximum of 5 members. It can be helpful for kid teams to have an adult on their team or acting as coach/team leader.

### The Battles

Teams will compete to see who knows the most about the five Battle books. All teams will participate in the preliminary and semi-final battles. After the preliminary round, teams will be assigned a semi-final time. The top teams from each semi-final round will earn a spot in the final battle. Participants are encouraged to invite friends and family to their battles to cheer them on!

### Prizes

All participants will be rewarded. First, second and third place teams will win Barnes & Noble gift cards.

### Locations

DTDL and Grand Ledge Area District Library are partnering again this year. Some programs will be held at DTDL, some at GLADL, and books will be available at both locations. Two libraries, two communities, one great Battle of the Books program!

Delta Township District Library (DTDL):  
5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing

Grand Ledge Area District Library (GLADL):  
131 E. Jefferson St, Grand Ledge

### The Books

Questions come from all of the books, so the more each team member reads, the better the chances in the competition. All titles are available from DTDL and GLADL in multiple formats.

#### **Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

Emily loves playing Book Scavenger, a game where puzzling clues lead you to hidden books around the country. After moving, she teams up with a new friend, James, to follow the secrets of an odd book, hoping to save her hero, and themselves, from danger.

#### **Chasing Secrets by Gennifer Choldenko**

In 1900, rumors have started that the plague is spreading in San Francisco, and Lizzie, who helps her doctor father make house calls, becomes scared for Jing, her family's beloved cook, when Chinatown is quarantined. Lizzie hopes to solve the medical mystery in her city and keep her family safe.

#### **The Luck Uglies by Paul Durham**

Rye O'Chanter and her two friends delve into the secret lore of their village when mysterious creatures of legend reappear on the night of the Black Moon, leading them to the notorious secret society, the Luck Uglies.

#### **The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall**

In 1963, 13-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects.

#### **The Water Castle by Megan Frazer Blakemore**

Ephraim is suspicious of Crystal Springs, Maine, when his family moves into an inherited mansion. All the kids seem to be abnormally high-achievers and he begins to uncover dark secrets involving the town, family rivalries, and a generations-long quest to find healing waters.



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*Photos will be taken at Battle of the Book events by library staff that may be used for library publicity.*