



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November 17, 2016

Support Falcon Athletics! Purchase a water bottle or travel mug. Information on the water bottles and travel mugs will be sent home this week. You may make your purchase in the school office!

Is It Really THAT Time Of Year AGAIN? We really hate to even bring this issue up, and yet we all need to be prepared in the event of inclement weather. Decisions regarding closing the school are not made lightly, however the safety of our students and families is paramount. In the event that school will need to be closed, we have a number of ways to communicate this with you as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please check for this information in the following locations:

WILX (Channel 10) **St. Gerard School Webpage** **Edline Homepage** **WLNS (Channel 6)**
(stgerardlansing.org)

Text, email, and/or voice message alert through Edline*

(Note: You need to be signed up for this service through Edline. Check your Edline account under settings. A communication was sent in October to test the system.)

*Reminder: Our students will go outside as long as the wind chill is above zero. As the weather gets colder and colder, please send students with appropriate clothing for the weather. Love and Logic parents won't fight this battle, and they will only be cold one day...

The Importance of Thankfulness I remember it well. It was my tenth birthday, and my great grandfather had just given me a new fishing rod and reel. Without thinking, I ran out onto the lawn and started catching imaginary five-pound Rainbow trout out of my mother's flower garden.

In my state of euphoria, I'd forgotten to thank him for my gift. Like a lightning bolt my mother shot out of the house, screen door smacking behind her. "What did you forget to say?" she asked with loving authority.

I was lucky enough to grow up in a home where three words were modeled and always expected. Two of them were "Thank you" and the third was "Please." We heard them use these words a lot. They used them with each other, with other adults, and with us.

We learned early on that forgetting these words meant certain disapproval and potentially very sad consequences. As a result they became a habit.

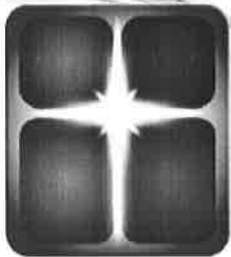
Are your kids developing this habit? If not, it's never too early or late to start. -Love and Logic Insiders' Club

No TRIP orders will be taken on Monday, November 21st due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will begin taking orders again on Monday, November 28th.



Pumpkin Math

Contest Math skills are directly related to success in school and beyond. Like anything else in life, we only get better at it by practicing. During the month of October we asked students to turn in coupons for every 15 minutes of practicing math skills or using programs such as IXL Math. Over 2,320 slips were turned in resulting in over **34,800** min. of extra math practice! Right before Halloween, we pulled the names of the students that won pumpkins. Clearly all of the students that participated **WON!**



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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Nov. 17th: Cup Stacking Day in the Gym
Friday, Nov. 18th: Order Hot Lunch for December/January
Monday, Nov. 21st: No TRIP this week due to the holiday
Tuesday, Nov. 22nd: Kindergarten Feast at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 23rd: All School Thanksgiving Mass at 8:10 AM
No Preschool/No PM Waverly Buses
Dismiss at 11:00 AM
Extended Child Care Open
- Thursday, Nov. 24th: Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday, Nov. 25th: No School/Child Care Closed
Last Day to Order Hot Lunch for December/January
- Friday, Dec. 2nd: 7th grade Book Club from 8:40-9:25
Wednesday, Dec. 7th: No Waverly AM Buses
Thursday, Dec. 8th: All School Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 8:10 AM
Friday, Dec. 9th: PALS Training at Eaton ISD
Monday, Dec. 12th: Band Concert (gr. 5-8) at 6:30 PM at Lansing Catholic
Thursday, Dec. 15th: Preschool Christmas Programs at 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM
K-8 Christmas Program at 7:00 PM/Church Doors Open at 6:30 PM
- Friday, Dec. 16th: All School Advent Mass at 8:10 AM/Dismiss for Christmas Break at 2:45 PM
Monday, Dec. 19th: No School Pre-8th grade/Extended Child Care Open
Tuesday, Dec. 20th: No School Pre-8th grade/Extended Child Care Open
Wednesday, Dec. 21st: No School Pre-8th grade/Extended Child Care Open
Thursday, Dec. 22nd: No School Pre-8th grade/Extended Child Care Open
Saturday, Dec. 24th: 3rd-8th grade School Choir at Christmas Eve 4:30 Mass
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd: School Resumes

With Gratitude

On behalf of the whole St. Gerard School faculty and staff, I would like to express our deep gratitude for all of the support given to our annual school auction. Vicki and Pat Malacina and Lori Glencer along with their chairs worked hard to provide our school with yet another successful event! Each year I am in awe of the commitment of so many that makes our school such a great place to be! Stay tuned as more information becomes available regarding auction totals and the distribution of jeans day coupons.



St. Gerard School Booster Club

November 15, 2016

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



*Water bottles & Mugs
can be
purchased in the
School Office.*

St. Gerard Water Bottles/Mugs make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers.

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




DECEMBER

CAROL GILLESPIE

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 French Toast Stix Yogurt Fruit Milk ALPHA 6:30 p.m.	2 Cheese Pizza Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	3
8 Immaculate Conception All School Mass Pepperoni Calzone Salad Fruit Milk ALPHA 6:30 p.m.	9 Cheese Pizza Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	10
15 Beef Nachos Refried Beans Fruit Milk Christmas Program K-8 th 7:00 p.m. Preschool 8:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	16 All School Mass NO P.M. BUS Cheese Pizza Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	17
22 Extended Child Care Open	23 Child Care Closed	24 Christmas Eve Children's Choir 4:30 p.m 3-8 th grade
29 Child Care Closed	30 Child Care Closed	31 New Years Eve

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	6 Chicken Nuggets Carrots Roll Fruit Milk	7 No A.M. BUS Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Fruit Milk
11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk Gr. 5-8th Band Concert LCHS 6:30 p.m.	13 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Milk *Lucky Tray*	14 Pancakes Hash Browns Pork Sausage Fruit Milk
18	19 Extended Child Care Open ENJOY	20 Extended Child Care Open CHRISTMAS	21 Extended Child Care Open BREAK!!!
25 Christmas MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Child Care Closed	27 Child Care Closed	28 Child Care Closed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! NO SCHOOL	Welcome Back 3 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	NO A.M BUS 4 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Roll Fruit Milk	French Toast 5 Sticks Yogurt Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza 6 Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	7
8	9 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	10 Bosco Sticks w/marinara sauce Salad Fruit Milk *Lucky Tray* PTO mtg. 6:30 p.m	11 Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Fruit Milk Jr. High Exams Dismiss at 11:00 am	12 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Milk Jr. High Exams Dismiss at 11:00 am	13 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk Jr. High Exams Dismiss at 11:00 am	14 Girls Basketball Registration and skill testing 5 th gr- 8:00 am 6 th gr- 9:15 am 7 th gr- 10:30 am 8 th gr- 11:45 am
15 ORDER FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th	16 Martin Luther King Jr. All School Mass NO A.M/P.M BUS 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	17 Pepperoni Calzone Salad Fruit Milk	18 NO A.M BUS Pancakes Hash Browns Pork Sausage Fruit Milk	19 Hamburger/Cheeseburger Tater Tots Fruit Milk	20 Cheese Pizza Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk Drama Play End of 2 nd Quarter	21 2 nd Grade 1 st Reconciliation 10:00 am ORDER FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH
22 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH	23 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	24 Beef Nachos Refried Beans Fruit Milk	25 Chicken Nuggets Carrots Roll Fruit Milk	26 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles Fruit Milk	27 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk	28
29 Catholic Schools Week Begins	30 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	31 Chicken Pattie Sandwich Broccoli Fruit Milk *Lucky Tray* 7 th grade field trip				

Dear St. Gerard School Families,

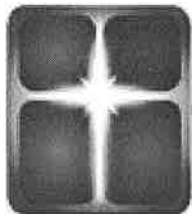
For our Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 23rd, we ask that we compassionately give to those in need. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society helps those in need and we would love to help them. We ask that each grade bring in the following items if you are able to:

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| Preschool: | deodorant |
| Kindergarten: | band-aides |
| First Grade: | sponges |
| Second Grade: | paper towel |
| Third Grade: | kleenex |
| Fourth Grade: | shampoo and body soap |
| Fifth Grade: | multi-purpose cleaners or wipes |
| Sixth Grade: | cleaners – Ex. Comet |
| Seventh Grade: | toothpaste and toothbrushes |
| Eighth Grade: | Q-tips |

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, we thank you for your generous donation to those in need.

The St. Gerard School Community





Service Saturday

Saturday, November 19th, 2016

9am-Noon in the Parish Hall

Blessing Bags for the Homeless

In January with help from many of you, we were able to put together almost 200 Blessing Bags for parishioners to give to those in need. This time our goal is to make **400 Blessing Bags**

There are two ways that you can participate in November's Service Saturday:

1. Come to the Parish Hall on November 19th, 2016 to help put together Blessing Bags
2. You can also donate items from the list below to help fill the Blessing Bags

Who Can Participate? Families, students in need of service, groups of friends, individuals who would like to for friendships and help others. We just ask that children 14 or younger are accompanied with an adult.

Questions: Contact Theresa Bosman or Jeff Corder: 517-323-2379

At our November Service Saturday we will be filling Blessing Bags (care packages for the homeless). We will be collecting donations for the next month. We will be filling gallon sized Ziploc Bags with these items so think travel size items. Here is a list of items in need:

Wool Socks	Granola/Energy Bars	CATA Bus Tokens
Second pair of socks	Peanut Butter Crackers	EmergenC (vitamin C packets)
Hand Sanitizer or Wet Wipes	Soap/Shampoo	Wool Beanies
Hand Warmers	Toothbrush/Toothpaste	comb
Lip Balm	Nuts/trail mix	Tylenol/Advil (small packets)
Easy open Tuna with Cracker	Dental pick/floss	Dried Fruit
Beef Jerky or Slim Jims	Juice Boxes	Hard Candy/Gum
Lotion	Tissues	Tampons/Sanitary pads
	Band-Aids	
	Prepaid phone cards	

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Service Saturdays:

December 17th & 18th, 2016: 12-2pm— help our St. Vincent group deliver toys and food baskets to those in need

January 14th, 2017: 12-3pm- help Greater Lansing Food Bank sort so they can better serve those in need



Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

St. Gerard School's 8th grade class is now taking orders for poinsettias and wreaths. The proceeds of this sale will benefit the 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. To place an order, please fill out the form below or talk to your favorite 8th grader! Poinsettia and wreath orders will be available for pick up December 2nd from 2:30-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you want credit for the sale to go to a specific 8th grader, please list their name on the order form. Please send completed order form and payment to school in an envelope marked "Poinsettia/Wreath Order" by Monday, November 28th.

- Poinsettias are in 8" pot with foil
- Mini poinsettias are red and in a holiday ceramic pot
- Table top poinsettias are in 4.5" pot with foil and are Red Ivory, Pink or Marble
- Wreaths are 22" with mixed greens and red bow

2016 Poinsettia and Wreath Order Form

Name: _____ Name of 8th Grader: _____

Phone Number*: _____ (required)

ITEM	TOTAL #	PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
Red poinsettia 8" pot	_____ @	\$20/each	\$ _____
Ivory poinsettia 8" pot	_____ @	\$20/each	\$ _____
Pink poinsettia 8" pot	_____ @	\$20/each	\$ _____
Marble poinsettia 8" pot	_____ @	\$20/each	\$ _____
Red table top poinsettia 4.5" pot	_____ @	\$10/each	\$ _____
Ivory table top poinsettia 4.5" pot	_____ @	\$10/each	\$ _____
Pink table top poinsettia 4.5" pot	_____ @	\$10/each	\$ _____
Marble table top poinsettia 4.5" pot	_____ @	\$10/each	\$ _____
Mini poinsettia in ceramic pot	_____ @	\$10/each	\$ _____
Wreath	_____ @	\$30/each	\$ _____
Total	_____ #	of items	\$ _____

Please include payment at time of order. Make check payable to: St. Gerard School

Delivery option: _____ I will pick up my order at the Parish Hall on December 2nd.
 _____ The 8th grader indicated above will deliver my order to me.

Thank you for your order!!





Santa Claus

IS COMING

TO TOWN

SWEETS AND TREATS WITH SANTA CLAUS

Join us for a visit with Santa, a Christmas craft, a special gift for each child, along with some yummy treats. Bring your camera to capture all of the special memories.

When: Friday, December 2, 2016 - 6-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 3, 2016 - 8:30-10 a.m. or 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Delta Township Community Center
7550 West Willow Highway

Cost: \$5 Delta Township Resident; \$6 Non-Resident
(fee is per person, including adults)

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Register online by visiting www.deltami.gov/registration or by calling 323-8555. No refunds after November 28.

