



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 18, 2018

Look for Detailed Catholic Schools Week plans in this week's communicator!

"Compute 15 Minute(s) to Win It" Last Monday, January 15th- Thursday, February 1st, students were invited to join in our contest to participate in our Catholic Schools Week "Minute To Win It" School Assembly. Similar to our pumpkin contest in October, students are welcome to fill out a "coupon" for every 15 minutes that they read except this time it will be **any** activity having to do with math. It could be as simple as a math game on the iPad, helping make dinner or baking using measurements, counting, doing flash cards. Teachers will give the students ideas, as well as we will provide a number of website/apps at the bottom of the Catholic Schools Week flyer. Once a parent has signed the coupons, students are asked to turn them in to the bins outside of the office. The more coupons in the grade level bins, the more chances to win! Students whose names are pulled from the bins will be able to participate in our Catholic Schools Week Assembly "Minute To Win It" on Friday, February 2nd. All parents are welcome to join us! See this week's flyer on Catholic Schools Week for further information. In the meantime have your students compute 15 "Minute(s) to Win It".

Save the Date: 2018 Vacation Bible School will run from June 18th-20th

How Can We Teach Our Kids Selflessness?-Love and Logic

When we teach our children selflessness, they benefit and so does our world. It's a win-win deal!

Teach them to serve you and their family Are your kids working hard to serve you... or are you doing all of the work? Children should not be treated as slaves. They should, however, be expected to do their fair share of work around the house... so they don't believe their parents are slaves.

Expect tangible mini acts of service There's a "train" at Denver International Airport that shuttles passengers from the main terminal to the various airline concourses. It's almost always the same scene: The seats are filled with children, teens, and young adults, while older... even elderly people... are forced to stand. Is there something wrong with this picture?

Allow boredom Too many of us feel compelled to entertain our kids anytime they experience a bit of dullness. Can you see the connection between doing so and them believing they are the center of the universe? Is it good for kids to be occasionally bored while you shop, while you have a conversation with someone, while you wait in line, or while you spend a quiet weekend at home?

Limit exposure to popular media A steady, unsupervised diet of on-screen narcissism and negativity is certain to make our job of raising selfless kids much harder.

Community service... as a privilege not a punishment Great parents occasionally say things like, "This is great! Today we get to go over to the nursing home on Elm Street and read to seniors who can't see well enough to read for themselves." Or they say, "The park is trashed. It's going to feel so good to help out by cleaning it up!"

Great parents also ignore complaining and eye-rolling as they load the family into the car. Just like most things that are good for them, kids often need a bit of prodding to realize how good it feels to help. A friend of mine commented, "They hated it at first. Now they love it. It's become a real family bonding opportunity."

Save the Date: Athletic Commission Golf Outing on Saturday, May 12th at Wheatfield Valley Golf Club



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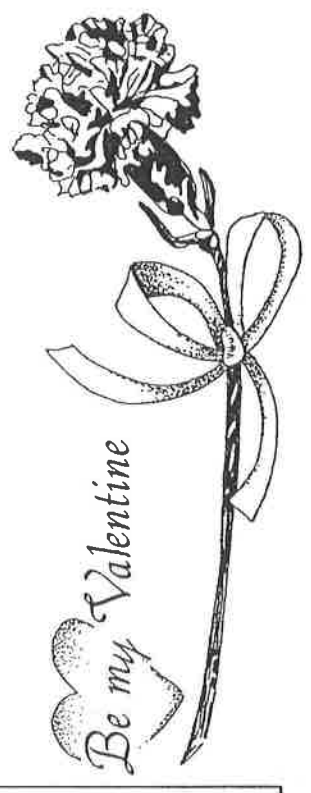
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Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 1/20: Mobile Food Pantry at St. Gerard/Euchre Tournament at 5:30 in Fr. Weber
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at 9:00 AM in the Gym
- Tuesday, 1/23: DARE Graduation for 5th grade at 6:30 PM in Fr. Weber Hall/No AM Waverly Bus
- Friday, 1/26: 1st Semester Drama Play at 9:00 AM, 12:45 PM and 7:00 PM
- Saturday, 1/27: First Reconciliation at 10:00 AM in the Church
Catholic Schools Week Kick-off at all Masses! **Students wear their uniform to Mass and can wear jeans on Monday!**
- Sunday, 1/28: Children's Choir to Sing at 9:00 AM
- Monday, 1/29: Catholic Schools Week Celebration to Begin (see flyer with details for each day)
NWEA Winter Testing to Begin for Grades 3-8
- Tuesday, 1/30: 7th Grade Retreat Day (no hot lunch)
- Thursday, 2/1: Fun Day Grades K-5/6th grade Field Trip to the Summit
- Friday, 2/2: Catholic Schools Week All School Mass at 8:10 AM/Father Weber Award
Juice and Muffins after Mass/Open House from 9:00-10:30
- Thursday, 2/8: Daddy/Daughter Dance at 6:30-8:30 PM in Father Weber Hall
- Monday, 2/12: 3rd Grade Field Trip -Capitol/NED Assembly at 12:00 for Grades K-6
- Tuesday, 2/13: 5th Grade Cultural Food Festival /No AM Waverly Bus
PTO Board Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Library
- Wednesday, 2/14: All School Mass Ash Wednesday at 8:10 AM
Preschool Conferences/No Preschool Classes/Child Care Open
- Thursday, 2/15: K-8 Dismiss at 11:00/Conferences from 12-2:30 and 5:00-7:30 PM
No Preschool/Child Care Open /Waverly Buses WILL run at 11:00

BE BUBBLY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Tater Tots Corn Fruit Milk	French Toast Stix Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken 1 Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Corn Fruit Milk Fun Day K-5 th 6 th gr. field trip	Groundhog Day 2 All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk	3
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18	Presidents Day 19 NO SCHOOL Preschool-8 th gr.	6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	Waffles Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Broccoli Fruit Milk 4 th gr. Parent Camp mtg. 6:00pm	Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk	24 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH
25	6 in. Jersey Giant 26 Turkey & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk Jr. High Band Concert LCHS 7:00pm	NO A.M BUS 27 Baked Mostaccioli Mixed Veggie Garlic Bread Fruit Milk *Lucky Tray* 5 th gr. field trip	Pancakes Sausage links Potatoes Fruit Milk			



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Theme: Learn, Serve, Lead & Succeed
January 28th – Friday, February 2nd, 2018

Weekend Masses of January 27th & 28th

Student representatives at Masses to kick off Catholic Schools Week

Jeans Day – Students who wear their **COMPLETE** school uniform (No tennis shoes or T-shirts) to mass on the weekend of Saturday, January 27th – Sunday, January 28th, can wear jeans and St. Gerard Spirit wear on Monday, January 29th to school. Student Mass Attendance Slip to be signed by a parent and **MUST** be returned on Monday, January 29th. No attendance slip, no jeans day.

Children's Choir – 9:00 a.m. – Mass

Peace & Justice Service Project – Students continue to bring in gently used coats, mittens, gloves and scarves. Items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul & St. Luke's Coat Bank

Monday: January 29th

All School Morning & Evening Prayer– Monday–Friday – Read by a student at 8:05 a.m. & 2:25 p.m.

Valentine's for Vets – Make valentine cards for our Veterans. Address: Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. N.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49505–or–Marquette Home for Veterans, 425 Fisher St. Marquette, MI 49855.

Minute To Win It Contest – Students will earn coupons to be entered in the Minute To Win It Contest for every 15 minutes they spend at home working on any strategies to sharpen their math skills. Completed/signed coupons will be placed in containers located outside the school office. Drawing for the contestants will take place at the Gym Assembly on Friday, February 2nd. Please see below for some excellent websites students may want to use.

Hallway Decorating - Handprint display – “Changing the World with Our Very Own Hand”

Tuesday: January 30th

7th Grade Retreat – Lansing Catholic – (School Uniform) – 8:30-1:45 p.m.

Crazy Slipper Day – Students will be able to wear slippers with their school uniform through the school day. They must wear their school shoes to and from school.

Student Appreciation Day – A treat will be provided to students at lunch in appreciation for them.

Wednesday: January 31st

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Provided by PTO. This is also a great opportunity for students to write a little note of appreciation to a teacher, staff member or coach.

Teacher Switch Day – 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. – Teachers will read 1 or 2 of their favorite book(s) to the class.

Crazy Hat Day – Students may wear their favorite or crazy hat to school with their **school uniform**.

Bowling - 7th & 8th – Royal Scot – (Out of Uniform)

School Service – Students will participate in Spring Cleaning of their classroom/Conclusion of Peace & Justice Service Project

Thursday: February 1st

Fun Day – K-5th - (Out of Uniform - K – 6th) – Aloha! We are going to Hawaii!!! Students may wear Hawaiian clothing.

Summit Ice Rink – 6th Grade

Friday: February 2nd

All School Liturgy – Fr. Weber Award - Muffins & juice will be provided to each classroom from our PTO.

Open House – 9:00 – 10:30 – Parents may visit their students classrooms.

Gym Assembly – 1:00 p.m.

Minute To Win It Games – Participants will be chosen for the Minute To Win It Games through a math contest. Participants will receive a t-shirt. Overall winner will receive a trophy for their classroom for the rest of the school year.

Minute To Win It Suggested Math websites:

Cool Math 4 Kids – coolmath4kids.com - Elementary

A+Math – aplusmath.com - All grade levels

AAA Math – aaamath.com - All grade levels

Brain Bashers – brainbashers.com - Middle School

Chili Math – chilimath.com/games/index.html - All grade levels

Math.Com – math.com - All grade levels

Math Goodies – mathgoodies.com/games - Intermediate/Middle School

IXL Learning – IXL.com – All grade levels

Weekend Mass Attendance Slip

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Parent Signature: _____

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DADDY Daughter DANCE

Fundraiser for:
8th Grade Washington
D.C. Trip

Thursday, February 8, 2018
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Father Weber Hall

\$15/couple
(\$7.50/additional guest)



Each girl/group will receive:

Chocolate Covered Rose(s)

& Family 4X6 Photo

Photos will be taken by Marcie Kay
Photography and will be delivered
later. Forms will be available to
purchase additional photos the night of
the dance.

Reserve your tickets by:
Friday, February 2, 2018.
Reservation Forms available
In St. Gerard School & Parish Office

Please return the bottom half of form to school with payment (checks payable to: St. Gerard School) in an envelope marked: 2018 Daddy Daughter Dance

Cut and return with payment no later than Friday, February 2, 2018.

Father/Escort: _____ Phone #: _____

Daughter: _____ Teacher: _____

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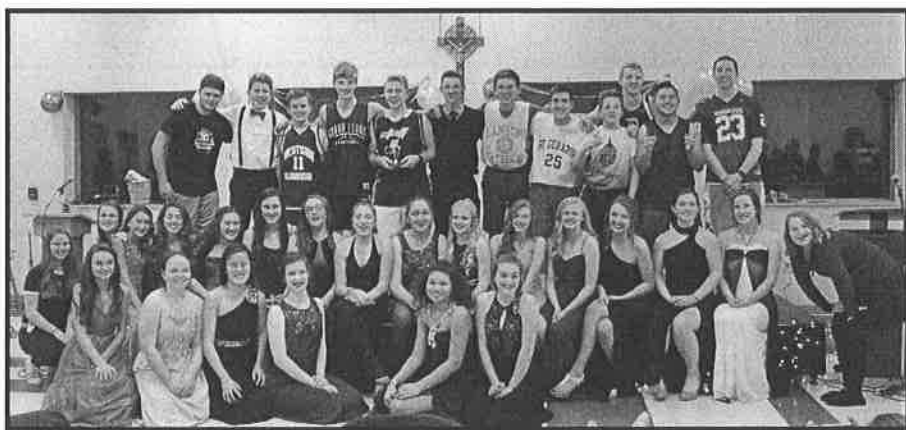
Daughter: _____ Teacher: _____

*If your daughter has a food allergy related to chocolate. Please specify with a star by her name and we will provide an alternate to the chocolate rose.

Big Man for Christ

An evening of entertainment presented by:

St. Gerard Youth Ministry



January 28, 2018

7:15pm

Parish Hall

Ticket Prices:

\$7 per person or \$25 per family

Ticket Sale Times:

After Mass on January 20-21 & 27-28

Also at the door on January 28th.

What: Teen gentlemen compete against each other for the ultimate title of Big Man for Christ.

Who: Ten young men, 8th-12th grade, compete in 3 categories:

How: 1. Talent 2. Formal Wear (Sometimes Goofy Wear) 3. Faith Question

Desserts, beverages, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Come buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win gift certificates for your local restaurants, stores and more!

*****Proceeds go towards Those going to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis Next November*****

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

!Service Opportunity!

Did you know Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest junk food day of the year?!

This makes it the perfect day to help feed the hungry!



After all Saturday and Sunday Masses on Super Bowl weekend (Feb 3rd and Feb 4th), teens will be standing at the doors of collecting money donations for St. Vincent de Paul.

***We are always looking for more teens to help,
to make the event as successful as possible.***

It's really very simple:

- 1. Come to Mass—check in with adult supervisor**
- 2. Head to the Gathering Space after Communion**
- 3. Grab your soup pot**
- 4. Collect donations at one of the doors as people leave**
- 5. Take your soup pot back to the Gathering Space.**
- 6. You've made a difference!**

**E-mail Theresa Bosman to sign up for
a shift: tbosman@stgerard.org**

Shift 1: After 4:30p & 6:30p Sat Masses

Shift 2: After 7:30a Sun Mass

Shift 3: After 9:00a & 11:00a Sun Masses

If you are not attending the Mass you
sign up for, please arrive 30 min after
Mass starts.