



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Keeping the Holidays Sane for Kids and Adults~Love and Logic

Little ones thrive on routine and structure, things tend to go by the wayside when the holidays arrive and families are running to and fro, gathering gifts, visiting relatives, and connecting with friends. Listed below are some tips for keeping things sane during this busy time of the year:

Set limits with family and friends.

Some people fear setting limits with their parents, in-laws, other family members and friends because they worry about upsetting them. The only people who get upset by loving limits are people who really need them!

Don't be afraid to say things like, "We can't wait to see you. We will need to leave by six so that we can get the kids in bed by a reasonable hour."

Continue to set limits with your kids.

Sometimes we avoid setting limits with our children at family get-togethers because we want to keep the peace or avoid meltdowns. Ironically, this leads to far more fits and far less harmony.

Plan ahead and provide a quiet spot for recovery.

Particularly with small children, ask family and friends, "Is there a quiet place where my little one can go for some recovery time if they start to test limits or get overstimulated?"

I vividly remember being sent to my grandparents' bedroom as a result of being unruly during a Christmas meal. I also remember lying on their bed, screaming, punching their pillows, and falling fast asleep. I was worn out!

Girls Basketball Season Begins Soon! Basketball 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 January 16th
6th grade girls' registration and skills testing:	6:00 PM on January 16th
7th grade girls' registration and skills testing:	7:00 PM on January 16th
8th grade girls' registration and skills testing:	8:15 PM on January 16th

Please remember to bring to registration a completed basketball registration form, a copy of a current physical form dated April 15, 2017, and 2 checks: one for \$45 to cover registration, and one for \$100 to cover concession (concession check will be returned to you after you work the required shifts for concessions or admissions) made out to St. Gerard Athletics. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Gerard Athletic Director, Pat Malacina, at 230-7380.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 12/22: All School Advent Mass at 8:10AM/Dismiss at 11:00/Child Care Open/Waverly Bus Available at 11:00

Sunday, 12/24: Choir to sing at 4:30 Mass

Wednesday, 1/3-Friday, 1/5: Child Care Open

Monday, 1/8: Welcome Back to School!

Tuesday, 1/9: PTO Meeting at 6:30 PM in the School Library

Monday, 1/15: No AM/PM Waverly Bus/All School Peace and Justice Mass at 8:10 AM/What's Brewin' after Mass



St. Gerard School Athletics

Dear St. Gerard 5-8 grade girls Parents:

Welcome to the St. Gerard Athletic Program. This is the registration form for your child to play **Girls Basketball for the 2018 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 2 concessions and/or admissions shifts. Sign-ups are done on line and you will receive an email once the site is open for this. It is **Your Responsibility to schedule a time to work**. Should you not work the required 2 shifts, 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

Student/Player Name _____ Gender M F Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

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 _____

Please contact Pat Malacina at 517-230-7380 if you have any questions.

St. Gerard Girls Basketball Registration for 2018 – Mark the Date!

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

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Note: If the student played Volleyball we have a current physical on file and therefore do not need to bring to skills testing.

There will be grade specific parent meetings during skills testing. You are highly encouraged to attend.

Season starts January 16th with games starting week of January 29th .

Tournament will be March - TBA.

December 21, 2017

Mr. Rick Peiffer will make copies (DVD Format) of the Christmas Program available to any who may be interested. If you would like a copy, please complete the following information and return to school by Friday, January 12th, 2018.

The cost is \$15.00 and due when you place your order. Please make checks payable to ST. GERARD SCHOOL. Return your check and this form in an envelope marked "VIDEO".

NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Dates to Remember

Battle of the Books Kick-Off

Thu, Jan 11 (DTDL) 6:30 p.m.
Come to learn more about Battle of the Books, including booktalks of this year's booklist, an overview of the program, and Q & A.

Team Spirit Events

Sat, Jan 27 (GLADL) 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Mon, Feb 5 (DTDL) 6 – 7:30 p.m.
We'll have materials on hand to help you build team spirit – make posters, buttons, and more! Teams who would like to decorate clothing items may bring in their own t-shirts, etc. and we'll provide fabric paints and markers. We'll also be giving out battle tips and tricks and chatting about the books. Teams are welcome to come to one or both events.

Battle Book Night

Thu, Feb 15 (DTDL) 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Have fun with your team and get prepared for battle with book-themed activities. Get a better understanding of the books and pick up possible battle questions. Plus one of the Battle authors will be joining us via Skype for a Q&A.

Battle Book Chat

Sat, Feb 24 (GLADL) 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun and casual discussion of some of this year's battle books. Dive deeper into the themes, plots, and characters and prepare for battle by improving your knowledge of the books.

Preliminary Battle

Thu, Mar 1 (DTDL) 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
All teams will compete in this written battle to see who knows the most about the five battle books.

Battle Day

Saturday, March 10 (DTDL)
Semi-Final Battles, starting at 10 a.m.

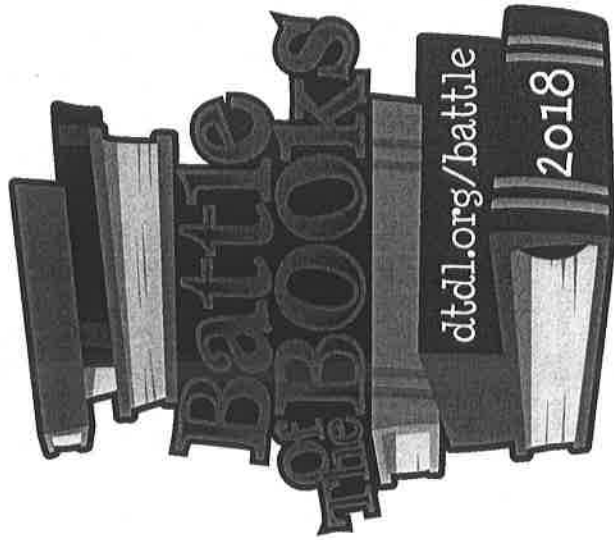
Battle Party Potluck

12:15–12:45 p.m.
Each team is encouraged to bring a Battle book-themed dish to share.

Final Battle

1 p.m.
The top teams will contend for first place in this head-to-head competition. All Battle participants, friends, and family are encouraged to attend and cheer on the winning teams! Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.

DTDL 517-321-4014 | GLADL 517-627-7014 | dtdl.org/battle



Delta Township District Library Grand Ledge Area District Library

Kick-Off * Thursday, January 11 * 6:30 p.m.
DTDL, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing

What is Battle of the Books?

It's a fun trivia competition that tests your book knowledge. Teams of 4-5 participants read the five selected Battle books in January and February. In March, teams will compete in a series of battles to see which team knows the most about the books.

Who can participate?

Adults, teens, and kids (4th grade and up) are welcome. Teams can be made up of participants of all ages. A team could be a family of four, grandparents and grandchildren, four teen classmates, five book club friends, or other combinations. The booklist includes titles appropriate for young readers but will appeal to all ages. Families are encouraged to participate together; even children too young for the competition can be included in the fun by acting as team cheerleaders and reading books on similar topics.

Team Members

Teams are encouraged to have 4-5 members (no more than 5 may participate in a battle.) It is helpful for kid teams to have an adult acting as coach/team leader.

The Battles

Teams will compete to see who knows the most about the five Battle books. All teams will participate in the preliminary and semi-final battles. After the preliminary round, teams will be assigned a semi-final time. The top teams from each semi-final round will earn a spot in the final battle. Participants are encouraged to invite friends and family to Battle Day to cheer them on!

Prizes

All participants will be rewarded. First, second and third place teams will win Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Locations

Delta Township District Library and Grand Ledge Area District Library are partnering again this year. Some programs will be held at DTDL, some at GLADL, and books will be available at both locations. Two libraries, two communities, one great Battle of the Books program!

Delta Township District Library (DTDL):

5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing

Grand Ledge Area District Library (GLADL):

131 E. Jefferson St, Grand Ledge

The Books

Questions come from all books, so the more each team member reads, the better the chances to win. All titles are available from DTDL and GLADL in multiple formats.

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Liam has always felt a bit like he's stuck between two worlds, mostly because he's a twelve-year-old kid who looks thirty. When he cons his way onto the first civilian spaceship, Liam again finds himself between two worlds — only this time 239,000 miles from home.

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally has always been smart enough to fool people. In every new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever, disruptive distractions. However, Mr. Daniels, her new teacher, sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker.

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

On the first night of Milo's winter vacation,

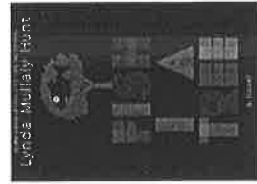
the guest bell rings at Greenglass House, a creaky smuggler's inn. Soon the house is bursting with odd, secretive guests, each one bearing a strange story connected to the old house. Milo must decipher clues and untangle the mysteries to discover the truth.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

In 1968, Delphine and her two sisters travel from New York to California to spend a month with the mother they barely know. While they hope for Disneyland, they are sent to a day camp run by Black Panthers, where the girls learn about their family, their country, and themselves.

The Witch's Boy by Kelly Barnhill

When Ned and his identical twin brother tumble from their raft into a raging river, only Ned survives. Villagers are convinced the wrong boy lived. But when a Bandit King comes to steal the magic Ned's mother is meant to protect, it's Ned who safeguards it and summons the strength to protect his family and community.



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Teams should have 4-5 members, and are encouraged to have at least one adult to act as coach/team leader.

Name: _____

Student (Grade: _____) or Adult

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Student (Grade: _____) or Adult

Photos will be taken at Battle of the Books events by library staff that may be used for library publicity.

Team Information

Team Name: _____

Team Contact Person Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return the registration form to DTDL (Youth or Adult Desk) or GLADL (Main or Wacousta Circulation Desk) or sign up online at dtdl.org/battle. Space is limited. Teams are encouraged to sign up by January 20, 2018, to ensure a spot in the competition. Please make sure you can attend the battles on March 1 and March 10 before signing up.

The 2018 Battle of the Books is possible due to the generous support of the Friends of the Delta Township District Library.