

October 26, 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Mario Migaldi. Many of you may remember me from last year when we participated in the organization, Operation Christmas Child. I was so grateful for our school community in their efforts to collect a total of 311 shoeboxes for this wonderful organization. Like last year, this organization sends shoeboxes full of necessities such as toys, candy, rosaries and cards to children in third-world countries. For most of these children, it is the only gift they will receive at Christmas. This is an opportunity for many kids to learn and experience the love of Jesus.

On Friday, October 28, 2016, the school will be having a Jeans Day. In return for this out of uniform day, we are asking for your families to make a donation. This donation will allow the NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) to buy items to build our shoeboxes and beat last year's shoebox count. Donations can be sent in through the classroom or dropped off at the school office. Please know that donations are accepted, but never necessary to participate in the jeans day.

Thank you for your help with this wonderful project.

God Bless,  
Mario Migaldi  
Mrs. Jennifer Sykes  
Mrs. Shelly Piecuch

Dear St. Gerard Families,

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. We are asking the students to donate a box of cereal if they are able. Please bring these boxes from now until November 1. These boxes will then be donated to our St. Vincent dePaul food pantry after Mass. Thank you in advance for generosity.





**ST GERARD SCHOOL AUCTION ADMISSION ORDER FORM**

**November 5, 2016**

**Hawk Hollow Golf Course  
15101 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 \$25 each**

**For more information, please contact Vicki Malacina (517-290-0841) or Lori Glencer (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. You will receive confirmation through email and your name will be on a list at check-in at the auction. You will receive your bidder number at check-in.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each= \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## AUCTION UPDATES AND TICKET INFORMATION

10/27/16

- ❖ **Family Donations** – We are just **8 days** away from the auction and we **NEED** your donations. Every item needs to be logged in, tagged, and added to the website. Please turn your donations in quickly. Your donation must be received by Wednesday, November 2, for you to earn a Jeans Day Coupon. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far! If you have yet to donate, it is not too late! It is expected that every family donate to the auction. Each donation is appreciated and essential to the success of our school auction. Still uncertain what to donate? See the attached group donation form for a last-chance opportunity to participate in a group donation.
- ❖ **Golf Ball Drop** – Last call to purchase your golf ball drop tickets! The golf ball drop will take place on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Betsy Nylander at [bnylander@aol.com](mailto:bnylander@aol.com) to purchase a ticket by October 31. The winner of the \$3,000 prize will be announced on November 5 during the live auction.
- ❖ **Tickets** – Have you ordered your auction tickets yet? Getting this done early helps us with planning. The ticket order form is attached. Tickets are now \$25 per ticket. Please remember that auction tickets may only be purchased with cash or check. Your bidder number cannot be used to purchase tickets.
- ❖ **Raffles Galore** – \$2000 St. Gerard Tuition Credit for the 2017-18 school year, donated by the faculty and staff of St. Gerard School (\$20 per ticket), and a Canon EOS Rebel T5 Digital SLR Premium Camera Kit, donated by Friends of St. Gerard (\$5 per ticket). Winners will be announced at the Live Auction and you need not be present to win. Kangaroo raffle tickets can be purchased the night of the auction and winners will be announced between the silent and live auctions. Raffle tickets can only be purchased with cash or check.
- ❖ **Travel Badge Raffle** (formerly Balloon Raffle) - Find a volunteer carrying a colorful umbrella and purchase your travel badge for \$20.00. Look inside for your number and redeem your travel badge at the badge raffle table for a gift card totaling \$20.00 or more to a popular restaurant or store. All participants will receive at least a \$20 gift card to a popular restaurant or store. **Most prizes are \$25, and a few even have \$50 gift cards to your favorite shopping places!** Open until we sell out-hurry, they go fast!
- ❖ **Fund a Need Pledge** – During the live auction, you will have the opportunity to make a \$100 donation that will fund a need at St. Gerard School. Past pledges have provided teacher wish list items, math calculators, science lab equipment, and more.

- ❖ **The Venue** – The auction will be held at Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Bath. When you arrive, our travel photographer will take your photo for your Passport. After your photo is taken, please take your photo to the check-in area, which is in the lower level of the venue and just outside the entry into the silent auction. Your photo will be put into your Passport (your brochure with bidder number). When the silent auction is over, the lower level will be closed off and you will proceed upstairs to the live auction. An elevator is available for those who are unable to use the stairs. Invoice pickup will be in the rear of the live auction room. In order to give our finance team sufficient time to enter all bids and print invoices, invoices will be available at 10:00 p.m. However, we encourage you to stay and enjoy the excitement of the live auction. There will be many great items for you to bid on! Check-out will be in a room just outside the live auction room, and gift certificates will be available in the check-out room. Item pick up will be in the lower level. After you pay for your items, please proceed the lower level lobby, where runners will retrieve your items. Guests will not be permitted back inside the silent auction room.
  
- ❖ **Website** – Please check out our website, [www.stgerardlansingauction.org](http://www.stgerardlansingauction.org) to preview the items that will be available for you to bid on. Live Auction Items will be added this week!

Questions? Perhaps you will find the answer in the attached “Frequently Asked Questions.” If not, please contact Vicki Malacina at 517-290-0841 or Lori Glencer at [Auction@stgerardlansing.org](mailto:Auction@stgerardlansing.org)



15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Gerard School Auction

“Let’s Travel Around the World”

November 5, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Hawk Hollow Golf Course

## GROUP DONATION PACKAGES!

**Time is running out to get your family donation turned in. Donating is easy when you contribute to one of the packages below.**

**(Yes, these will count for a Jeans Day Coupon!)**

We are down to the final days to turn in family donations. We want to thank everyone who participated in filling our group donation packages! Check out these great items on the website and at the auction on November 5.

It's not too late to donate toward Group Donations! We are accepting the following amounts toward a variety of gift cards that will be used in gift baskets and the gift card raffle. If you have a specific gift card you'd like to donate, purchase it at your favorite retailer and send it in to school by next Wednesday, November 2. Donating is easy when you let us choose the card. Contact Dawn Gehle to donate one of the following amounts.

**Gift card amounts: \$25, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$75, \$100**

We also have the opportunity for three families to complete these packages:

### **The Silver Package**

**Contribute toward a piece of sterling silver jewelry!**

**Just 1 family needed to donate \$30 each to complete this package.**

### **The Diamond Package**

**Contribute toward a piece of diamond fine jewelry!**

**Just 2 families needed to donate \$40 each to complete this package**

You **must** contact Dawn Gehle to participate in these packages. [dsgehle@comcast.net](mailto:dsgehle@comcast.net)

**Group donations - The easy way to donate!!**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the attire?**

The attire is casual! Dress up in attire suitable to your favorite travel destination and prepare to have your Passport photo taken as you arrive at your auction destination. Your photo will be inserted into your Passport (your brochure).

## **Will we get a paper ticket we need to bring with us?**

Paper tickets are not issued. If you have purchased tickets, your name will be on a list at the door. Please stop by the check-in table on the night of the auction where you will receive your bidder number and brochure. A separate table will be set up for guests needing to purchase their ticket at the door (cash/check only).

## **Is there a required amount of money I HAVE to spend at the auction?**

Absolutely not! There is a cash bar, many raffles, and lots of wonderful items to bid on, but nothing is required!

## **How long does the auction last?**

We anticipate ending around 11:00 p.m. Even if you are not bidding, we encourage everyone to stay through the conclusion of the Live Auction. You will not want to miss the special video presentation of the Golf Ball Drop. The winner of the golf ball drop will be announced at the conclusion of the Live Auction!

## **Can my children attend the auction with me?**

No. The auction is our school's only fundraiser and is designed to be a fun night out for parents, school staff, and parishioners. Children age 18 and under are not to attend the auction.

## **How does checkout work?**

If you have winning bid(s), you will first pick up your invoice inside the live auction room, then proceed to the checkout room to pay. **Cash/Check lines move faster than the credit card line!** Once you have your receipt, present it at item pick up. Your items will be retrieved and handed to you. We have worked hard to create an efficient experience for you. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

## **This is my first auction. What else should I expect?**

Doors open/check-in/silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Tuition, Camera Package, Passport Badge Raffle (formally Balloon raffle), and Kangaroo Raffle tickets may be purchased until 9:00 p.m. NOTE: It is helpful to preview silent and live auction items at [www.stgerardlansingauction.org](http://www.stgerardlansingauction.org) ahead of arriving at the auction so you know where you want to start bidding!

Hors d'oeuvres are served from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m. A cash bar is available throughout the night and will be featuring 4 special travel-themed drinks. Coffee and desserts will also be served during the live auction.

Silent Auction stores will begin closing at 8:15 p.m. in 10-minute intervals in this order – Home & Garden, Entertainment, Pamper Yourself, Kids, Sports, and Classroom Projects. The Silent Auction room will be secured at the close of the last store. Please leave the silent auction area once bidding closes and proceed upstairs to the live auction area.

At 9:15 p.m. welcoming comments will be made and raffle drawings will take place. The Live Auction will begin at 9:30.

**Cash/Check lines move faster than the credit card line! We do have Square checkout technology to should speed up the process.**