



# ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

August 4, 2016

## Save the Date! School Pictures will be Wednesday, Sept. 21st!

**Open House Night** Open House is definitely a highlight for teachers, students and parents alike. This evening (**Monday, August 29th from 4:00-6:30**) provides all an opportunity to meet one another, see their room, and in many circumstances get their desks or cubbies settled. Please refer to your student's supply list regarding what items to bring the night of Open House. Supply lists were sent home in report card envelopes, and they can be found on the school's website or available in the school office. Our school store will be open at the base of the steps in Father Weber Hall for hard to find items such as school planners, recorders, etc.

Also, as you begin thinking about school supplies and uniforms, we ask that when shopping for school shoes that you are mindful of keeping them simple. Please avoid glitter or canvas shoes. **Shoes should be a solid color.** We have had a few parents ask if girls can wear light brown (beige or tan) shoes. They may as long as it is solid in color. Remember the purpose of a school uniform is to keep things simple. Reminder: Junior High students have the option to wear a "dri-fit" pullover as an alternative to the uniform sweatshirt. The dri-fit pullover can be purchased at Educational Outfitters.

**Hot Lunch News** Hot lunch will be available beginning Tuesday, September 6th, 2016. Students will need to bring a sack lunch and drink (no pop) the first week of school (Aug. 30th-Sept. 1st). Hot lunch is ordered and paid for on a monthly basis. We offer Jersey Giant subs on Mondays during the school year and will continue to have Little Caesar's Pizza on Fridays (or the last day of the week). Our menu for September is enclosed and will be available to order online August 18th-25th. **If you do not place your order by August 25th, you will not be able to place an order until Sept. 18th-25th for October's lunch. Please note that our new hot lunch price is \$2.75.** To locate the September hot lunch menu for ordering purposes, you will need to go to our website, [stgerardlansing.org](http://stgerardlansing.org). Click on the "current families" link on the top header bar and follow to the hot lunch link. You may also go directly to [www.orgsonline.com](http://www.orgsonline.com).

If you ordered last year, you are not a first time user. Your account is still active. Use last year's login code. It has not changed. If this is your first time using our system, you will need to enter our school code (**38SGSNC**) to activate your account. Please follow the account activation instructions on the website. If you do not wish to pay online, your check for lunches ordered will need to be in the school office no later than the 25th of each month. If you have problems ordering hot lunch, please call us in the school office at 321-6126. Please do not select the "get help" option on the website as you will not be able to "get much help" there.

**Auction News** If you haven't yet; please mark your calendars for our annual auction on **Saturday, November 5th**. This one-time fundraiser provides a variety of resources for our students such as iPads, wireless fiber infrastructure, new desks, computers, up grades to our surround sound systems, new science materials, additional titles for our book room, and items that teachers put on their yearly wish lists. This event **requires** each family to volunteer their time, make a donation and/or attend the event itself. Many of our parents and extended friends of St. Gerard School are involved in all three aspects. For this year's auction you will need a passport! Well, not literally but definitely figuratively. This event is crucial. Because of this event, we are able to provide our students and teachers more than just what they need to provide a top notch education. **We are currently looking for co-chairs for this event. Please consider serving the school in this capacity. We need your help!**

**MSU Concessions** Looking for another way to help out with that tuition bill? St. Gerard mans a concession stand for football and men's basketball as well. This opportunity provides our families with another option to reduce their tuition. Reminder: 8th grade parents may work the football season as a fundraiser for Washington DC. If you would like to be on the list to receive an email regarding this opportunity, please email Sam Guerrazzi at [stgstand4msu@yahoo.com](mailto:stgstand4msu@yahoo.com). All volunteers will need to complete a background check at: <https://eatatstate.com/content/volunteer-application-and-background-check-authorization-form>

**\*Reminder that preschool, kindergarten, and 7th grade students have specific immunization as well as hearing and vision screening (kindergarten) requirements that must be met prior to the first day of school. Verification needs to be submitted to the office.**



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**Book Covers** If you are in need of having your child's books (2nd-8th grades) covered this fall, you are not too late! Books will be covered and ready to go the first day of school. By participating you will be supporting the 8th graders in their fundraising efforts for Washington, D.C. Pricing is as follows: (1) student: \$14, (2) students: \$22, and family maximum: \$27. If you are interested, mail or drop off a check in the school or parish office with your child's name(s) and grade for the 2016-17 school year. Checks can be made out to St. Gerard School.

**TRIP News** Reminder that our summer TRIP dates will be Monday, August 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Parents may place orders from 7:30-9:00 am in the school office with pick up available on Fridays or anytime after. There will be no TRIP orders the week of August 29th due to the short week. Weekly TRIP orders will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6th (due to the holiday) and will be available for pick up on Friday, Sept. 9th. If you have any questions about this program or are new to it, please call our school office at 321-6126 and we will help walk you through the sign up process.

**Note TRIP Program Changes:** TRIP tuition credit will be posted to family Smart Tuition accounts at the end of each semester. TRIP credit earned during the 2016-17 school year will be credited during the current academic year. The first credit will take place the week of January 23rd and the week of June 19th. If your account balance is zero at the time of TRIP posting, it will then appear as a credit for the upcoming school year. Remember you can always designate your TRIP to Lansing Catholic as well.

Finally we are in **need of a volunteer that can help sort and organize TRIP each Thursday morning**. If you may be able to help, please call the school office or email Robin Corona at rcorona@stgerardlansing.org.

## **Junior Cougar Football**

### Tackle and Flag Football Information

Football 2016 will be at Lansing Catholic's NEW Football Field!

4th-8th grade Tackle (1st day of Tackle Football is Monday, August 8th) Cost \$150  
\*Current Physical form needed (after April 15, 2016) prior to practicing tackle football.

K-3rd grade Flag Football (1st day of Flag Football is Sept. 12th) Cost \$50

Lansing Catholic is hosting a sports physical night on Sunday, August 7th from 6-8 pm. Cost is \$25.

- HEAD COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES NEEDED-For Flag Football
- Please contact Jim Baker @ 202-1580, if you are able to help-Thanks!If you have any questions, please see website or jbaker@corpinteriors.net

**Waverly Bus Information** Waverly Community Schools will be starting before Labor Day this year so students that ride Waverly buses will be able to start riding the first day of school! Look for bus route information in the Insights Magazine found in the Waverly Independent or call Waverly's bus garage at 321-1088 ext. 3401. As soon as we receive a year long calendar for Waverly, we will publish dates when there will be no Waverly buses for our students. In addition to the dates that Waverly Schools will be closed, they will also have a few dates throughout the year that they will have "late starts". **On these dates, St. Gerard students will NOT be able to ride the bus in the morning only.** Their proposed delayed start schedule dates are as follows:

September 7th and 21st	October 19th	November 2nd and 16th
December 7th	January 4th and 19th	February 1st and 15th
March 1st and 15th	April 19th	May 3rd and 17th

**VIRTUS Training** Parents are a crucial part of school! The support of our St. Gerard community is really second to none. If you are either new to our school or have a younger student, please be aware that before you are able to volunteer to work groups, go on field trips, or coach you must be VIRTUS trained. This one time training session will be offered at St. Gerard on Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Register on line a [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org) under the Protecting God's Children link.



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## **St. Gerard Girls' Volleyball Registration for 2016 – 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 girls' registration and skills testing: 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 16th
  - 6th grade girls' registration and skills testing: 6:15 pm on Tuesday, August 16th
  - 7th grade girls' registration and skills testing: 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17th
  - 8th grade girls' registration and skills testing: 6:15 pm on Wednesday, August 17th
- Skills testing for each grade level will take approximately 1 hour.

Please bring the following to registration: a completed Volleyball registration form, a copy of a current physical form dated after April 15, 2016, (forms can be found on the St. Gerard School website under athletics), and 2 checks: One for \$45 to cover registration, and one for \$100.00 to cover concessions (concessions check will be returned to you after you work the required shifts). Make checks out to St Gerard Athletics. There is a mandatory \$10 late fee for all registrations received after August 19th. If you have any questions please contact the St Gerard Athletic Director, Pat Malacina, at 230-7380. Girls will not be permitted to practice until all required documents and payments are received.

Matches will begin the week of September 6th, and the season will last approximately 9 weeks, with a 1 week end of season tournament. Date TBD.

St. Gerard Athletics is in need of one more volleyball coach at the 7th/8th grade level. Please contact Mr. Malacina if you are able to assist in this program.

**Submit Calendar Artwork!** Let your imagination soar and come up with a unique picture for the 2017 "Children's Artwork Raffle Calendar". See your artwork on display. Several pictures will be printed for each month of the year on a full color calendar.

### **Requirements**

- \*All St. Gerard Parish children are eligible; preschool through high school.
- \*You may submit more than one entry if one of the drawings is for summer.
- \*Each drawing should be on an 8 1/2x11 plain piece of white paper
- \*You may do a drawing for any season or month you wish!
- \*Please submit your drawing by August 15, 2016 to the parish or school office

Please attach the following information on a separate piece of paper; name, address, age, grade, parent's name, phone number and school the child is attending.

## **St. Gerard Soccer Sign Up on August 29**

This is a very relaxed recreational soccer program open for children Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. The program will include 30 minutes of skill development followed by a 30 minute scrimmage. Soccer shin guards are recommended but not mandatory. Cleats are also not mandatory. The season consists of six sessions that are held on Sundays at 1 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All sessions will be held on the #3 baseball field located south of the church parking lot. Below are the dates:

- Wednesday September 14: 6 p.m.
- Sunday, September 18: 1 p.m.
- Wednesday September 21: 6 p.m.
- Sunday September 25: 1 p.m. \*Date and/or time subject to change due to Confirmation
- Wednesday September 28: 6 p.m.
- Sunday October 2: 1 p.m.

SIGN UP: Monday, August 29 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the gym during the school open house

COST: \$35

THIS PROGRAM RELIES SOLELY ON PARENTS TO SERVE AS COACHES, SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Please call Scott Starr at (517) 402-2853 with any questions.



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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 7th	Lansing Catholic is offering sports physicals for \$25 from 6-8 pm in the gym
Monday, August 8th	<b>Used Uniform Sale</b> from 5:00-7:00 pm. Enter in the back of school. Summer <b>TRIP</b> /Drop off order anytime between 7:30-9:00 am in the school or parish office. Pick up orders anytime Friday or after!
Monday, August 15th	Summer <b>TRIP</b> /Drop off orders anytime between 7:30-9:00 am in the school or parish office. Pick up orders anytime Friday or after!
Tuesday, August 16th	<b>Girls' Volleyball</b> Registration and Skills Testing from 5:00-6:15 pm for 5th grade and 6:15-7:30 pm for 6th grade
Wednesday, August 17th	<b>Girls' Volleyball</b> Registration and Skills Testing from 5:00-6:15 pm for 7th grade and 6:15-7:30 pm for 8th grade
Thursday, August 18th	Window to <b>order hot lunch</b> for September opens!
Monday, August 22nd	Summer <b>TRIP</b> /Drop off orders anytime between 7:30-9:00 am in the school or parish office. Pick up orders anytime Friday or after!
Thursday, Aug. 25th	Last day to <b>order hot lunch</b> for September!
Monday, Aug. 29th	Preschool-8th grade <b>Open House</b> from 4:00-6:30 pm Please refer to supply list as to what items to bring to open house. Soccer sign up in the gym during open house!
Tuesday, Aug. 30th	<b>First Day of School K-8</b> (see drop off and pick up instructions included this packet for new families) Preschool Open House from 5:00-6:30 pm <b>Waverly Buses begin today! / Sack lunch today!</b>
Wednesday, Aug. 31st	<b>Sack lunch today!</b>
Thursday, Sept. 1st	<b>Sack lunch today!</b>
Friday, Sept. 2nd	<b>No School</b> /Labor Day Weekend/Child Care is open!
Monday, Sept. 5th	<b>No School</b> /Labor Day/Child Care Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 6th	<b>First Day of Preschool</b> <b>Junior High Parent Meeting</b> 6:30-8:00 pm in Fr. Weber Hall Parents will run through an abbreviated schedule providing the ability to meet all teachers. <b>TRIP</b> orders placed today due to the holiday and available for pick up Friday
Thursday, Sept. 8th	<b>K-6 Parent Meeting</b> in Fr. Weber Hall at 6:30 pm/Two teacher sessions will run after general assembly from 7:00-7:30 pm and then 7:35-8:05. Please make sure you make one of the large group meeting at 6:30 (either on the Junior High or K-6 parent night)
Friday, Sept. 9th:	<b>Opening All School Mass</b> at 8:10 am. Hope to see many of you there!



Dear Parents:

On the reverse of this paper you will find a rather simplified drawing of the school grounds. I have attempted to show all of the parish parking lots. **Please show this to the person who drives your child to and from school. (see back diagram)**

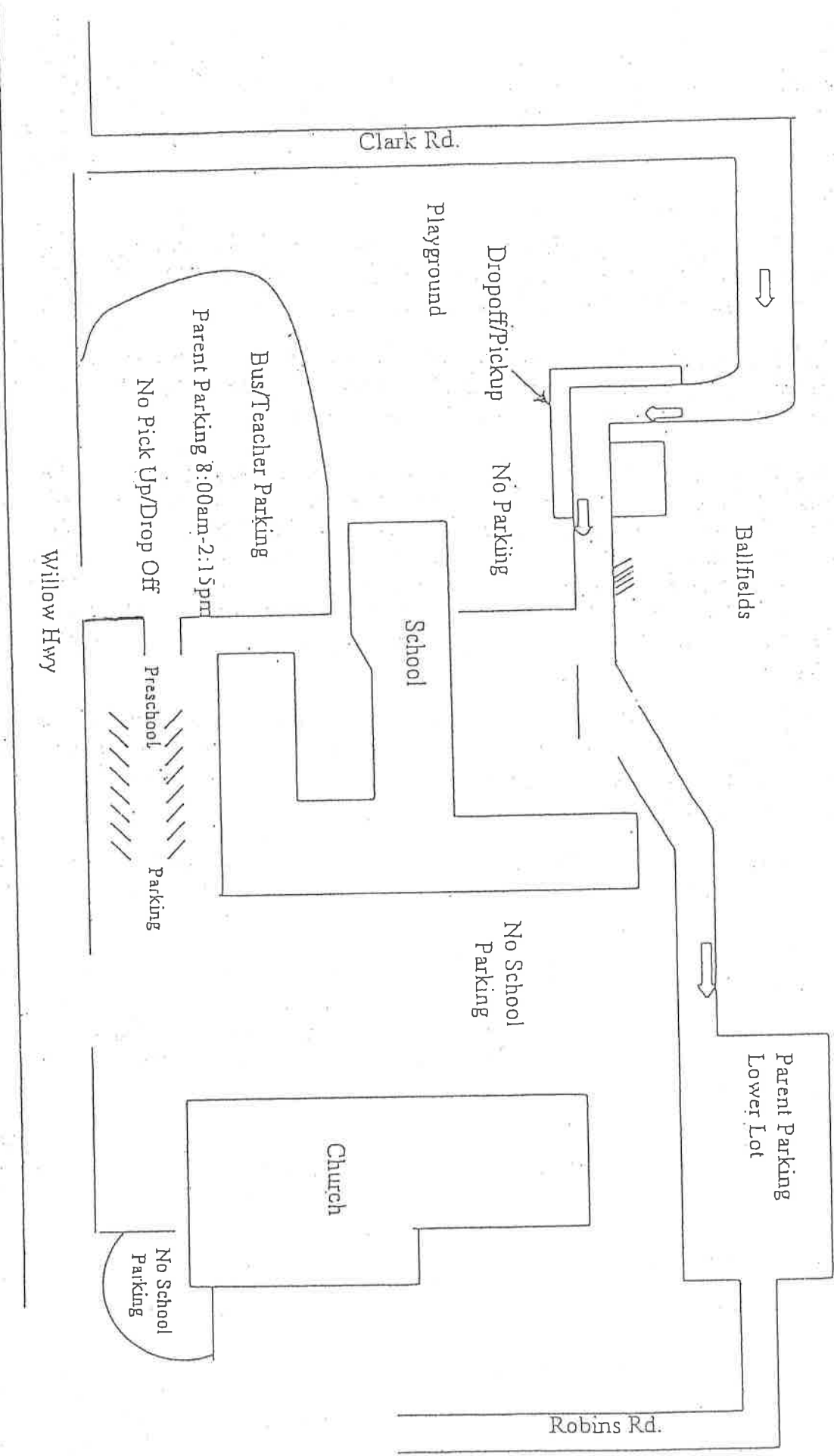
- The parking lots to the west of the school between the church and school, and to the north and south of the church are off limits to school families during the week. This area is needed for teacher parking, funerals, and other parish functions.
- We ask that when dropping off or picking up students (other than preschool), you enter the school grounds by way of Clark Rd. (in the afternoon enter Clark Rd. from Willow as line will form before students are dismissed, **please DO NOT enter from Saginaw**) drop students off in the designated drop off areas **which extends all the way up to the recycle bins** and then continue west, exiting Robins Rd. Please pull as far forward as possible to allow more cars to unload. Do not park cars in the carline. **Adults should not get out of their vehicles while in carline.** Carline is used for moving traffic. The spaces to the west of the white bus garage are used for daycare families only.
- The west lower lot closest to Robins Rd. may still be used for parking. If you are going to park there for pick up or drop off, please have student(s) use the stairs and adjoining sidewalk to get to the playground. Students should not walk through the car exit lanes coming from the back lower lot.
- The lot immediately north of the old wing of the school closest to Willow is to be used by **preschool families only**. Preschool parents only should park and bring their students into school.
- The lot immediately north of the school office is for teacher parking and bus drop off and pick up. Students riding buses will follow the sidewalk around to the stairs on the east side of the school. This lot is available during the day between 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for school business only. All students should be dropped off in the back until 8:00 a.m.

We thank you for your patience and appreciate your attention to the safety of all the children at St. Gerard School.

Looking forward to a great year!

Shelly Piecuch  
Principal

# School DropOff/ PickUp Areas



Clark Rd.

Playground

Dropoff/Pickup

No Parking

Ballfields

Parent Parking 8:00am-2:15pm

Bus/Teacher Parking

No Pick Up/Drop Off

School

No School Parking

Parent Parking Lower Lot

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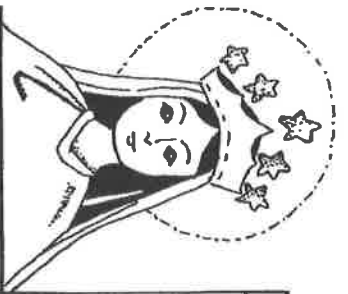
Preschool

Parking

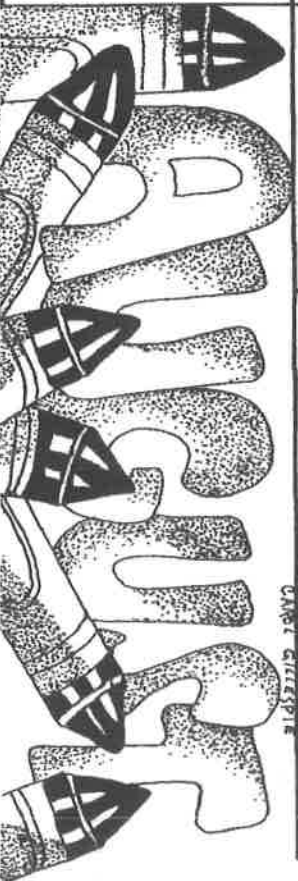
Church

No School Parking

Robins Rd.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
7	TRIP Used Uniform Sale 5:00-7:00 PM in Trip room					
HOT LUNCH COST \$2.75						
14	Assumption					
ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>		16 Girls' Volleyball Reg. & Skills Testing Gr. 5 5:00-6:15 pm Gr. 6 6:15-7:30 pm	17 Girls' Volleyball Reg. & Skills Testing Gr. 7 5:00-6:15 pm Gr. 8 6:15-7:30 pm	18 FIRST DAY TO ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH	19	20 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>
21	TRIP					
		23	24	25 LAST DAY TO ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH	26	27
28	WELCOME BACK!! OPEN HOUSE 4:00-6:30 PM	30 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK BRING SACK LUNCH & DRINK	31 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK BRING SACK LUNCH & DRINK			



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# SEPTEMBER

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK BRING SACK LUNCH & DRINK	2 NO SCHOOL CHILD CARE OPEN	3
Sunday			
Monday			
4 Labor Day	5 NO SCHOOL CHILD CARE CLOSED	6 1st day Preschool Chicken Pattie Sandwich Broccoli Fruit Milk Jr. High parent mtg. 6:30 pm Fr. Weber	7 NO A.M. BUS French Toast Stixs Yogurt Milk Juice
Tuesday			
8 BVM Birthday	9 All School Mass	10	
Wednesday			
11	12 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Pretzels/Chex Mix Milk	13 Pepperoni Calzone Salad Fruit Milk	14 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Smiles Fruit Milk
15 Bosco Sticks w/marinara sauce Salad Fruit Milk	16 Citizenship Day	17	
18	19 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Pretzels/Chex Mix Milk	20 Soft Shell Tacos Refried Beans Fruit Milk Preschool parent mtg. 6:30 pm Fr. Weber	21 NO A.M. BUS Pancakes Hash Browns Pork Sausage Milk Juice Picture Day
22 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Roll Fruit Milk ALPHA 6:30 pm	23 Pepperoni Pizza Veggie Fruit Milk	24 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER OCTOBER HOT LUNCH	
25 Confirmation 2:00 PM	26 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Pretzels/Chex Mix Milk	27 Hamburger/Cheeseburger Tater Tots Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Nuggets Carrots Roll Fruit Milk
29 Beef Nachos Refried Beans Fruit Milk ALPHA 6:30 pm	30 Cheese Pizza Veggie Fruit Milk		
31 LAST DAY TO ORDER OCTOBER HOT LUNCH			



24th SEPTEMBER



# St. Gerard Catholic School Calendar 2016-17

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July 2016						
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July						
18	TRIP Summer Date					

August 2016						
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August						
15	Diocese Teacher Inservice Day/TRIP Summer Date					
22-26	Child Care Closed					
23	Teacher Meetings					
24	Teacher Meetings					
25	Teacher Meetings					
29	Pre-8th Grade Open House 4:00-6:30 pm/Child Care Closed					
30	First Day of School K-8/Preschool Open House from 5-6:30					

September 2016						
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September						
2	No School K-8/Child Care Open					
5	No School K-8/Labor Day/Child Care Closed					
6	First Day of Preschool					

October 2016						
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October						
28	End of 1st Quarter/Dismiss at 11:00/Child Care Open					

November 2016						
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November						
5	15th Annual School Auction					
9	Parent Teacher PM Conferences					
10	No School Pre-8/Parent/Teacher Conferences/Child Care Open					
11	No School Pre-8/Child Care Open					
23	School Dismisses at 11:00/Child Care Open/No Preschool					
24	Thanksgiving					
25	No School Pre-8/Thanksgiving Break					

December 2016						
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December						
15	Christmas Program					
19	Christmas Break Begins/Child Care Open					
20	Child Care Open					
21	Child Care Open					

January 2017						
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January						
3	School Resumes					
20	End of 2nd Quarter					
26	Report Cards go home					

February 2017						
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February						
15	Preschool Conferences/No Preschool					
16	School Dismiss at 11:00/Conferences/No Preschool					
17	No School Pre-8/Child Care Open					
20	No School Pre-8/President's Day					

March 2017						
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March						
10	No School/Staff Retreat/Child Care Open					
24	End of 3rd Quarter					
30	Report Cards go home					

April 2017						
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April						
3	Spring Break Begins					
10	School Resumes					
14	Good Friday/No School					

May 2017						
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May						
5	Dismiss at 11:00/Parish Festival/Child Care Open					
25	Last Day of Preschool					
29	No School/Memorial Day					

June 2017						
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June						
6	8th grade Graduation at 6:30 in the Church					
9	Last Day of School/Dismiss at 11:00					