



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

March 16, 2017

Registration for 2017-18

We are wrapping up current family registration and will begin our new family registration officially next week. All current families have been preregistered for next year, which should make the process in SMART Tuition much easier than last year. **Note: the registration fee will be billed in your April statement on SMART. If you have a student that will be attending our preschool and/or kindergarten this upcoming fall, you must add them in your Smart Tuition account. If your child is not in SMART, they are not considered registered and therefore do not have a spot.** We have a few grades with wait lists and we want to make sure that our current families are served! Please make sure all registration paperwork is turned in ASAP. The office staff will need to follow up shortly with families that we haven't heard from.

Great News

Congratulations to Ellie Kooney for her winning essay in the Maryknoll Magazine's "Care for our Home" contest. For her essay, Ellie was asked to explain the importance of Pope Francis' call to respect and stop exploiting our world and its limited resources. Ellie wrote about the steps her family takes along with her mom's role in teaching our junior high environmental elective. Fifty judges scoured through over 7,000 entries and Ellie's came in second. Ellie will receive a check for \$300 for her accomplishment.

Calendar for 2017-18

For the past few years, we have been able to maintain virtually the same calendar with the exception of a day here or there. With Lansing Catholic and a number of our neighboring school districts starting earlier and earlier along with following the expectations of the state in regards to number of days and hours of instruction (note: we are always over in instructional hours), we have been forced to really take a look at our starting and ending date. By starting the school year a few days earlier, we are able to get out that first week of June. We find that students (and parents) are ready to begin school in mid-late August and are ready to have a break in early June. With that being said, please note the following dates on your calendar for the 2017-18 school year.

Open House: Wednesday, August 23rd
First Day of School: Thursday, August 24th
Christmas Break: December 25th-January 5th
Spring Break: April 2nd-6th

~March~

*Loving Father ~
We **PRAISE** you
for our faith
that encourages
us to serve others.*

*During this
season of Lent
help us serve
the students
and families of
our school,
especially those
in most need.*

Amen.

*"Let every thing that
has breath,
PRAISE the Lord."*



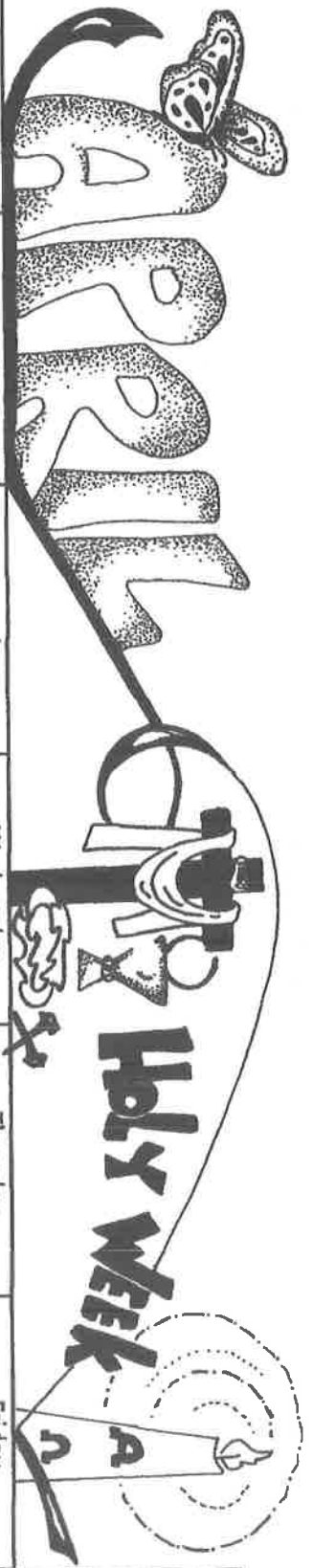
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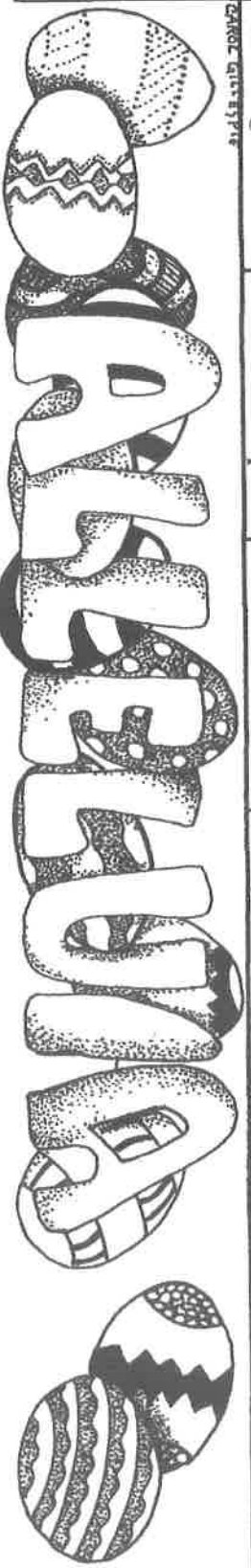
Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 16th: Junior High Band Concert
- Friday, March 17th: Stations of the Cross for Room 2, 5th and 6th grade
Pep Rally for Boys and Girls Basketball at 2:00 PM
- Saturday, March 18th: **First Day to Order Hot Lunch for April!**
- Monday, March 20th: Jump Rope for Heart Week
- Tuesday, March 21st: New Family Preschool Registration and Open House at 6:30 PM in the Library
- Thursday, March 23rd: Kindergarten Field Trip to Impression Five
4th grade Reading Month Play in Fr. Weber Hall
- Friday, March 24th: End of 3rd Quarter
- Saturday, March 25th: **Last Day to Order Hot Lunch for April!**
- Monday, March 27th: Hoops for Heart Week/Author Jonathan Rand to speak to our 1st-6th graders
- Tuesday, March 28th: New Family House at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- Wed., March 29th: Fire Safety Presentations for grades K-5th
- Thursday, March 30th: Report Cards Go Home
VIRTUS Training at St. Gerard Church/Register at www.protectingodschildren.org
- Friday, March 31st: No Waverly AM/PM Buses/3rd Grade Reading Fair from 1-2 PM
- Monday, April 3rd-
Friday, April 7th: Spring Break
- Tuesday, April 11th: PTO Board Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Library
- Wed., April 12th: Youth Group Presents The Passion
- Thursday, April 13th: All School Prayer Service for Holy Thursday/7th grade to Chicago



Saturday
April Fool's Day
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
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	NO SCHOOL CHILD CARE ENJOY	NO SCHOOL CLOSED YOUR	NO SCHOOL CLOSED YOUR	NO SCHOOL SPRING	NO SCHOOL BREAK!!!	NO SCHOOL		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk	6 in. Jersey Giant Carrots Roll Fruit Milk PTO mtg. 6:30 pm	The Passion Assembly Pancakes Hash Browns Pork Sausage Fruit Milk	Holy Thursday All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Carrots Fruit Milk 7 th Gr. field trip	Good Friday NO SCHOOL Child Care Closed	ORDER MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th		
Easter	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
HAPPY EASTER	6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk 8 th Gr. DC parent mtg.	Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Roll Fruit Milk	NO A.M BUS French Toast Stixs Yogurt Fruit Milk 4 th Gr. Camp	No School- Kindergarten Bosco Sticks w/marinara sauce Salad Fruit Milk 4 th Gr. Camp	Cheese Pizza Salad Carrots Fruit Milk 6 th Gr. field trip 4 th Gr. Camp	ORDER MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH		
DON'T FORGET TO ORDER MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Chex Mix Fruit Milk Heart/Lung dissection	Chicken Tenders Potato Smiles Fruit Milk 1 st Communion Practice 6:00 pm	Pancakes Hash Browns Pork Sausage Fruit Milk	Beef Nachos Refried Beans Fruit Milk **Lucky Tray** Choir Concert 6:30 pm	Cheese Pizza Salad Carrots Fruit Milk	First Holy Communion 10:00 am		
	30	Easter Give-ups						





St. Gerard School Booster Club

March 16, 2017

Dear St. Gerard Parents:

The St Gerard Athletic Commission is offering a **reduced price** on our St. Gerard Water bottles and mugs. Please consider helping out our athletic programs by purchasing a water bottle(s) or mug(s).

Water Bottles cost \$10.00 Mugs are \$15.00



You may make your purchase of a water bottle/mug at the school office anytime during the school day.

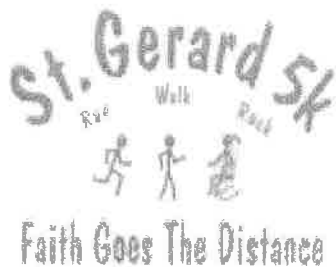
Thank you for your continued support!

St. Gerard Athletic Commission



**Start training for the annual
St. Gerard 5K Run, Walk, Rock!
Saturday, May 6th at 9:30am.
Fun for everyone of all ages!**

Registration forms are available in the Parish office or online at www.stgerard.org (under Resources then Parishioner Tools & Forms). This is a great race for first timers and families (google a 5K training schedule and get started today!). This year to be guaranteed a race shirt you must sign up by Thursday, April 20th. For questions or if you would like to sponsor or help as a volunteer, please contact Carrie Pence at 668-8219 or pences@comcast.net.



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Passion Play

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

Every year, the teens of St. Gerard Parish come together to tell the story of the Passion of Christ. One of the teens memorizes the entire Gospel and proclaims it to all those sitting in the pews, while the rest of the teens “mime” the story as it is being told. Though it is hard work, the teens feel great about what they’ve done once the day is over. You don’t need any acting or theatre experience at all and you won’t need to remember lines. The people in the pews are so grateful for the teens willing to do this and its all the Service Hours you’ll ever need. WE NEED YOU!!! Note: For the Wednesday Performance you will need to ask permission to leave school early. Please check before committing to be in it.

Questions: Contact Jeff Corder at youth@stgerard.org or at 517-323-2379

Rehearsal Dates

1. March 26th (7—9 p.m.)
2. April 9 (7—9 p.m.)

Passion Play Performances

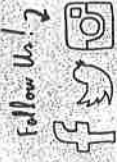
Wednesday April 12

Arrive at 11:30 and Performance at 1:45 p.m.

Good Friday—April 14

Arrive at 5:00 p.m. and Performance at 7 p.m.





SUMMER Art Camp

Do you know a creative child who would like to spend their summer days making art? Sign them up for Summer Art Camp at the Broad MSU!

Summer 2017 Schedule

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Session 1: June 19-23

Session 2: July 17-21

Session 3: August 7-11

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Session 1: June 26-30

Session 2: July 24-28

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Session 1: July 10-14

Session 2: July 31-August 4

HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO

August 14-18

"One of the best summer camps my daughter has ever attended! Fun and knowledgeable teachers and she learned and created so much each day!"

Registration begins online February 6 at:
broadmuseum.msu.edu/summerartcamp