



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Note: The First Day of School is Thursday, August 22nd !

Open House Night Open House is definitely a highlight for teachers, students and parents alike. This evening (Wednesday, August 21st from 4:00-6:30) provides all an opportunity for all to meet one another, see their room, and in many circumstances get their desks or cubbies settled. Please refer to your student's supply list regarding what items to bring the night of open house. Supply lists were sent home in report card envelopes, can be found on the school's website or available in the school office as well. A school store will be open at the base of the steps in Father Weber Hall for hard to find items such as school planners, recorders etc.

Also, as you begin thinking about school supplies and uniforms, we ask that when shopping for school shoes that you are mindful of keeping them simple. Please avoid glitter or canvas shoes. **Shoes should be a solid color.** We have had a few parents ask if girls can wear light brown (beige or tan) shoes. They may as long as it is solid in color. Remember the purpose of a school uniform is to keep things simple.

Reminders:

~**Junior High students** have the option to wear a "dri-fit" pullover as an alternative to the uniform sweatshirt. The dri-fit pullover can be purchased at Educational Outfitters. This year we are asking junior high students to stick to the sweatshirt and the pull-over. **No sweaters**, please.

~ Also **K-6 girls**: Please make sure that your uniform shirts are blouses (oxford or peter pan). **No knit or puffy sleeves.**

~**K-8 students**: Reminder coming back from vacation that hair is not to have dyes, crazy haircuts, or anything that might draw attention.

Hot Lunch News Hot lunch will be available beginning Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019. Students will need to bring a sack lunch and drink the first week of school (Aug. 22nd-29th). Hot lunch is ordered and paid for on a monthly basis. We offer Jersey Giant subs on Mondays during the school year and will continue to have Little Caesar's Pizza on Fridays (or the last day of the week). Our menu for September is enclosed and will be available to order online August 18th-25th. If you do not place your order by August 25th, you will not be able to place an order until Sept. 18th-25th for October's lunch. Please note that our hot lunch price remains at \$3.00 and milk is \$.50.

To locate the September hot lunch menu for ordering purposes, you will need to go to our website, stgerardlansing.org. Click on the "current families" link on the top header bar and follow to the hot lunch link. You may also go directly to www.orgsonline.com.

If you ordered last year, you are not a first time user. Your account is still active. Use last year's login code. It has not changed. **If this is your first time using our system**, you will need to enter our school code (38SGSNC) to activate your account. Please follow the account activation instructions on the website.

If you do not wish to pay online, your check for lunches ordered will need to be in the school office no later than the 25th of each month. If you have problems ordering hot lunch, please call us in the school office at 321-6126. Please do not select the "get help" option on the website as you will not be able to "get much help" there.

Book Covers If you are in need of having your child's books (2nd-8th grades) covered this fall, you are not too late! Books will be covered and ready to go the first day of school and you will be supporting the 8th graders in their fundraising efforts for Washington, D.C. Pricing is as follows: (1) student: \$16, (2) students: \$24, and family maximum: \$29. If you are interested, mail or drop off a check in the school or parish office with your child's name(s) and grade for the 2019-20 school year. Checks can be made out to St. Gerard School.



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Welcome to our St. Gerard School Family

While it is always hard to say goodbye to our colleagues and friends that have moved on, it is exciting to welcome new faces to our team. Please join our staff in welcoming the following individuals to our building this fall.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Michelle Hagedorn will be joining Mrs. Butcher in kindergarten this year. Michelle comes to us with a teaching degree from the University of Southern Indiana with a kindergarten and learning disabilities endorsement. She also has a Masters degree in Counseling. Michelle is thrilled to be back at a Catholic school.

Fifth Grade: Details were being finalized for this position at the printing of this newsletter.

Sixth Grade: Ms. Sonia Mullaney will be joining Ms. Kramer in 6th grade this fall. This is a 2nd career for Sonia. She has her undergrad in business and worked in human resources for 10 years. Recently she completed her teaching degree at Michigan State University and is currently working on her Tech Ed Masters degree. She has done a number of longterm sub positions at East Lansing.

Band: Details were being finalized for this position at the printing of this newsletter.

1st Grade Aide: Mrs. Lindsay Riley will be joining Mrs. Iding and Mrs. Kayser in 1st grade this fall. Mrs. Riley has experience as an aide in a Catholic school in St. Louis and is thrilled to be in Care Corner and Wonder World this upcoming year!

Reading Support Teacher: Kathy Delgado will be taking over for Mrs. Lottes that retired at the end of last year. Mrs. Delgado has extensive experience working with students of all grade levels to build reading skills. She has her special education certification from Michigan State University as well as a Master of Arts in Special Education from Saginaw Valley State University. Kathy is also an alumni from Lansing Catholic and has many ties to the westside having taught in Waverly Community Schools for 18 years.

Physical Education Teacher: Details were being finalized for this position at the printing of this newsletter.

Art Teacher: Amy Burnette joins us from Grand Ledge Schools. Mrs. Burnette has worked in many of the private schools around us teaching art. Mrs. Burnette has her teaching degree from Michigan State University and Kendall College of Art and Design with an emphasis in art education. We will be sharing Amy with St. Michael's School but thrilled to be able to have her for 2.5 days each week this year ensuring that all grades K-6 will get art each week as well as continue to provide junior high electives. Special thanks to Mrs. Liz Miller for all of her help last year!

Don't hesitate to stop and introduce yourself and your student(s) on Open House night. They would be
THRILLED!



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St. Gerard School, in partnership with family and church, provides a Catholic education that focuses on faith, academics, and service while living and sharing the light of Christ.

VIRTUS Training Parents are a crucial part of school! The support of our St. Gerard community is really second to none. If you are either new to our school or have a younger student, please be aware that before you are able to volunteer to work groups, go on fieldtrips, or coach you must be VIRTUS trained. This one time training session will be offered at St. Gerard on Tuesday, September 17th. You will need to register ahead of time at www.virtus.org.

Submit Calendar Artwork Let your imagination soar and come up with a unique picture representing our "Your Favorite Superhero" for the 2020 "Children's Artwork Raffle Calendar". See your artwork on display. Several pictures will be printed for each month of the year on a full color calendar. Requirements are as follows:

- *All St. Gerard Parish children are eligible; preschool through high school.
- *Each drawing should be on an 8 1/2X11 plain piece of white paper.
- *The drawing should be of your favorite Superhero. It may be a fictional superhero, your mom, dad, brother, sister, cousin, teacher, a Saint, a pet-anyone that is a hero to you. Make sure to include different seasons.
- *Please submit your drawing by August 20, 2019 to the parish or school office.
- *Attach the following information on a separate piece of paper; name, address, age, grade, parent(s) name, phone number and school the child is attending.

Waverly Bus Information: Waverly Community Schools will be starting before Labor Day again this year so students that ride Waverly buses will begin riding on Monday, August 26th. There will be no Waverly buses on Thursday, August 22nd, and Friday, August 23rd. Look for bus route information in the Insights Magazine found in the Waverly Independent or call Waverly's bus garage at 321-1088. Similar to last year, Waverly will have a few dates throughout the year that they will have "late starts". On these dates, St. Gerard students will NOT be able to ride the bus in the morning only. There is talk about Waverly also having some "early release" days. Stay tuned. You will receive a full calendar at Open House regarding other dates that may effect transportation for our students riding a Waverly Bus.

Used Uniform: An Open Used Uniform Closet Day is scheduled for Monday, August 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Parents may bring their child along for fittings. Reminder that all proceeds go to our music department!

Reminder that preschool, kindergarten, and 7th grade students have specific immunization as well as hearing and vision screening (kindergarten) requirements that must be met prior to the first day of school. Verification needs to be submitted to the office.

Save the Date! School pictures will be Wednesday, October 9th!



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2019 Junior Cougar Football Information

2019 JUNIOR COUGARS FOOTBALL



K-4TH JUNIOR COUGAR FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS 9/3	5TH-6TH JUNIOR COUGAR TACKLE BAR FOOTBALL NEW FOR 2019 SEASON BEGINS 9/3	7TH-8TH JUNIOR COUGAR TACKLE FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS 8/26
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TOWNHALL MEETING: JUNE 3 @ 6PM
NEW THIS YEAR: FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
SPORTS PHYSICALS @ LCHS JUNE 11, 6-8PM
REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 1
 SEASON BEGINS FOR K-6TH IN SEPTEMBER AT LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
WWW.JUNIORCOUGARFOOTBALL.COM

St. Gerard Soccer Sign Up on August 21st St. Gerard Soccer Sign Up on Wednesday, August 21st during our school's Open House from 4:00-6:30. This is a very relaxed recreational soccer program open for children **Kindergarten through 3rd Grade**. The program will include approximately 30 minutes of practice and drills followed by a 30 minute scrimmage. Shin guards are recommended and cleats are not mandatory. The season consists of 6 sessions that are held on Sundays at 1 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All sessions will be held on #3 baseball field located just south of the church parking lot. Below are the dates:

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| Sunday, September 15, 1 p.m. | Wednesday, September 25, 6 p.m. |
| Wednesday, September 18, 6 p.m. | Sunday, September 29, 6 p.m. |
| Sunday, September 22, 1 p.m. | Wednesday, October 2, 6 p.m. |

Cost: \$35 by cash or check made payable to St. Gerard Athletics. Please contact Kim Watkins at (734)347-4085 with any questions.

THIS PROGRAM RELIES SOLELY ON PARENT VOLUNTEER COACHES SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Second Grade Sacrament Preparation Schedule

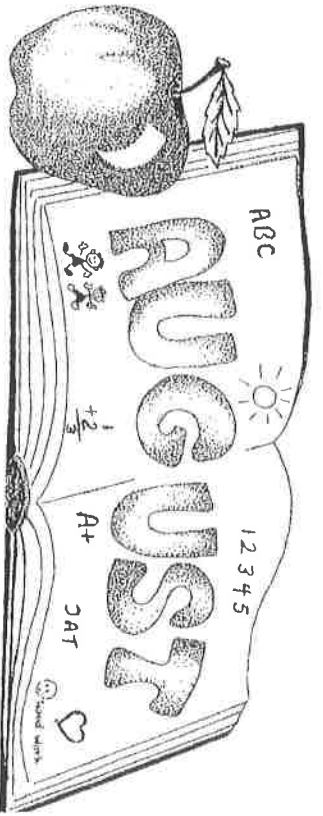
Please put the 2019-20 Sacrament preparation schedule in your calendar. More information to follow:
Parent/Child Sacrament Workshop: Saturday November 9, 2019 -@ 9am-11am in the Parish Hall
Presentation Mass: Saturday, January 11, 2020 @ 4:30 PM Mass or Sunday January 12, 2020 - (choose to attend 9am, 11am or 6:00 PM)
First Reconciliation: Saturday January 25, 2020 - @ 10am
First Eucharist Rehearsal: Tuesday April 14, 2020 -@ 6pm
First Eucharist: Saturday April 18, 2020 -@ 10am
 If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Warriner in the religious education office at [\(517\) 321-4179](tel:5173214179) or kwarriner@stgerard.org.



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Upcoming Events


- Monday, Aug. 5th: Used Uniform Sale in the Uniform Closet from 5:30-7:00 PM
- Wednesday, Aug. 14th: Girls' Volleyball Registration and Skills Testing *see article in newsletter
- Sunday, Aug. 18th: Window to order hot lunch for September opens!
- Wednesday, Aug. 21st: Preschool-8th grade Open House from 4:00-6:30 PM
Please refer to supply list as to what items to bring to open house.
Soccer sign up in the gym during open house
- Thursday, Aug. 22nd: First Day of School for K-8 (see drop off and pick up instructions included in this packet for ALL families)/Sack lunch today!/ No Waverly Buses
- Friday, Aug. 23rd: Sack lunch today!/No Waverly Buses
- Sunday, Aug. 25th: Last day to order hot lunch for September!
- Monday, Aug. 26-29th: Sack lunch for the week! Waverly Buses begin today!
New Preschool Families Open House from 5:00-6:30 PM
- Tuesday, Aug. 27th: First day of Preschool/Junior High Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM in Father Weber Hall
- Wednesday, Aug. 28th: 7th grade Field Trip to Camp Pa-Wa-Pi
- Friday, Aug. 30th: No School/Labor Day Weekend/Child Care is open!
- Monday, Sept. 2nd: No School/Labor Day/Child Care Closed
- Tuesday, Sept. 3rd: K-6 Parent Meeting at 6:30 in Fr. Weber Hall
Two teacher sessions will run after the general assembly meeting from approx.
7:00-7:30 PM and then 7:35-8:05 PM. Please make sure you make one of the large group meetings (either Jr. High or K-6
parent meeting) *See Back for School Calendar
- Friday, Sept. 6th: Opening All School Mass at 8:10 AM



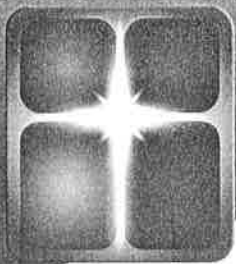
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Sunday			
4 HOT LUNCH COST \$3.00 includes milk Milk only .50 cents	8	9	10
Monday			
5 TRIP Used Uniform Sale 5:30-7:00 pm			
Tuesday			
6			
Wednesday			
7	15 Assumption of Mary Volleyball 7 th gr. Girls' Registration & skills testing 5:00 pm 8 th gr. Girls' Registration & skills testing 6:15 pm	16	17
11 TRIP	14 Volleyball 5 th gr. Girls' Registration & skills testing 5:00 pm 6 th gr. Girls' Registration & skills testing 6:15 pm		
12	21 WELCOME BACK!! Pre-8 th grade OPEN HOUSE 4:00-6:30 pm	23 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK Bring sack lunch & drink NO WAVERLY BUS	24 ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH
18 ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th	20	29 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK Bring sack lunch & drink	31
25 LAST DAY TO ORDER SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH	27 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK Bring sack lunch & drink 1 st Day of Preschool Jr. High Parent mtg. 6:30 pm	30 NO SCHOOL Child Care Open	
26 TRIP NO HOT LUNCH/MILK Bring sack lunch & drink	28 NO HOT LUNCH/MILK Bring sack lunch & drink 7 th gr. field trip		

SEPTEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation 2:00 pm	2 Labor Day NO SCHOOL Child Care Closed	3 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk K-6 th gr. Parent mtg. 6:30 pm	4 Waffles Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk	5 Chicken Tenders French Fries Green Beans Fruit Milk	6 All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk	7
8 BVM's Birthday	9 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	10 NO AM BUS Pepperoni Calzone Salad Fruit Milk	11 Pancakes Sausage links Potatoes Fruit Milk	12 Chicken Patty Sandwich Potato Wedges Mixed Veggies Milk	13 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk	14
15 ORDER OCTOBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th	16 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk	17 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Tater tots Corn Fruit Milk Virtus Training 6:30 pm	18 French Toast Sticks Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk Preschool Parent mtg. 6:30 pm	19 Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Broccoli Fruit Milk ALPHA	20 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk	21 ORDER OCTOBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th
22 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER OCTOBER HOT LUNCH	23 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Snack Mix Fruit Milk 6 th gr. field trip	24 Bosco Sticks Mixed Greens Salad Fruit Milk	25 Pancakes Sausage links Potatoes Fruit Milk	26 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Corn Fruit Milk ALPHA	27 NO PM BUS Cheese pizza Salad Fruit milk	28
29	30 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Snack Milk Fruit Milk					

Lunch menus are subject to change.



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Dear Parents:

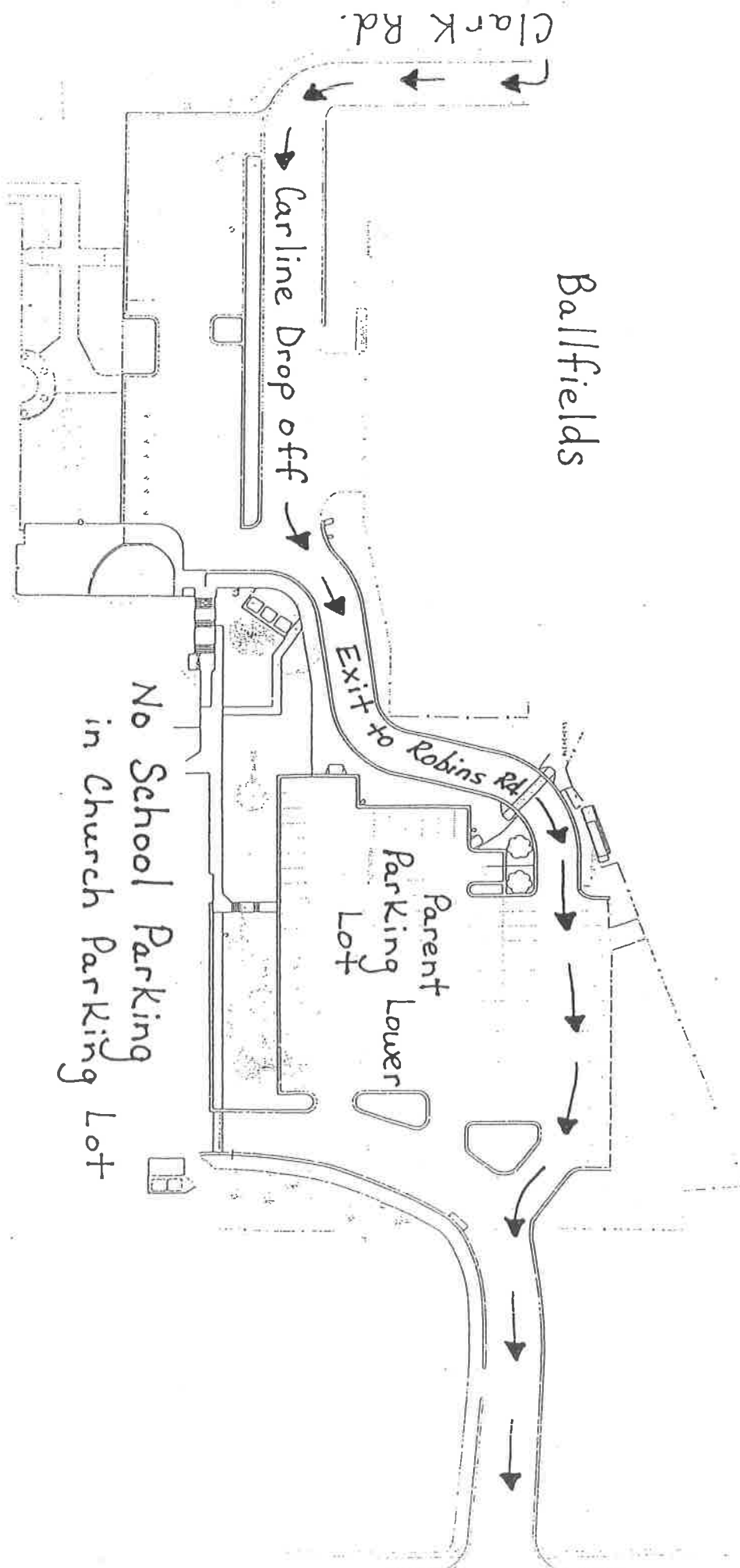
On the reverse of this paper you will find a rather simplified drawing of the school grounds. I have attempted to show all of the parish parking lots. **Please show this to the person who drives your child to and from school. (see back diagram)**

- The parking lots to the west of the school between the church and school, and to the north and south of the church are off limits to school families during the week. This area is needed for teacher parking, funerals, and other parish functions.
- We ask that when dropping off or picking up students (other than preschool), you enter the school grounds by way of Clark Rd. (in the afternoon enter Clark Rd. from Willow as line will form before students are dismissed, **please DO NOT enter from Saginaw**) drop students off in the designated drop off areas **which extends all the way up to the recycle bins** and then continue west, exiting Robins Rd. Please pull as far forward as possible to allow more cars to unload. Do not park cars in the carline. **Adults should not get out of their vehicles while in carline.** Carline is used for moving traffic.
- The west lower lot closest to Robins Rd. may still be used for parking. If you are going to park there for pick up or drop off, please have student(s) use the stairs and new adjoining sidewalk to get to the playground. Students should not walk through the car exit lanes coming from the back lower lot.
- The lot immediately north of the old wing of the school closest to Willow is to be used by **preschool families only**. Preschool parents only should park and bring their students into school.
- The lot immediately north of the school office is for teacher parking and bus drop off and pick up. Students riding buses will follow the sidewalk around to the stairs on the east side of the school. This lot is available during the day between 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for school business only. All students should be dropped off in the back until 8:00 a.m.

We thank you for your patience and appreciate your attention to the safety of all the children at St. Gerard School.

Looking forward to a great year!

Shelly Piecuch
Principal



Bus/Teacher Parking
 Parent Parking 8:00 am - 2:15 pm

No Willow Rd. Entrance for School
 Drop off or Pick up

Robins Rd