



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 18, 2018

Fall Conferences (PreK-8) This year fall conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 7th from 5:00-7:30 pm and Thursday, November 8th from 7:30-10:00 am, 12:00-2:30 and 5:00-7:30 pm. Conferences are an essential part in communicating your child's progress. It is for this reason that fall **conferences are considered mandatory**, as it is crucial that parents and teachers are on the same page. Mandatory is not a term we throw around loosely but our school community knows the importance of working together. Information regarding scheduling conferences through Sign Up Genius will be emailed through School Messenger the evening of Thursday, October 18th. Using this on-line tool will enable you to schedule the day and time that works best for you. You will also be able to reschedule your conference time if a conflict arises. You will receive a confirmation email and as well as a reminder two days before your scheduled conference. Scheduling will end on Thursday, November 1st. If you should need to reschedule your conference after the system is locked, please deal directly with the main office as they have the master schedule. We look forward to seeing you then! Please note: 6th-8th grade students are expected to attend the conferences with their parents.

Trick or Treating and the Costume Concert Lansing Catholic High School is hosting its annual Trick or Treating and Costume Concert on Thursday, October 25, 2018. Trick or Treating begins at 6:30pm throughout the halls of LCHS, hosted by school clubs and sports teams. A free choir and band concert follows at 7pm. The Costume Concert includes performances by the LCHS Marching Band and Choir and Lansing Area Catholic Middle School Band. Don't forget to wear a costume!

Boys' Basketball to Start! It is time again for the boys' basketball season. Skill testing will take place for 5th (5:00 pm) and 6th graders (6:30 pm) on Monday, October 22nd and on Tuesday, October 23rd for 7th grade (5:00 pm) and 8th grade (6:30 pm). Skills testing for each grade level will take approximately 1.5 hour or less.

Please remember to bring to registration a **completed Basketball registration form, a copy of a current physical form dated after April 15, 2018, the codes of conduct for player and parents and 2 checks: One for \$45 to cover registration, and one for \$100.00 to cover concessions/admissions shifts (check will be returned to you after you work the required 2 shifts)** made out to St Gerard Athletics. There is a mandatory \$10 late fee for all registrations received after October 23. If you have any questions please contact the St Gerard Athletic Director, Pat Malacina, at 230-7380. Boys will not be permitted to practice until all required documents and payments are received.

Note: Please do not bring the original copy of the physical. A copy will do. Physicals need to be dated after April 15, 2018.

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

Season starts October 22 with games scheduled to start the week of November 4th. Tournament TB

LCHS Drama Presents "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" Lansing Catholic High School is performing C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and several students from St. Gerard are featured in this great Christian allegory! Both children and adults have loved this stirring story for nearly 70 years. Come support LCHS and the students in a show that is equally exciting and uplifting. Performances November 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7 PM with a Matinee November 11 at 2 P

Tickets are available online now at www.ticketor.com/lchs драма or at the door while seats are available.



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Take the Stress Out of Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Do you ever dread those conferences (from either side of the desk)? Do you ever fear being blindsided with bad news? Do you find yourself feeling defensive before you even settle into that folding chair?

Many parents **AND** teachers tell us they look forward to conferences the way they look forward to complicated dental procedures. However, if we can remember a few principles of human communication, parent-teacher conferences don't have to be so unpleasant. These principles will help adults on either side of a difficult conversation.

1. Empathy is even more powerful than you think. Leading potentially difficult news with empathy will make a world of difference. We can end up using a lot of technology to communicate but we must remember that people can't hear empathy in a text or email. Sincere empathy comes across largely in our tone of voice and our facial expressions. It can take more time and effort to communicate regularly via phone or in person, but it is worth it.
2. Often, the anger we are hearing is a result of pain that occurred at some other time and place. If we remember that fear and pain are often the primary emotions and we are rarely the true cause of those feelings, it can help us avoid taking the emotional venting personally.
3. Let the meeting be about what is best for the child in the big picture. If we set our egos and insecurities aside, we will find that more often than not, our goals are more common than we realized. It's not about a win for us, but a win for the student.

"This is a Test of the St. Gerard Emergency System"

On Monday, October 29th at 2:00 PM the school will run a test of our School Messenger System. We will run this in preparation for future snow days or situations that may require us to contact parents in a timely fashion. While we use this system weekly to send email messages, we will also be testing the voice mail and text messaging as well. In the event of a real emergency, we would ask that you NOT call the school in order to keep the lines free. The school will communicate with you in a timely fashion. Should you have any questions regarding this service, please contact our Director of Technology, Allison Thompson at athompson@stgerardlansing.org or feel free to call at 908-9224.

Auction-Winter Wonderland

The auction is such an important event for our school community. Other than the obvious help financially, I see this as such an important event for building our community. Between planning, working together that night or just mingling with one another, this night is second to none for our school. Its success depends on our students, parents, extended family and friends, as well as the priest, faculty and staff of our school. As a token of our appreciation, families that have sent in a donation or have volunteered your time will be sent jeans day coupons for your students. We have also made every effort to make this an affordable event for all. Many thanks go out to Sherri Campbell and Rachel Lipinski for their dedication to the success of this event.

seeing all of you the night of

We certainly will look forward to November 3rd!





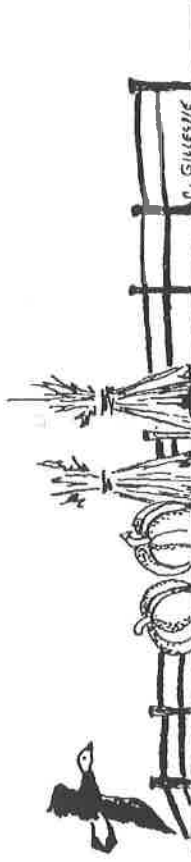
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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Oct. 18th: Preschool Field Trip to Peacock Tree Farm (no hot lunch)
Jeans Day! (follow the jeans day guidelines) Wear your favorite team/colors!
First Day to **Order Hot Lunch for November!**
- Friday, Oct. 19th: Teacher PD MANS Conference/Child Care Open
- Monday, Oct. 22nd: Skills Testing for 5th and 6th Grade Boys' Basketball (see newsletter)
- Tuesday, Oct. 23rd: No AM Waverly Bus/7th Grade Vocations Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
Skills Testing for 7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball (see newsletter)
- Wednesday, Oct. 24th: Picture Retakes!
- Thursday, Oct. 25th: Band Costume Concert at LCHS/Last Day to **Order Hot Lunch for November!**
- Friday, Oct. 26th: End of 1st Quarter/4th Grade Field Trip (no hot lunch)
- Sunday, Oct. 28th: 2nd Grade Presentation Mass
- Monday, Oct. 29th: 8th Grade Visit Day to LCHS 9-1:30 (no hot lunch)
7th grade Bible Journaling w/ Ingrid Blixt from 9:30-11:10 in the Parish Hall
- Thursday, Nov. 1st: All School Mass All Saints Day at 8:10 AM/Report Cards Go Home
- Friday, Nov. 2nd: Adoration
- Saturday, Nov. 3rd: Annual School Auction at Eagle Eye from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Wednesday, Nov. 7th: 1st grade Trip to MSU Bug House (no hot lunch)
Parent/Teacher Conferences from 5:00-7:30 PM
- Thursday, Nov. 8th: No School Pre-8th Grade
Parent/Teacher Conferences from 7:30-10:00 AM, 12:00-2:30, & 5:00-7:30 PM
- Friday, Nov. 9th: No School Pre-8th Grade/Extended Child Care Open
- Tuesday, Nov. 13th: No AM Waverly Buses/PTO Board Meeting at 6:30 PM in the library



| | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | All Saints' Day All School Mass Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Broccoli Fruit Milk 1 | Adoration Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 2 | School Auction See you there! 3 |
| | No School Preschool - 8 th gr. Parent Teacher Conferences Child Care Open 8 | No School Child Care Open 9 | Craft Show 10 |
| | Chicken Tenders French Fries Green Beans Fruit Milk 15 | Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 16 | 17 |
| | Thanksgiving Day HAPPY THANKSGIVING 22 | NO SCHOOL Child Care Closed 23 | DON'T FORGET TO ORDER DECEMBER & JANUARY HOT LUNCH 24 |
| | Waffles Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk 28 | Chicken Patty Sandwich Potato Wedges Veggies Fruit Milk 29 | Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 30 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Choir 4 th -8 th gr. 9:00 am Mass 4 | 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Fruit Milk 5 | Pancakes Sausage Links Potatoes Fruit Milk 6 | Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 1 st gr. field trip 7 |
| Veterans Day 11 | 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk 12 | NO A.M. BUS Hamburger or Cheeseburger Tater Tots Corn Fruit Milk *Lucky Tray* 13 PTO mtg. 6:30pm | French Toast Stix Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk 14 |
| ORDER DECEMBER & JANUARY HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th 18 ^k of C Spelling Bee 18 | 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk 19 | All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie Fruit Milk 20 | NO SCHOOL - PRESCHOOL - 8 TH grade Child Care Open 21 |
| LAST DAY TO ORDER DECEMBER & JANUARY HOT LUNCH 25 | 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk 26 | NO A.M. BUS Bosco Sticks Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk 27 | Thanksgiving Day HAPPY THANKSGIVING 22 |





**St. Gerard School Auction
Updates and Information
October 18, 2018**

DONATIONS

The auction is two weeks away and we are in desperate need of \$20 gift cards! If you haven't made your family donation yet, please consider sending gift cards in \$20 denominations. If you already have plans to send cash, a check, or something else, that's ok, too. We will take it! Let's all pitch in to make this auction a success! To the families who have already turned in your donations, THANK YOU!

TICKETS

We haven't sold many tickets for the auction as of today. While it's perfectly fine to buy your tickets at the door, please consider purchasing them in advance if you know you will be attending. We need to give a head count to Eagle Eye to make sure we have enough food and staff on the night of the auction. It is tremendously helpful to have as many tickets purchased beforehand as possible. You can send in the pink ticket form to the school office at a price of \$20 per ticket or you can purchase tickets on our St. Gerard Auction Facebook page at \$25 per ticket. We look forward to seeing you on November 3rd!

JEANS DAY COUPONS

If you donated to or volunteered for the auction, please remember that in order for your children to receive Jeans Day coupons, you **must** fill out and return the Jeans Day Claim Form that went home in last week's communicator. This form is available on the school's web page.



ST GERARD SCHOOL AUCTION ADMISSION ORDER FORM

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Eagle Eye Banquet Center

15500 Chandler Road, Bath, Michigan

6:00 pm – 8:20 pm...Silent Auction

8:30 pm...Raffle Winners Announced

9:00 pm...Live Auction

Golf Ball Drop winner will be announced at the conclusion of the Live Auction.

Tickets are \$20.00 each when purchased with this order form and paid by cash or check. They are \$25.00 each when purchased on our auction Facebook page, website, or at the door on the night of the auction. For more information, please contact Sherri Campbell and Rachel Lipinski at

auction@stgerardlansing.org.

Please make checks payable to **St. Gerard School** and send this form back to school in an envelope marked, **AUCTION TICKETS**. Please note: Physical tickets will not be issued. You will receive confirmation through email and your name will be on a list at check-in on the night of the auction. You will receive your bidder number at check-in.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Number of tickets _____ @\$20.00 each= _____

Additional names of those attending: (Please provide information of your guests.)

Name _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Name _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

ALMOST YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR GOLF BALL DROP TICKETS!

There is a limited amount of tickets left! The last day to order tickets is October 26th! Please send in this order form ASAP. There are only 400 tickets sold and you could be the big \$3,000 winner! Thank you for supporting this raffle and our wonderful school auction!

Golf Ball Ticket Order Form

Complete and return to St. Gerard Office

(License # R48816)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

of tickets _____ @ \$25 ea. Total amount _____

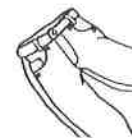
- I will pick up my ticket stub(s) in school office
- Please send home through via my child

Name _____ Teacher _____

Please make checks payable to St. Gerard * Need not be present to win



Auction Jeans Day Claim Form



Your children are eligible to receive a total of **three** Jeans Day Coupons; one for the completion of each of the following:

1. Volunteer on an auction committee before the auction
2. Make a family donation to the auction
3. Volunteer the day or evening of the auction (This form is going out before the auction. If you are signed up to work on November 3rd, just indicate the committee for which you have signed up to work. After the auction, your committee chairperson will verify that you worked your shift.)

All Jeans Day coupons will be distributed after the auction, but prior to Thanksgiving break.

Please refer to the student handbook for out of uniform guidelines. Jeans Day coupons may not be used on Mass days or field trip days. These coupons DO expire. **The last day students can use them is March 29, 2019.**

You must fill out this claim form in order for your children to receive their Jeans Day Coupons.

Each of my children has earned a total of _____ Jeans Day Coupons.

Parent Name: _____

Check and complete all that apply:

1. ___ I volunteered prior to the auction on this committee: _____
2. ___ Our family made the following donation(s) to the auction: _____
3. ___ I volunteered the day of the auction on this committee: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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This form must be completed and turned in by **November 9, 2018** to receive Jeans Day Coupons.

Parent Signature: _____

Staff use only
Date turned in: _____ Initials: _____

8th Grade Used Book Sale
Washington DC Fundraiser

The St. Gerard 8th graders will host a Used Book Sale during the Fall parent/teacher conferences on November 7 & 8 as part of their Washington DC Trip fund raising efforts. Students will have the opportunity to shop the sale during the school day on November 7th. Students can purchase used books through a donation.

To support this event, we are asking for donations of books and audio books. You may drop these items off through November 1 in the boxes labeled "Used Book Donations" in the Church gathering space or by the school office. Donations should be in good condition and appropriate for a school sponsored event. We need books covering all topics: Fiction, Nonfiction, Biographies, Cookbooks, Holiday, Travel, Crafts, Hobbies, Sports, Outdoor, Religious, Children Books (picture, early reader, chapter, pre-teen and teen). Please make sure that audio books are operational.

Used Book Sale will be on Wednesday, November 7 from 5:00-7:30pm and Thursday, November 8th from 7:30-10:00am, 12:00-2:30pm, and 5:00-7:30pm in the school hallways.

If you have any questions, please text Karrie Blundell at (517) 410-4599 or Monica Palinski at (517) 303-4897 or email them at karrieblundell@yahoo.com or mengardio@hotmail.com

Thank You!!!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING

Ya llega el día de la nueva toma de la foto

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Absent on Picture Day?

You can still order with your Picture Day ID

mylifetouch.com

¿Estuviste ausente el Día de la Foto? Aún puedes encargar con tu ID del Día de la Foto mylifetouch.com

St. Gerard School

Picture Day ID: LM418045Y1

Want us to retake your picture?

Simply return your original package on
Picture Retake Day.

*¿Deseas que retoquemos tu foto? Simplemente envía tu paquete original
el Día de las Nuevas Tomas Fotográficas.*



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Send us your best pictures for the yearbook!!!!!!

Our yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so we need your help. If you take any pictures at school events this year, please share the best ones with us!

We need photos of scouts, NJHS, field trips, service projects, classroom events, Christmas Program, etc

Here is how to upload your photos:

1. Go to images.balfour.com
2. Our project number is 918578 and password is yearbook
3. Enter your contact information so we know who sent the picture
4. Select an image (in .jpg format) from your computer
5. Add captions so we know what grade the children are in and a description of the photo
6. Click "Begin Upload" and your images will upload

The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content.

We can not guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

If you have any questions, email LynnBloomer@yahoo.com

Thank You,

Lynn Bloomer (and yearbook staff)

Attention 8th Grade Parents

October 18, 2018

It is a tradition to put baby pictures of the 8th graders in the yearbook! The yearbook staff would be happy to include a baby picture of your child in the yearbook, provided a copy is submitted (either electronically or given to the office) before the start of Christmas Break in December. We will strive to include every child's baby picture, but please understand that there are strict deadlines for publishing that need to be met. Please take a moment to find a picture and submit it ASAP.

If you have a digital .jpg file, you can submit it electronically using the public upload method on the back of this page.

If you have an actual photograph, please submit it to the office and it will be returned when we are finished.

In addition, we need memory pictures of your 8th grader at school events from kindergarten -7th grade. Remember, this is a keepsake reminder of your child's years at St. Gerard and only you can provide these past memories.

PLEASE submit your pictures AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at LynnBloomer@yahoo.com or 517-648-2853

Thank you,

Lynn Bloomer
(and the yearbook elective kids)