

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Nov. 16, 2023



What a busy month it has been! From Accreditation to staff professional development, we hope you enjoyed your long weekend. Thanksgiving and holiday time with family is on the horizon, as well as our upcoming school Auction this Saturday, Nov. 18th!

 *Mark your calendars: Order Hot Lunch for Dec. AND Jan. between Nov. 18-25th!*

Christmas Program News

Christmas Program News! Our Christmas program is in full mode!!! This year's story is "**The Legend of the Christmas King**". Come travel with the "fourth wise man," Artie, as he searches for the newborn King. Artie teams up with Angel Mortimer to help him on his quest of finding Jesus and learns some important lessons along the way. This year K-6 will each be singing a song while Junior High will be participating in multiple different ways. Our JH students will be acting out our play, presenting a live nativity outside as you proceed to the church to help get us in the Christmas spirit and working behind the scenes to help teachers and help produce our show. We are offering a **full** show on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, which we are encouraging grandparents/relatives to come to in order to help with crowds at our evening performance. The show will begin at 1:00 PM and the junior high live nativity will be outside to view as you **exit** the afternoon show. **Note:** The show will not be live streamed due to copyright and licensing.

Thursday, December 14, our performance will take place at 7:00 PM in the church. This will include the live nativity starting at 6:30 PM outside the church by the JH students. Please enjoy this live nativity after dropping your student off to their classroom by 6:40 PM. After K-6 students sing, they will remain in the church to perform our full school finale! We ask that adults wait to leave the church at the end of the show until all students have exited the church safely. Students will be picked up in their classrooms after the show. More details on what students should wear will come in class newsletters. Junior High students will also receive details on their pick-up/drop-off based on assigned jobs.



Winter News & Inclement Weather

Decisions regarding closing the schools are not made lightly, however, the safety of our students, staff and families is paramount. In the event that school will need to be closed, we have a number of ways to communicate this with you as quickly and efficiently as possible. If Waverly Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we along with our Child Care program, will close as well due to their bussing and transportation of our students. **Please be sure your Schoolmessenger settings are set to receive text, email, and voice message phone calls as all will be used to alert you of a school closure.** You can also check WILX, channel 10 & WLNS, channel 6 for updates.

*Reminder: Our students will go outside as long as the wind chill is above zero. As the weather gets colder and colder, please send students with appropriate clothing for the weather.



Our Auction is SATURDAY!

Event Information

St. Gerard School Auction!

Insert last minute info here!

When?

Saturday, Nov 18, 2023, 06:00 PM

Where?

Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, West Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI, USA

St. Gerard Financial Aid Assistance

Financial Aid opens on Dec. 1st, 2023. The link to the application is here:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3YZNQ>

All applications MUST be completed by March 1, 2024. See the additional flier on grand & aid assessment with this newsletter.

Calling all Parents: Take our Safety Survey!

The attached survey link is put together by our parish & school community to gauge how you feel we are doing with student safety. Click the link or use the QR code to take this short survey to let us know your thoughts.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQHBGCT>



8th Graders: Baby Pictures for Yearbook Needed

Dear 8th grade Parents,

The yearbook staff is working hard to create a wonderful yearbook this year, and we would love to bring back 8th grade baby pictures to accompany your student(s) 8th grade school picture. This was a really fun tradition that the yearbook staff would like to reestablish with the class of 2024! While digital images work best for us, you may send in a hard copy that will be returned to you after we've had a chance to scan it digitally. If sending in a hard copy, please put it in an envelope or plastic bag with the name of your student and turn it into the office. If submitting an image digitally, please email the image to yearbook@stgerardlansing.org.

Please submit a baby picture of your student by November 29th, 2023.

Thanks so much for your cooperation and helping us to create a fun 8th grade spread for this year's graduating class!

Jennifer Sykes and the JH Yearbook Staff



Our Schedule This Month

Saturday, 11/18: School Auction @ Royal Scot

- Window to order hot lunch for December & January opens

Tuesday, 11/21: All School Thanksgiving Prayer Service @ 8:10

- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast @ 2:00 p.m. in Fr. Weber Hall

Wednesday, 11/22: NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, 11/23: NO SCHOOL; Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, 11/24: NO SCHOOL; Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, 11/25: Window to order hot lunch for December & January closes

Sunday, 12/3: Choir sings @ 9:00 mass (4th-8th grade)

Thursday, 12/7: Christmas Band Concert @ LCHS 6:30 p.m. (5th-8th grade)

Friday, 12/8: Immaculate Conception all school mass @ 8:10

Wednesday, 12/13: Christmas Program Grandparent Show @ 1:00 p.m. in the Church

Thursday, 12/14: Christmas Program Evening Performance @ 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Wednesday, 12/20: Preschool Christmas Program 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. in Fr. Weber Hall

Thursday, 12/21: Advent All School Mass @ 8:10 a.m.

- Early dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.

Friday, 12/22: NO SCHOOL; Christmas Break through January 5, 2024

Monday, 1/8: School Resumes



On behalf of the staff of

St. Gerard School,

Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



Smore Templates

Smore is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters



Grant & Aid Assessment

FACTS makes quality education affordable for families by assisting schools in awarding financial aid. We work with schools to create a custom application and collect financial data so schools can make accurate award decisions based on financial need.

To apply for financial aid at St. Gerard Catholic School, please visit: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signIn/3YZNQ>

After completing the online application, you will need to upload all required supporting documentation.

The following supporting documents are required to complete the application process:

- **IRS Federal Income Tax Return**, including all supporting schedules (the year of the tax return depends on the tax requirements of your school). If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year.
- Copies of **all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements** for both the applicant and co-applicant.
NOTE: If you are applying before you have received all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements, please submit them as soon as they become available.
- Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:
 - Business** - send Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
 - Farm** - send Schedule F and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
 - Rental Property** - send Schedule E (page 1)
 - S-Corporation** - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1120S (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
 - Partnership** - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
 - Estates and Trusts** - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1

IMPORTANT: If you file a tax return but do not have W-2 wages because you are self-employed, you will be required to submit a copy of your current year Federal Form 1040 Tax Return.

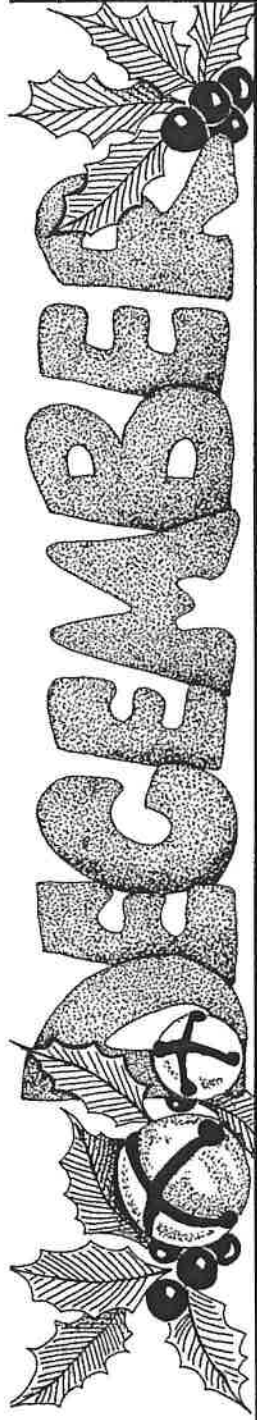
- Copies of all supporting documentation for household Non-Taxable Income such as: Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.

All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

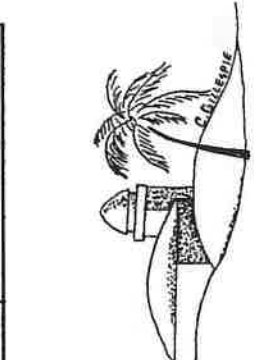
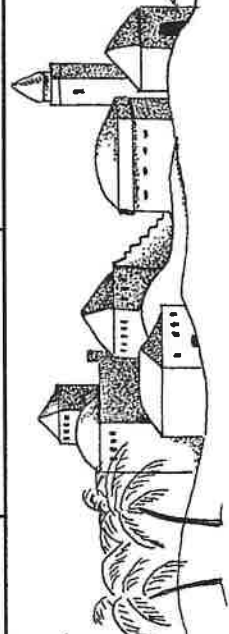
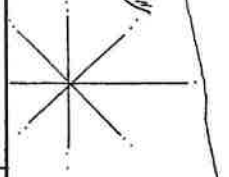
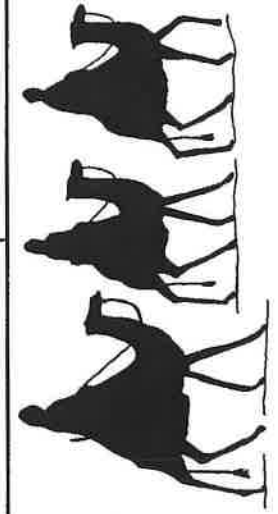
You may log in to your FACTS user account to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded documents. Application deadlines are set by the institution awarding the aid. If you are applying after the deadline, contact your school to ensure that your application will be accepted.

A non-refundable application fee may be required before your application will be submitted.

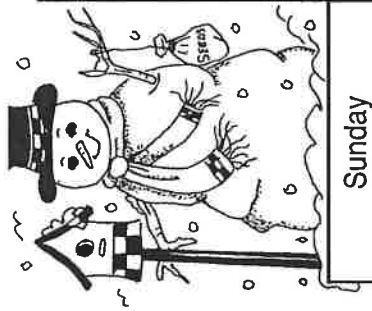
NOTE: Award decisions are made by the institution providing the financial aid, not FACTS.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Day of Advent Choir 4 th -8 th gr. 9:00 am	Hot Dog Chips Carrots & Dip Fruit & Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Vegetable Fruit & Milk	French Toast Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk	Chicken Nuggets 7 Potato Smiles Vegetable Fruit & Milk Band Concert 5 th -8 th gr. LCHS	Cheese Pizza 1 Salad Fruit & Milk	
10	Bosco Sticks 11 Marinara Salad Fruit & Milk	Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 Beef Tacos Refried Beans Mexican Rice Fruit & Milk	Waffles 13 Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk	Chicken Sandwich 14 French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk K-8 th gr. Christmas Program 7:00 pm	Cheese Pizza 15 Salad Fruit & Milk	16
17	Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk	Chicken Tenders 19 French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk	Pepperoni Pizza 20 Salad Fruit & Milk Christmas Treat Preschool Christmas Program	All School Mass 21 Dismiss at 11:00 am Child Care Open	NO SCHOOL 22 Child Care Open	23
Christmas Eve Choir 3 rd -8 th gr. 4:30 pm	Christmas Day 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	St Stephen 26 ENJOY Child Care Closed	CHRISTMAS Child Care Closed	28 BREAK!!! Child Care Closed	29 Child Care Closed	30



New Years Eve 31



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
New Year's Day 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!		2		3 CHILD CARE OPEN		4 CHILD CARE OPEN		5 CHILD CARE OPEN		6 Epiphany	
7 Welcome Back! 8 Hot Dog Chips Carrots & Dip Fruit & Milk		9 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Vegetable Fruit & Milk PTO mtg. 6:30 pm		10 Breakfast Burrito Muffin Hash Brown Fruit & Milk		11 Chicken Tenders French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk		12 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk		13	
14 ORDER FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th		15 Martin Luther King Jr NO SCHOOL Child Care Closed		16 All School Mass Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Fruit & Milk		17 Pancakes Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk Jr. High Exams only- Dismiss at 11:00 am		18 Chicken Sandwich French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk Jr. High Exams only- Dismiss at 11:00 am		19 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk End of 2 nd quarter Jr. High Exams only- Dismiss at 11:00 am	
21 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH		22 Bosco Sticks Marinara Salad Fruit & Milk		23 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk 7 th gr. Retreat		24 Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Meat Hash Brown Muffin Fruit & Milk		25 Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Vegetable Fruit & Milk		26 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk Jr. High Drama Play	
28 Choir 4 th -8 th gr 9:00 am Catholic Schools Week Begins		29 Pepperoni Calzone Salad Fruit & Milk		30 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Fruit & Milk		31 Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk 6 th gr. field trip Jr. High field trip				27	



A NIGHT OF PURE IMAGINATION

ST. GERARD AUCTION
NOV. 18TH 2023

**Our Auction is just a few days away!
Online ticket sales are now closed, but you can
still purchase tickets at the door for \$40.**

**Saturday, November 18, 2023
Royal Scot Banquet Center
4722 W. Grand River Ave.
Lansing, MI 48906**

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Raffles and Games Begin at 6 p.m.
Last Silent Auction Closes at 8:30 p.m.
Live Auction Starts at 9 p.m.**

Raffles:

**Pottery (\$10 or 3/\$25), 50/50 (\$5 or 5/\$20), Lollipop Pull (\$10),
Wine Pull (\$20), YETI® Pull (Each YETI® is filled with a taste of
Lansing's favorite restaurants and activities, valued over \$100),
Tuition (\$20), and Wonka Golden Silent Auction Raffle
(Make your bid on any yellow highlighted "Lucky Line" or
"Buy It Now" for a ticket to win a Wonka Basket!)**

Food:

**Flatbread Pizza Station, Hot Potato Bar with Fixings,
Meatball Station, Veggies & Dip, Charcuterie Cups,
Roast Beef Sliders, Boneless Wings,
Egg Rolls, and Crab Rangoons**

Hope to see you there!



ADVENT

Creative Bible Study workshop and Bible Journaling

DECEMBER 2ND
10 AM

St. Gerard
Parish Hall

An Advent creative Bible study and Bible Journaling workshop focusing on Advent and the Eucharistic Revival, with Ingrid Blixt. A visual and artful approach to studying the Word of God.

All art supplies will be provided. Admission is \$18. Admission waived with purchase of full Advent Journaling kit (\$35) which includes devotional booklet, stickers and more to help you journey with God's word through the entire Advent season.

How to sign up:

You may sign up by email
womenofstg@gmail.com
or call the office at
(517) 323-2379.

Cash, check or Venmo accepted at the door.

