



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

January 24, 2021

Snow Day Procedures In the event of inclement weather and we have to close school we will send an announcement through School Messenger. We will try to make this announcement by 6:00 am. We will also post the closing of school on WLNS, WILX, and Fox 47. Since Waverly Schools are virtual until March 01, we do not have access to their busing, so you will not see a closing for them.

Drop Off and Pick Up I want to take this opportunity to remind parents about important guidelines for dropping off and picking up your children. We seem to be in a pretty good place in doing this efficiently and safely. Important reminders: If your child is being dropped off by car, please use the car line or the lower lot. Please do not drop them off before 7:30. There is no supervision before that time and your students need to have their temperature scanned before you leave. If your child has a temperature of 100 or more, they will not be allowed in school and will need to go back home with you. If you leave, you are still responsible for being back here within 15 minutes. When you are picking up your child after school please move as far up to the head of the line as possible. Students should wait until the car has stopped to enter the vehicle. We ask that face masks be worn until they are in the car. Also, please only enter the carline by accessing Clark Road off of Willow Highway. You should only be making a right turn into the carline.

How do I decide if I should send my child to school? This is a very important question this year, especially as we are in the middle of the cold and flu season. With the COVID virus having many of the same symptoms as colds, flu, and allergies, how do I decide if my child should come to school or not? First of all, I would always err on the side of caution. Obviously, a temperature of 100 or higher automatically eliminates them from coming. If they have two or more symptoms, then it is probably better to not send them. If they have allergies every year and the symptoms are not overwhelming or getting worse than normal, it is probably safe to send them. We will not be giving out any perfect attendance awards this year, as we want parents and students to feel that they should try to keep themselves healthy and if taking off a day or two helps, then that is what they should do. Also, please know that your actions outside of school can affect everyone in school. If you are exposed or you do not practice safety protocols



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outside of your "family bubble" then you should quarantine yourself. Please help to keep all of us safe.

T.R.I.P If you are not familiar with the TRIP program at St. Gerard, now is the time to give it a try. It is a great way to reduce tuition expenses. Any money earned through participating will be applied at the end of each semester. If you would like more information about this money saving program, please contact Shawn Macksood at the school office. She will be happy to give you details and answer any questions.

Virtual Conferences Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11., in the afternoon and evening. Conferences will be virtual again. We will be sending you a link to sign up for your conference in the near future.

Food Bank/Jeans Day A big thank you to the National Junior Honor Society members who sponsored a jeans day to benefit the Lansing Food Bank. Our cash donations and food donations combined were able to supply 2416 meals for those in need. We had \$600 in cash and 12 boxes of food items. Thank you for your participation!

Washington D.C Enrollment Form Just another reminder to our 8th graders that your enrollment forms are due by January 22. We are working on putting items together in order to share an overview of the trip with you. More information to come in the next week. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through the planning process.

Catholic Schools Week Even a pandemic can't stop Catholic Schools Week! The week begins on Sunday, Jan. 31 and ends on Friday, Feb. 05. St. Gerard School will have a variety of activities that will be both fun and safe. Look for a flyer with a list of all the activities in the very near future.

Virtual All School Mass/Fr. Weber Award presentation We will be presenting the Fr. Weber Award at a virtual All School Mass on Friday, Jan. 29. The presentation will take place at the end of Mass. Please join us for this special Mass and presentation.

Junior High Electives We are happy to be able to offer some limited elective opportunities for junior high students during the second semester. Because



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students remain with their homerooms, teachers will move to the homerooms to present electives. These electives will take place on Fridays.

8th grade students will be rotating through 5 week sessions of Life Skills with Mrs. Nylander, Career Exploration with Mrs. Reed, and Outdoor Sports with Mrs. Guysky. 7th grade students will be rotating through 5 week sessions of Digital Art with Mrs. Sykes, Art with Mrs. Boland, and Film Club with Mrs. Jowett. There will be an extra cost for Life Skills to account for the purchased food. A flyer explaining this in detail can be found in each 8th grader's Thursday Communicator.

Hot Lunch Orders Ordering hot lunch for the month of February will begin on January 18 and will end on January 25.

NWEA Testing NWEA Winter testing has begun for the junior high and will continue through Feb. 11. Grades 3-6 will begin testing next week.

LCHS Family Night Lansing Catholic High School is sponsoring a Family Night for any families interested in continuing their Catholic education at Lansing Catholic High School. The date is Wednesday, Feb. 03 from 6:30-8:30. This event is open to families with any age student, who want information about LCHS. Both of my children attended Lansing Catholic High School and received an excellent education in a strong faith environment.

LCHS Financial Aid Night Lansing Catholic High School is sponsoring a Financial Aid Information evening on Jan. 19 at 6:00pm at the high school. This event is open to any incoming freshmen or current families at LCHS.

Financial Aid applications If you are seeking financial aid assistance from the Diocese of Lansing or St. Gerard Parish you will need to fill out a financial aid application through FACTS. The address is online.factsmgt.com/signin/3yznq

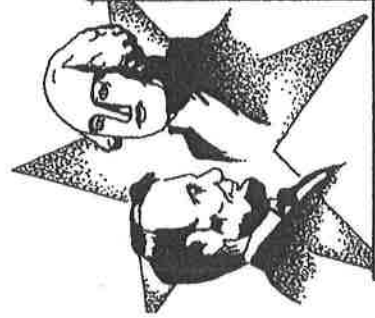
To be eligible for Diocesan scholarships you need to fill out this application before March 01. Anyone who wishes to be considered for a scholarship from St. Gerard Parish must apply for the diocesan scholarship.



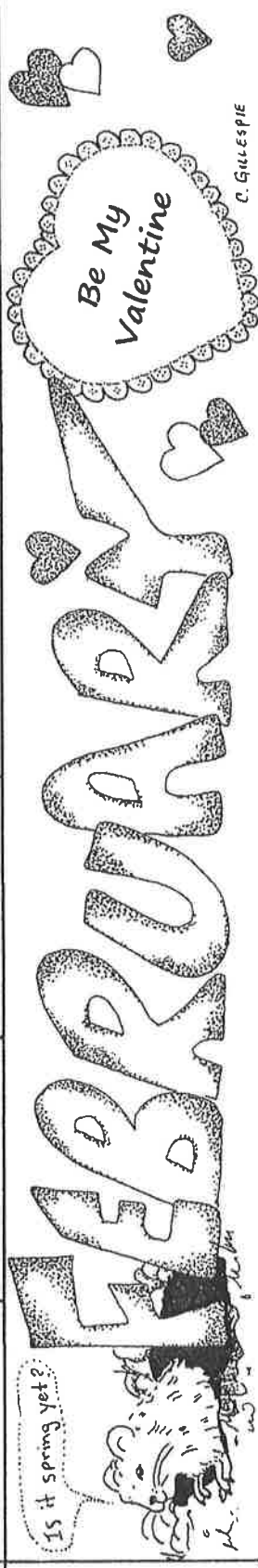
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UPCOMING EVENTS

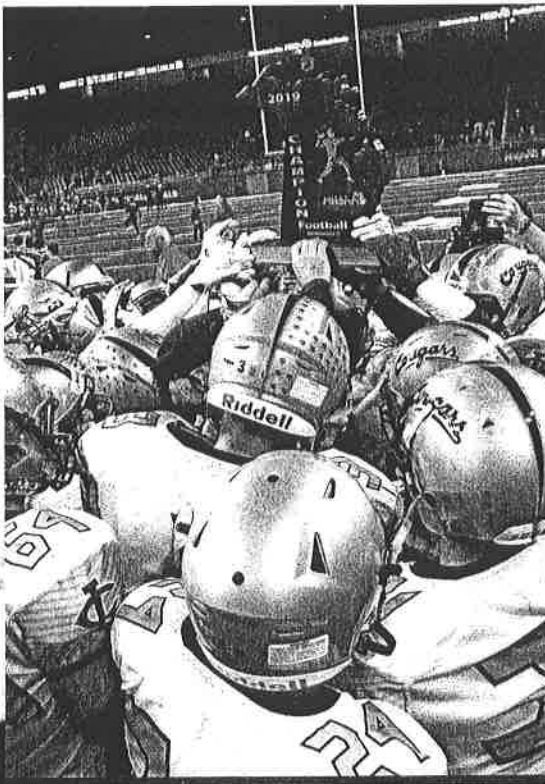
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| Jan. 15 | End of Second Quarter |
| Jan. 18 | Hot Lunch Ordering Window Opens |
| Jan. 21 | Report Cards Posted |
| Jan. 25 | Hot Lunch Ordering Window Closes |
| Jan. 29 | Virtual All School Mass/Presentation of Father Weber Award |
| Jan. 31 | Catholic School Week begins |
| Feb. 05 | Virtual All School Mass/End of Catholic School Week |
| Feb. 11 | School Dismiss @ 11:00 am/Virtual Conferences NO Preschool/Childcare Open |
| Feb. 12 | NO SCHOOL/Childcare Open |
| Feb. 15 | NO SCHOOL/Childcare CLOSED |
| Feb. 17 | Virtual All School Mass/Ash Wednesday |



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Pretzels Fruit Milk | Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers Fruit Milk 7 th gr. Retreat NED Program K-6 | Pancakes Sausage Patties Potato Triangles Fruit Milk | Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Green Beans Fruit Milk | Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk | 6 |
| 2 | 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Crackers Fruit Milk | Hot Dog with Bun French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk PTO mtg. | French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Yogurt Fruit Milk | Dismiss at 11:00 am No Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences Pre-8 Child Care Open | No School Child Care Open | 13 |
| 3 | NO SCHOOL Child Care Closed | 6 in. Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Doritos Fruit Milk | Ash Wednesday Fish Sandwich Potato Chips Corn Fruit Milk | Chicken Sandwich French Fries Broccoli Fruit Milk | Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk | 20 |
| 4 | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 Presidents Day | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 5 | DON'T FORGET TO ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH | 6 in. Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Cheeze Its Fruit Milk | Sloppy Joe Potato Chips Cheese Stick Fruit Milk | Waffles Sausage Patty Yogurt Fruit Milk | Chicken Tenders Potato Smiles Corn Fruit Milk | Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk |
| 6 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 7 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



C. GUILLESPIE



CHAMPIONS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM



JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR OPEN HOUSE PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHTS

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 | Wednesday, October 13, 2021 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Discover what Lansing Catholic has to offer by enjoying a tour with a student ambassador of our campus. Students and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet with faculty and administration.

Please contact our admissions office at 517-267-2158, admissions@lansingcatholic.org, or through our website to register. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Private family tours are also available by contacting our admissions office.

www.lansingcatholic.org



LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Lansing Catholic High School community forms students spiritually, intellectually, and socially into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lansing Catholic High School
501 Marshall Street
Lansing, MI 48912

AVERAGE
CLASS
SIZE


18

 **25** HONORS &
AP CLASSES OFFERED

 **1:1**
CHROMEBOOKS
FOR STUDENTS

98 
PERCENT OF
GRADUATES
ATTEND THE
COLLEGE OF
THEIR CHOICE

 **5+** MILLION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED TO OUR CLASS OF 2020