



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 13, 2018

Save the Date! School pictures will be Wednesday, September 19th!
(see out of uniform guidelines in the school handbook)

Join us in our Kindness Project this year! If you were able to make it to our opening school Mass, you have a glimpse of our school wide theme for 2018-19. Join us as we focus on kindness throughout the year. Each grade/specials (even the school office) will participate in a special act of kindness either for or on behalf of our school community. You will see these activities in our school newsletter, the church bulletin and will feature them in our school's social media accounts.

Love and Logic Tip: School Success

Do you want your children to be the ones who easily give up when assignments get difficult... or do you hope they'll have the confidence and grit required to keep going when the going gets tough? What's going to best prepare them for tomorrow's extremely competitive workforce? Will it be high grades because they only took the easier classes... or will it be somewhat lower grades earned by finishing a more challenging course of study?

What's most important: stellar grades or solid perseverance and skills?

As this school year begins, let's give our kids the gift of seeing that satisfaction and growth come from facing challenges.

- **Focus on the strains rather than the brains**

Instead of praising, "You are so bright," notice their successes and ask, "How did you do that?"

- **Help them blame their success on effort and perseverance.**

Most kids will respond to "How did you do that?" with "I don't know." When this happens, ask a question: "Did you work hard or did you keep trying?"

Both of the options embedded in this question point directly to strains... not brains.

- **Avoid placing them on a pedestal.**

Capable kids often get so much positive feedback about their successes they begin to fear taking risks. It's as if they think, "If I try something challenging, I might not live up to what everybody thinks about me. I'd better take the easier route."

- **Show them that failure is not final... it's informative.**

Many children develop a perfectionistic orientation by watching their rather perfectionistic parents. I've been guilty of this. Sadly, doing so leaves many kids fearful of taking healthy academic risks.

Give your kids... and yourself... a gift. Do your best to laugh about your blunders, while allowing your children to hear you say, "I sure learned a lot from that!"

- **Love them unconditionally.**

When our kids know that we love them... not what they do... they feel safe to make the mistakes required to become truly exceptional people.



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Uniform Closet As a service to our families, we will begin accepting Lansing Catholic uniforms for our Uniform Closet. Feel free to include these uniforms when dropping off. We have created a small section to help our families that are transitioning to Lansing Catholic. We can help our families and support our music programs at the same time!

Start Saving! It has become quite the tradition at St. Gerard School that one way to honor the Feast of St. Gerard is to provide for others. We began the tradition of accepting cereal donations to help provide breakfast for many in our area that at times go without. Beginning Friday September 21st, we will start to collect cereal boxes. We will then take them to our St. Vincent DePaul's Society where our parishioners will deliver them (and other groceries) to families that are in need. What a beautiful way to honor our patron Saint and spread some kindness!

Asbestos We are required by law to notify you annually that we keep a copy of our asbestos management plan on file in the school office. If you would like a copy of the plan, you are welcome to stop in and review it at any time.

"You Don't Know What You Don't Know" And then again maybe you do know but let's not just assume that! For the past few years we have talked at PTO about beginning a column of sorts about what we don't know about St. Gerard School. Sometimes it will be really simple topics like what we recycle at school and other times it may be a bit more involved. Feel free to email me at spiecuch@stgerardlansing.org if you have any ideas about topics that may be considered or that you have wondered about.

This month's topic is fundraising. St. Gerard School has ONE major fundraiser and that is our annual auction (we have had 16 so far!). The auction makes any where from \$40,000-\$70,000 dollars each year. It is a great evening that requires our whole community to join together for its success. The auction is NOT part of the school's budget and therefore the earnings have allotted our school to acquire not just items that we NEED but things that we WANT too! Truly all of the proceeds benefit our school community. See below for a list of recent items purchased:

Bi-Annual Teacher Stipends	Annual Donation to Fr. Weber Fund	30 Chromebooks & Cart
30 Ipads and cart	Annual Donation to the Music Program	15 Laptop Computers
Fund A Need (book room, science supplies, library)		\$20,000 saved for our electronic sign (now just working technical stuff!)

This was just last year alone! So maybe you DID know...but if anyone DIDN'T, now they do. Last year's total earned at the auction: \$57,805! Thank you for your continued support!



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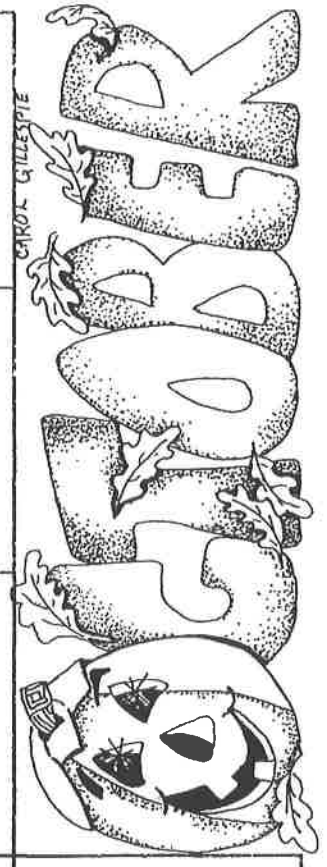
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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Sept. 16th: Confirmation at 2:00 PM in the Church!
- Monday, Sept. 17th: No School Pre-8th/Child Care Open (please make sure you have signed up)
- Tuesday, Sept. 18th: Window to Order Hot Lunch for October Opens!
Preschool Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM in Fr. Weber Hall
- Wed., Sept. 19th: Picture Day! *Please refer to out of dress code guideline in the handbook
Junior High Field Trip
- Thursday, Sept. 20th: LCHS Students to Visit with Junior High Students at 12:40 in Fr. Weber
- Saturday, Sept. 22nd: Made for Happiness Diocese Assembly at the Breslin Center
See link to register: <https://madeforhappiness.org/index.html#Register>
- Monday, Sept. 24th: NWEA Testing to begin for grades 3rd-8th
- Tuesday, Sept. 25th: Last Day to Order Hot Lunch for October!
VIRTUS Training in the Parish Hall at 6:00 PM
No Waverly AM Buses
- Wed., Sept. 26th: LCHS Band to Visit
Ice Cream Social/Auction Information Night in Fr. Weber Hall from 6:00-7:30 PM
- Thursday, Sept. 27th: LCHS visit with students 6th-8th grade
- Friday, Oct. 5th: Adoration
- Sunday, Oct. 7th: Children's Choir at 9:00 AM Mass for 4th-8th grade
- Tuesday, Oct. 9th: No AM Waverly Bus/PTO Meeting at 6:30 PM in the library
- Friday, Oct. 12th: 5th grade Greenfield Village Field Trip
- Saturday, Oct. 13th: 2nd grade Parent/Child Sacrament from 9-11 AM in the Parish Hall



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 St. Therese 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	2 Guardian Angels Mostaccioli w/meatballs Mixed Veggies Garlic Bread Fruit Milk	3 French Toast Stix Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk	4 St. Francis Chicken Tenders French Fries Green Beans Fruit Milk	5 Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk	6
7	8 Columbus Day 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	9 NO A.M. BUS Pepperoni Calzone Salad Corn Fruit Milk PTO mtg. 6:30 pm	10 Pancakes Sausage Link Potatoes Fruit Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Broccoli Fruit Milk	12 Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 5 th gr. field trip
14 ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th	15 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Fruit Milk	16 All School Mass Bosco Sticks Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk	17 Waffles Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk	18 Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk Preschool field trip	19 NO SCHOOL- Teacher PD Child Care Open
21 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH	22 6 In. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	23 NO A.M. BUS Hamburger Or Cheeseburger Tater Tots Corn Fruit Milk 7 th gr. Vocation Day	24 Pancakes Sausage Link Breakfast Potatoes Fruit Milk Picture Retakes	25 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Corn Fruit Milk Band Costume Concert at LCHS	26 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 4 th gr. field trip End of 1 st quarter
28 2 nd Grade Presentation Mass	29 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk 8 th gr. Visit Day at LCHS	30 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Fruit Roll Milk **Lucky Day**	31 Halloween French Toast Stix Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk	27	20 ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th





2018 St. Gerard School Auction – Family Donations

Our annual school auction is our only all-school fundraiser. The money raised at this event goes directly to our school. In years past we were able to purchase new desks and chairs, new iPads for teachers and students, a new spot light for our Drama department and for the Christmas Program, a new water fountain with an attachment to fill water bottles, and make generous donations to the music program and the Father Weber Fund. This year our goal is to purchase new playground equipment and laptops for teachers.

We anticipate that all St. Gerard school families donate to the auction. Many items are needed for a successful event. There is no maximum or minimum value regarding what you can donate!

- Waterpark, zoo, and museum passes are perfect family donations!
- Attention hairdressers, decorators, chefs, handymen, etc.: Your talents would make an easy and popular donation!
- Group donations are a great idea! Combine funds with another family or two, and purchase a larger item or gift package. iPods, iPads, Amazon Echoes, and video game systems are some examples.
- Themed gift baskets, sports tickets, week/weekend stays at cottages are always popular!
- Not feeling creative? Take advantage of our personal shopping services. Look for details on the group donation form, coming home soon!
- Cash counts, too! **You can always simply send in a check or cash donation.**

Please turn in your family donation by October 5th

All donations can be turned in at the school office. Each St. Gerard student in your family will earn a Jeans Day Coupon as our thank you for donating to the auction. Jeans Day Coupons will be sent home after the auction and will be valid through Spring Break of the 2018-19 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact auction chairs Sherri Campbell and Rachel Lipinski at auction@stgerardlansing.org.



Family Donation Form

Family Name (First and Last) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Item Donated _____

Value _____

Description/Restrictions _____

Please turn in this form with your donation. It is helpful for group donations to turn in ONE form that includes every family's information or staple multiple forms together!



St. Gerard School Auction

Updates and Information

Grandparent/Special Person Invitations

Thank you to everyone who turned in the Grandparent Forms that went out on open house night. If you haven't turned in your form, please do so by Friday, September 14th. This is an easy way to include your loved ones in our fundraising efforts. If you are missing your form, it is available to print on the school's website.

Volunteers Still Needed!

An event of this size does not happen with only a few people. Please consider helping on one of the auction committees. Our Finance and Check-Out committees have the greatest need of volunteers at this time. The Finance committee is responsible for maintaining the cash boxes, cashing out, and entering data into the computer system the evening of the auction. The Check-Out committee is responsible for assisting the Finance committee by securing items as the silent auction tables close and then retrieving those items for the winners at check-out time. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Friday, October 5th.

Keep the Family Donations Coming!

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in your family donation for the auction. If you haven't turned in your donation, please do so by Friday, October 5th.



Below are the committees in need of volunteers. Please mark the committee or committees with which you would like to help. You will be contacted by the auction chairs or the chairs of your chosen committee. Thank you for helping to ensure the success of the auction!

Please return to the school office by October 5, 2018

- Finance Volunteer
- Main Raffle Volunteer
- Check-Out Volunteer
- Mystery Raffle Volunteer
- Store Management Volunteer

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____



DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?

If so, please consider becoming an auction sponsor!

To continue our school's tradition of excellence, we need your help as a sponsor of our 2018 School Auction. The proceeds from past auctions have helped grow our Educational Endowment and provided us with enhancements our tuition cannot cover. These have included new computers, laptops, iPads, desks, sound systems, and Smart Boards for our classrooms. This year, we are hoping to earn enough money to purchase more laptops for our teachers and updated playground equipment. We are offering the following sponsorships:

_____ Bronze Sponsorship, \$100-\$249

Bronze sponsors will receive 8x10 signage featuring your business's name and logo on a silent auction table to be viewed by approximately 300 attendees.

_____ Silver Sponsorship, \$250-\$499

Silver sponsors will receive 11x14 signage featuring your business's name and logo in one of the sponsorship categories listed below to be viewed by approximately 300 attendees. You will also receive special recognition in the auction program (all attendees receive one) and your business logo will appear on our auction website.

_____ Gold Sponsorship, \$500-\$999

Gold sponsors will receive everything in the Silver package plus your company's name and logo in our church bulletin for two weeks sometime in the month leading up to the auction (approximately 1600 bulletins are distributed each week), two tickets to attend the auction, and your business's name and logo displayed in our PowerPoint presentation which plays throughout the auction.

_____ Platinum Sponsorship, \$1000+

Platinum sponsors will become Honorary Falcons! You will receive everything included in the Gold package, plus the name of your business will be displayed on our outdoor school sign on Willow Highway, thanking you for your sponsorship.

Sponsorship Categories

Food	Beverage	Decorations
Dessert	DJ	Printing
Auctioneer	Live Auction	Classroom Projects

Business Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and our Tax ID is 38-6038198. Please us a copy of this letter as your tax receipt.

A wonderful benefit of sponsorship is the increased patronage of your business from our grateful St. Gerard families. Thank you for considering sponsoring this wonderful school event!

Sincerely,

Sherri Campbell, 2018 Auction Chair
Rachel Lipinski, 2018 Auction Co-Chair

To become a sponsor, please make checks payable to St. Gerard School, send this letter with your student in an envelope marked 2018 Auction or mail with this form to the school office, St. Gerard School, 4433 W. Willow Hwy, Lansing MI, 48917 by **October 5, 2018**. Please contact Kris Flint at kthelen@clipsedm.com or Charlene Rabideau at charlencrabideau@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. GERARD SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY

In order to protect your child and all children attending St. Gerard School, please be mindful of the following health guidelines. These policies have attempted to address the most common illnesses. It is not all-inclusive.

SYMPTOM	POLICY
temperature of 100 degrees or above	Child must be picked up immediately. Child may return after 24 hours of normal temperature without medication. (i.e. Children's Tylenol, etc.)
untreated eye infection (pink eye)	Child may return after 24 hours with medication.
rashes	Unidentified rashes need a doctor's written confirmation that it is not contagious. If treatment is needed, child may return after 12 hours.
scabies/lice	Child may return after 24 hours of treatment. Classroom parents will be notified.
recurring diarrhea	Child may return after 24 hours without a repeat incident or with doctor's confirmation that the condition is not contagious.
vomiting	Child may return after 24 hours without an incident.
contagious diseases (chicken pox, measles, mumps, roseola)	Child may return after sores have scabbed over. Classroom parents will be notified.
strep throat/tonsillitis	Child may return after 24 hours of treatment with medication.

- Talk with PTO reps and auction chairs
- Meet new people 😊

Ice Cream Social/ Auction

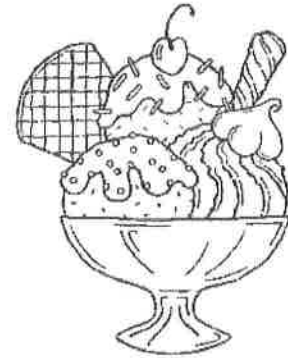
Information Night

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6pm-7:30pm

Fr. Weber Hall

- Enjoy ice cream and visit with friends
- Buy auction/ raffle tickets
- Talk with PTO reps and auction chairs
- Meet new people 😊



REMINDER

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PICTURE DAY IS

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Wednesday, September 19, 2018

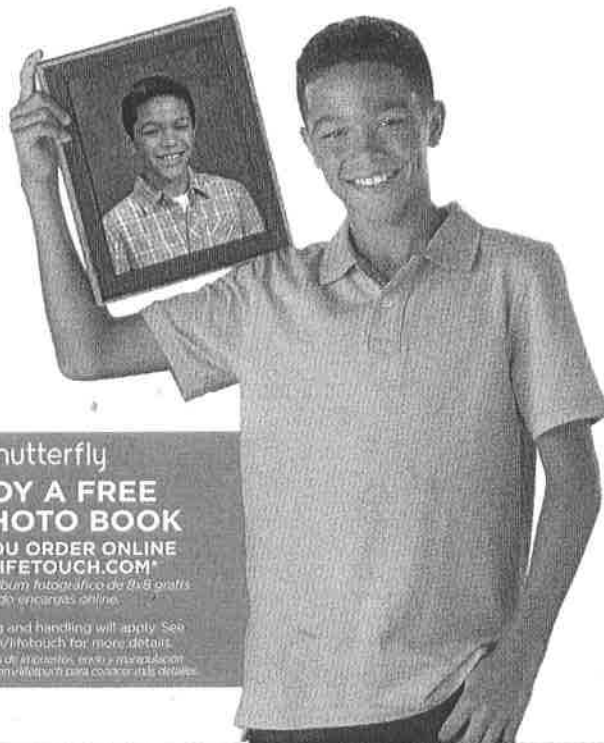
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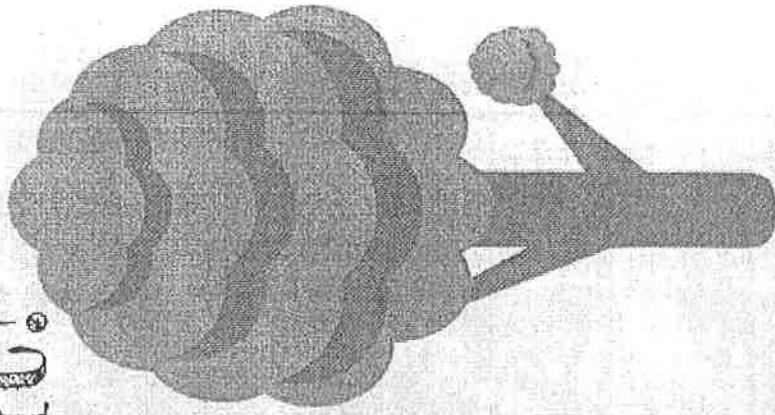
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Girl Scout Discovery Night!

WHEN: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 6-7:30PM

WHERE: DELTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(6100 W MICHIGAN AVE LANSING, MI)

COST: FREE! TO ALL INTERESTED GIRLS AND THEIR GUARDIAN



GAMES - ICE CREAM - FUN - INFORMATION!

Start your Girl Scout journey today!

CONTACT CHELSEA AT CJULLIAN@GSHOM.ORG OR 517-742-4751 TO LEARN MORE!