

Grades 3-8

Dear Parent(s):

Enclosed you will find your child's Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) test results. MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child took on a computer. That means that the test became more difficult the more questions your child answered correctly. When your child incorrectly answered a question, the test became easier. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created for his or her learning level.

Your child's MAP results are reported in **RIT scores**. This is a different type of score than a typical test that provides a percentage correct. It is also different from many tests that provide results based on your child's score compared to others in his or her grade. Instead, the RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, we can easily measure growth in learning. This type of score increases the value of the tests as a tool to improve student learning because it enables teachers to recognize where to focus attention for your child's learning.

MAP testing will be a powerful tool for monitoring student growth over time. Attached to this letter is a document called the ***Student Progress Report***. This document provides status norms of RIT scores, with norm samples for Mathematics, Reading, and Language Usage. Note: science will not be part of our testing sequence this year. Please remember this is simply one piece of data. While at this point it doesn't give us much information, it does provide the baseline RIT scores in the above areas as well as initial goals for future tests. Our next two testing periods will be in January and May. **Parents will receive a second report at the end of the school year.**

Some aspects of this testing to consider:

- * Please note the bar graphs are not set at zero.
- * We are entering our fourth year where students have taken a computer-based test. As students become more familiar with this type of testing, the data will continue to be more reliable.
- * This test does not align with our curriculum 100% (nor did the IOWA or MEAP).
- * Teachers will be meeting in sectionals to analyze this fall session of testing.

If you have questions regarding the testing process, please contact Mrs. Piecuch at 517-321-6126. Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Shelly Piecuch

Auction News and Updates

10/27/2017

Just over two weeks away!!

The big night is almost here! We are all very excited to share in the fun and have a great evening with you.

FAMILY DONATIONS: Many donations have already been turned in. THANK YOU!! Please be sure to turn in your donation form with your donation. *If you are donating a service, please turn in a gift certificate with your donation form.* PLEASE turn in donations as soon as possible, our volunteers are working hard to make sure we have everything ready for our big night!!

GROUP DONATIONS: Not sure what to donate? We can help! We hear from a lot of families who are unsure of what to give. Please see the attached Group Donation Sheet for information and an opportunity to participate in a group donation. New group donation opportunities are available weekly. Slots are filling up fast so please get your donations in as soon as possible!

GOLE BALL DROP: Tickets are still available! Only 400 will be sold, and Grandparents will have the opportunity to purchase these as well, so buy them soon!

AUCTION TICKETS AND RAFFLE TICKETS Ticket forms will also be in this update and will be available through the auction link on the St. Gerard School website. ****PLEASE NOTE THAT AUCTION TICKETS CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED WITH CASH OR CHECK!**

For more information please visit the website at www.stgerardlansingauction.org.

Volunteers Still Needed!

An event of this size does not happen with only a few people. Please consider helping one of the committees. Your child(ren) will get a Jeans Day Coupon for your service to the auction. A volunteer form is attached. Please review the committees that need more volunteers. Volunteer and earn a Jeans Day Coupon for your child(ren)!

Store Management: Help manage store items during silent auction. Deliver bid sheets to finance as store closes. Several volunteers each work a short shift the night of the auction. We have a desperate need for volunteers for this committee.

We will also need volunteers to help set up and clean up the day of the auction!
If you are interested in volunteering please turn in the form as soon as possible.

If you are able to donate some time to one of the committees above, or are willing to work wherever volunteers are needed, please note your selection below and return the form to the school office ASAP...

Please return to school office

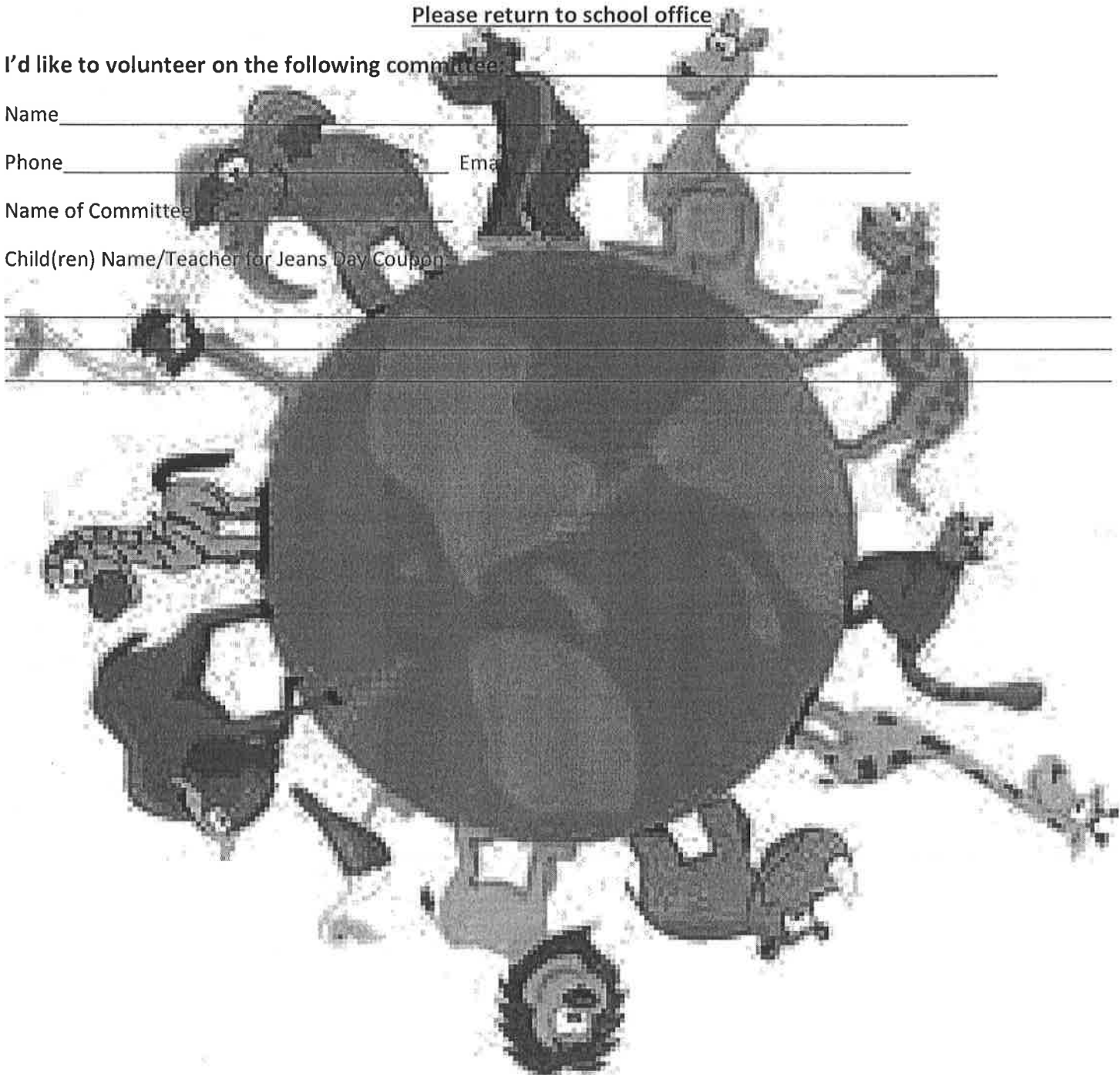
I'd like to volunteer on the following committee: _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Committee _____

Child(ren) Name/Teacher for Jeans Day Coupon _____



GROUP DONATIONS!

The auction is just 16 days away. Have you turned in your family donation? An easy way to donate is through Group Donations. Just sign up for the package you are interested in and we will do the rest! Your kids will receive a jeans day coupon in November for your donation.

To sign up, contact Michelle Hart, email is best: twohartsmom@sbcglobal.net

Gas Card for Red Wings Package

We are pulling together a couple Detroit-area/Red Wings items into a Live Auction package and would like to add a gas card.

Just 1 family needed to donate \$50 toward the Gas Card for Red Wings Package (if multiple families donate toward this, we will increase amount of gas card)

The "What's for Dinner?" Package

A "full menu" of various gift cards to area restaurants grouped into one package.

Just 6 families needed to donate \$25 each toward the "What's for Dinner?" Package

The Fine Jewelry Package

We have an opportunity to purchase a few fine jewelry pieces at cost. The number of pieces we can purchase depends on the amount of donations we receive.

Any amount (\$20, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$50 or more) is appreciated toward the Fine Jewelry Package

You **must** contact Michelle Hart to participate in these packages.

Email is best - twohartsmom@sbcglobal.net

Group Donations - The easy way to donate!!

Simple Gift Cards for Raffle

Several gift cards are needed in \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50 increments. Simply email with the amount you'd like to donate and let us choose the gift card for you.

Many families needed to donate *any amount* toward raffle gift cards



St. Gerard School Auction 2017

Raffle Ticket Order Form

Order your tickets now for these exciting raffle items...

- \$2,000 credit towards tuition for St. Gerard School for the 2018-19 school year.
Donated by the faculty and staff of St. Gerard School
- The Echo Show with Alexa by Amazon.
Donated by Fuller Travel Service, Inc.

The drawing will take place at the live auction- need not be present to win.

If you have questions about these raffles, please contact

Melissa Griffin, Raffle Chair, at 882-8412.

THANK YOU!

License #R43431

*Please send order form and cash or check made payable to St. Gerard to school office in envelope marked **Auction Raffle Tickets**. Ticket stubs will be returned via the child you list below.*

Tuition Raffle Ticket _____ @\$20/ea. = \$ _____

Amazon Echo Ticket _____ @\$5/ea. = \$ _____

Total Enclosed- \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____



ST GERARD SCHOOL AUCTION ADMISSION ORDER FORM

November 11, 2017

**Eagle Eye Golf Club
15500 Chandler Road, Bath, MI**

6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Silent Auction

9:00 p.m. - Raffle Winners Announced

9:15 p.m. - Live Auction

Golf Ball Drop Winner announced at the conclusion of the Live Auction

Tickets are \$20.00 when purchased by November 3rd, \$25.00 after and at the door.

**For more information, please contact Amanda Watkins (734-787-7944) or Kim Duffiney
(auction@stgerardlansing.org)**

Please make checks payable to **St. Gerard School** and send form back to school with payment in an envelope marked **AUCTION TICKETS**. Please note: No tickets will be issued. Your name will be on a list at check-in at the auction. You will receive your bidder number at check-in.



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/St/ Zip _____

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$20 each= _____

Additional names of those attending: (Please provide information of your guests.)

Name _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Name _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

LAST CHANCE FOR GOLF BALL DROP TICKETS!

There is a limited amount of tickets left! The last day to order tickets is Thursday, November 2nd. Please send in this order form ASAP. There are only 400 tickets sold and you could be the big \$3,000 winner! Thank you for supporting this raffle and our wonderful school auction!

Golf Ball Ticket Order Form

Complete and return to St. Gerard Office

(License # R43431)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

of tickets _____ @ \$25 ea. Total amount _____

- I will pick up my ticket stub(s) in school office
- Please send home through via my child

Name _____ Teacher _____

Please make checks payable to St. Gerard * Need not be present to win

Saint Gerard Catholic School

Cereal Drive

November 1-21

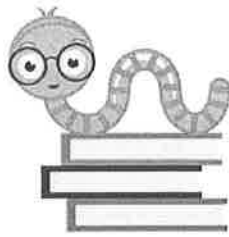
Our Goal:

500 boxes of cereal

If everyone brings in a box of cereal we will meet our goal and provide 5,000 breakfasts for St. Vincent de Paul's food bank.



"Hear the Sound of the Saints" and bring in a box of cereal for the hungry in our community. The Thanksgiving and Christmas season brings an even higher demand for food.



8th GRADE USED BOOK SALE
WASHINGTON DC FUNDRAISER

**Last call for book donations...all
donations need to be in by Monday,
October 30!**

Don't forget to SHOP the used book sale during conferences. We have a variety of gently used books, from children board books up to adult. This is donation only!!

Used Book Sale will be on Wednesday, November 1 from 5:00-7:30 and Thursday, November 2 from 7:30-10:30am, 12:00-2:00pm and 5:00-7:30pm in the school hallways.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Pier at 517-488-2178 or dawnpier@comcast.net OR Tania Haraburda at 517-223-3312 or tania.haraburda@gmail.com

Thank you!!





St. Gerard Parish
Autumn Craft Show

Saturday, November 11th

9 am – 3 pm

Father Weber Hall

(Located in back of school)

Great Food to Eat

Lots of Door Prizes

New Crafters Welcome

Proceeds to support St. Gerard Women's Guild

Contact Pat Albright at 323-7904 to reserve a craft table