



October 8, 2015

Dear Parents,

We are quickly approaching Parent/Teacher Conference time. This year we have decided to schedule conferences using Sign Up Genius. Using this on-line tool will enable you to schedule the day and time that works best for you. You will also be able to reschedule your conference time if a conflict arises. You will receive a confirmation email after scheduling and a reminder email two days before your scheduled conference.

Conferences will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Teachers have set aside large blocks of time to be able to meet the needs of our families.

Below is the time frame we will be working with:

Week of October 12th: Links to schedule conferences will be sent home through Edline. Conference scheduling will begin.

Tuesday, November 3, 2015: This is the last day to schedule conferences. Homeroom teachers will be checking to make sure all families have scheduled a conference.

Week of November 9th: Finishing touches will be made to the schedules and teachers will receive their final copy. Any changes from this date forward will need to be made through the school office.

If you have any questions or are having any problems scheduling, please don't hesitate to email or call the school office.

Sincerely,



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“TOGETHER WE WIN” GROUP PACKAGES

**Time is running out - need a last minute family donation idea?
Consider joining “Together” with others toward one of these “Winning” Group Donations.
Choose the package you like and we will do the shopping for you!
(Yes, these will count for a Jeans Day Coupon!)**

The “Get Geared Up” School Spirit Package

Tote your gear to the game in style with bags and a stadium blanket embroidered with St. Gerard Falcons.

(Just 2 families needed to contribute \$35/ea to close this package)

“The Team Builder” Lego Package

Build for hours with Star Wars Legos and Lego Friends packages.

(Just 4 families needed to contribute \$40/ea to close this package)

The “Game Time” Apple Watch Package

42mm Silver Aluminum Case Apple Watch with White Sport Band.

(Just 7 families needed to contribute \$50/ea to close this package)

The “First Down” Fit Bit Package

‘His and Hers’ Charge and Flex Fit Bit Activity and Sleep Bands.

(Just 3 families needed to contribute \$50/ea to close this package)

The “Halftime” Pizza and Wings Package

A variety of gift cards to area pizza and wings restaurants.

(Just 2 families needed to contribute \$25/ea to close this package)

The “Pre-Game” Eastwood Towne Center Shopping Package

A variety of gift cards to Eastwood Shopping Center retailers.

(Just 4 families needed to contribute \$50/ea to close this package)

Please contact Dawn Gehle to participate or for more information.

Email is best - dsgehle@comcast.net

**Time is running out to get your donation in! Help us close out these fun packages!
Group Donations - The easy way to donate!!**



8th GRADE USED BOOK SALE

WASHINGTON DC FUNDRAISER

The St. Gerard 8th graders will host a Used Book Sale during the fall parent/teacher conferences on November 11th & 12th as part of their Washington D.C. trip fundraising efforts. Students will have the opportunity to shop the sale during the school day, November 11th. Students can purchase used books through a donation.

To support this event, we are asking for donations of books and books on tape. You may drop these items off through November 8th in the boxes labeled "Used Book Donations" in the Church gathering space or by the school office. Donations should be in good condition and appropriate for a school sponsored event. We need books covering all topics: Fiction, Nonfiction, Biographies, Cookbooks, Holiday, Travel, Crafts, Hobbies, Sports, Outdoor, Religious, Audio, Children's Books (picture, early reader, chapter, pre-teen, and teen). Please make sure that books on tape are operational.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Simon at 622-1003 or jdsimon5@comcast.net.

Thank You!!!



St. Gerard School Athletics

Dear St. Gerard 5-8 grade Parents:

Welcome to the St. Gerard Athletic Program. This is the registration form for your child to play **Boys Basketball for the 2015-2016 Season**. The registration fee is \$145.00 and will be collected in two separate checks of \$45.00 and \$100.00. The \$100.00 check will not be cashed but held until you fulfill your scheduled assignments of working concessions and/or admissions. Sign-up sheets are at the admission table during all of the Volleyball matches, as well as the Parent meeting. It is **Your Responsibility** to schedule a time to work. Should you not work your assigned time(s); the \$100.00 check will be deposited by our Treasurer. Please check the appropriate box below.

1. () I will work admissions and /or concessions or gym set up/cleanup to receive my \$100.00 check back.
2. () I do not wish to work. You may deposit the \$100.00 check now.

Please make checks payable to: ST. GERARD ATHLETICS.

Because of eligibility requirements we need to know: PARISHIONER, (YES - NO)

School _____ Religious Ed _____ GRADE _____

PLEASE REMEMBER: There is a \$10.00 late fee charged to all registrations received after the registration date for that sport

Go Falcons

Student/Player Name _____ Gender M F Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

Assistant Coach _____ Help with Skills Clinics _____

E-Mail Address _____ for coaches to contact.

Is there any information a doctor should know to treat your child? _____

Date of Last Tetanus Shot _____

Name of Medical Insurance _____ Policy Number _____

Name of Family Doctor _____ Telephone Number _____

In case of an emergency, I give my permission to a doctor and trained medical personnel to treat my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

St. Gerard Boys Basketball Registration for 2015 – Mark the Date!

Volleyball registration and skills testing for girls in grades 5 through 8 who attend St. Gerard School or regularly attend St. Gerard Religious Education will be held as follows:

5th grade boys' registration and skills testing 5:00 pm on October 28th

6th grade boys' registration and skills testing 6:15 pm on October 28th

7th grade boys' registration and skills testing 5:00 pm on October 29th

8th grade boys' registration and skills testing 6:15 pm on October 29th

Skills testing for each grade level will take approximately 1 hour.

Please remember to bring to registration a **completed Basketball registration form, a copy of a current physical form dated after April 15, 2015, and 2 checks: One for \$45 each to cover registration, and one for \$100.00 to cover concessions (concessions check will be returned to you after you work the required shifts) made out to St Gerard Athletics. There is a mandatory \$10 late fee for all registrations received after August 20th.** If you have any questions please contact the St Gerard Athletic Director, Pat Malacina, at 230-7380. Boys will not be permitted to practice until all required documents and payments are received. This will be enforced as we must have all Documents at this time.

Games will begin around the week of November 9th, and the season will last approximately 9 weeks, with a 1 week season tournament scheduled TBD

We do have our coaches set at this time.

SEE BACK

Attention 8th Grade Parents

It is a tradition to put baby pictures of the 8th graders in the yearbook. Please submit a picture of your child as a baby or toddler as soon as possible!

If you have a digital .jpg file, you can submit it electronically using the public upload method on the attached page.

If you have an actual photograph, please submit it to the office and it will be returned when we are finished. Please make sure to clearly mark your child's name on the photo.

In addition, we need memory pictures of your 8th grader at school events from kindergarten -7th grade.

Please send in as many as you would like, but understand that not all will be used. These may also be uploaded directly to the yearbook website or turned into the office for scanning and then will be returned. Remember, this is a keepsake reminder of your child's years at St. Gerard, and only you can provide these past memories!

PLEASE submit your pictures AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at
LynnBloomer@yahoo.com or 517-648-2853

Thank you,

Lynn
(and the yearbook staff)

Auction News and Updates

Have you heard? Donating is easy! – Group Donations are a great way to make your donation to the auction! Look for information in the Thursday Communicators or on the PTO Facebook page for more information! Or contact Dawn Gehle at dsgehle@comcast.net

\$20 raffle tickets – Winner receives a \$2000 St. Gerard School Tuition Credit (*generously donated by the St. Gerard School staff*)

\$5 raffle tickets – Winner receives an Apple Watch (*generously donated by Fuller Travel, Inc.*)

Golf Ball Drop tickets – ***THIS MAY BE THE LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE A GOLF BALL!!*** They are selling fast!! Only 400 golf balls will be sold. Winner receives \$3000!!!

Family Donations – We are *counting on each family to make a donation to the auction*. If you have not yet donated, there is still time! Turn in your donation by October 16 to receive your Jeans Day coupon! Please visit the website for lots of other donation ideas at stgerardlansingauction.org.

-----Family Donation Form-----

Family Name (First and Last) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Item Donated _____ Value _____

Description/Restrictions _____

If your donation is not tangible, please also provide a certificate with details and contact information. Please contact Misty Opperman or Sarah Cook at stgerardauction@gmail.com if you have questions.

Please list Child(ren)'s name and teacher for Jeans Day Coupons

Family Donation Form

Family Name (First and Last) _____

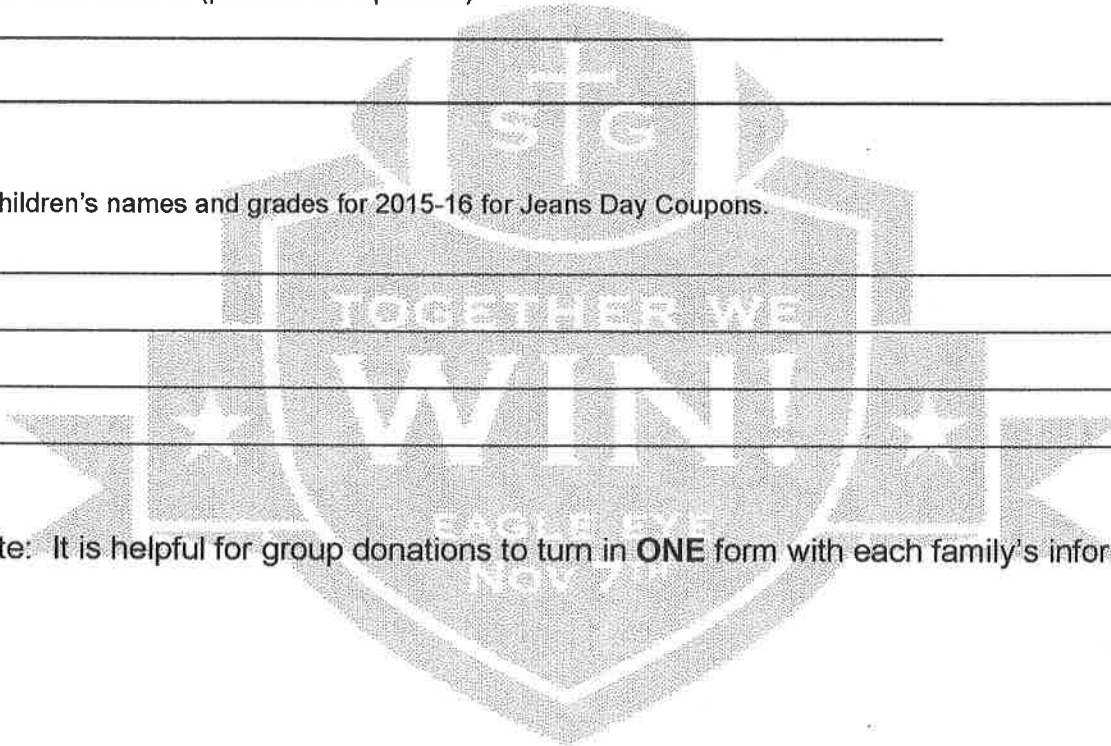
Phone _____ Email _____

Item Donated _____ Value _____

Description/Restrictions (please be specific)

Please list Children's names and grades for 2015-16 for Jeans Day Coupons.

Please Note: It is helpful for group donations to turn in **ONE** form with each family's information!



SEND US YOUR BEST PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK

Our yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so we need your help. If you take any pictures at school events this year, please share the best ones with us!

We need photos of scouts, NJHS, field trips, service projects, classroom events, Christmas Program, etc

Here is how to upload your photos:

1. Go to images.balfour.com
2. Our project number is 618578 and password is yearbook
3. Enter your contact information so we know who sent the picture
4. Select an image (in .jpg format) from your computer
5. Add captions so we know what grade the children are in and a description of the photo
6. Click "Begin Upload" and your images will upload

The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content.

We can not guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

If you have any questions, email LynnBloomer@yahoo.com

Thank You,

Lynn Bloomer (and yearbook staff)

Earn money for Washington DC or Tuition Assistance



You can earn money towards tuition or 8th grade parents can earn towards the trip to DC by working at the St Gerard concessions stands at the MSU 2015 football games & 2015/2016 men's basketball games.

Last year our combined football stands earned \$10,000. **New this year** students aged 14+ can work with a parent for tuition credit or service hours. Email Sam Guerrazzi at stgstand4msu@yahoo.com. All volunteers will need to complete a background check at:

<https://eatatstate.com/content/volunteer-application-and-background-check-authorization-form>.

2015 Football home games: 9/12; 9/19; 9/26; 10/3; 10/24; 11/14; 11/28

Midnight Madness: 10/23

2015-16 Men's Basketball games: 11/4; 11/9; 11/13; 11/20; 11/23; 12/2; 12/5; 12/9; 12/12; 1/7; 1/14; 1/20; 1/23; 1/31; 2/14; 2/18; 2/28; 3/5; 3/6



Service Saturday

Saturday
October 10



Noon - 3:00 pm

Service Saturday is back!!!

- Fall clean up at Ele's Place - 1145 W. Oakland Ave., Lansing
- Sign up sheets will be available in the gathering area or sign up by calling the Parish office, 323-2379 by Oct. 7.
- Meet at Ele's place at noon, rain or shine

Questions??? Michelle Traill-Crosser 323-2379

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

Mark Your Calendar:

November 21, 2015, Noon - 2:00 pm Bingo - Delta Retirement

December 19, 2015, Noon - 3:00 pm Christmas Basket Delivery

December 20, 2015, Noon - 3:00 pm Christmas Toy Delivery

January 23, 2016, Noon - 3:00 pm Assemble Homeless Care Kits

February 20, 2016, Noon - 3:00 pm Assemble Military Care Packages

March 19, 2016, Noon - 3:00 pm Sort donations at St. Vincent de Paul Store

April 16, 2016, Noon - 3:00 pm St. Gerard grounds spring clean up



"It is in giving that we receive"--- St. Francis of Assisi



Who: All 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

What: Movie Night

Includes: Pop, Popcorn and other snacks

When: Friday October 9, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Youth Room

Cost: Free!

Questions: Contact Jeff Corder at 323-2379 or at youth@stgerard.org



St. Gerard School Auction
2015 Tuition and Apple Watch Raffle
Order Form

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

- \$2,000 credit towards tuition to St. Gerard School for the 2016-17 school year. This tuition is for one (1) child for one (1) year at the parishioner rate.
Donated by the faculty and staff of St. Gerard School.

- Apple Watch - **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
Misty Opperman or Sarah Cook stgerardauktion@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

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*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. = \$ _____

Apple Watch Ticket _____ @\$5/ea. = \$ _____

Total Enclosed- \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____



ST GERARD SCHOOL AUCTION ADMISSION ORDER FORM

November 7, 2015

Eagle Eye Golf Club

15500 Chandler Road, Bath

6:00pm- 11:00pm

6:00pm- 8:45pm Silent Auction

9:00 pm Raffle Winners Announced

9:15pm Live Auction

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

Tickets are \$20.00 when purchased by October 30th, \$25.00 after and at the door.

For more information, please contact Misty Opperman or Sarah Cook (stgerarduction@gmail.com)

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 _____