

December Newsletter

It's beginning to look a lot like... 🎄

**"Christmas is joy,
religious joy,
an inner joy of light and peace."
-Pope Francis**



Join us tonight for our Christmas Program

Come celebrate the story of the birth of our Savior!
Our performance will take place tonight 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.

*DON'T FORGET: Early Dismissal at 11:00 on
Thursday, 12/21 for break! 🎄*

Last Chance to Order TRIP

Get some holiday shopping done through TRIP! All orders must be placed by Dec. 18th in order to receive the cards for Christmas.



Uniform Addition for Girls

In an effort to try and give the girls more options to keep their legs warm with the school uniform, I am going to open up the legging colors to allow navy blue or black leggings. The change will be effective upon the return from Christmas break, 1/8/24.

All leggings; black or blue, must be plain with no patterns, prints, or wording.

With an addition of leggings to the girls' uniforms, we are going to phase out the pajama pants underneath the skirt or jumper. This winter, pajama pants can be worn as we work through the kinks of the new policy. Next year (2024-2025) pajama pants will be discontinued from the uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation!

St. Gerard Financial Aid Window is now OPEN

Financial Aid opened 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.



Technology Tip: Common Sense Media

Having a hard time keeping up on your child(ren)'s interests in books, movies, and video games? Common Sense Media is a great online resource that allows you to review different media platforms that your child is using. The website breaks down things parents should be aware of in a book/movie/video game like language, content, and a full review of the plot.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

Upcoming Dates

- 12/14- Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m.; Live Nativity begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 12/18- Students may wear Ugly Sweaters WITH their uniform
- 12/19- LCHS Choir visits St. Gerard
- 12/20- Preschool Christmas Program 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. in Fr. Weber Hall
 - Basketball registration night
 - 5/6th grade girls @ 6:00 p.m. (St. Gerard CYL League)

- 7/8th grade boys @ 6:45 p.m. (St. Gerard Red Cedar League)
- 12/21- Advent all school mass @ 8:10 a.m.
 - NJHS Movie & Concessions Day
 - Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.; Childcare Open
- 12/22- NO SCHOOL; Christmas Break begins; Childcare Open
- 12/24- Christmas Eve; Choir to sing at 4:30 p.m. mass *3rd-8th grade
- 12/25- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 12/25-12/29- NO SCHOOL; Childcare Closed
- 1/3-1/5- NO SCHOOL; Childcare Open
- 1/8- School resumes
- 1/9- PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 1/15- NO SCHOOL; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Childcare Closed
- 1/16- All school mass for Peace & Justice (MLK Jr. Day) @ 8:10
- 1/17- Junior High Exams begin; Junior high only dismisses at 11:00 a.m.
- 1/18 & 1/19- Junior High Exams; Junior high only dismisses at 11:00 a.m.
- 1/20- 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop 10:30-11:30 a.m.

May God surround your family this Christmas season.

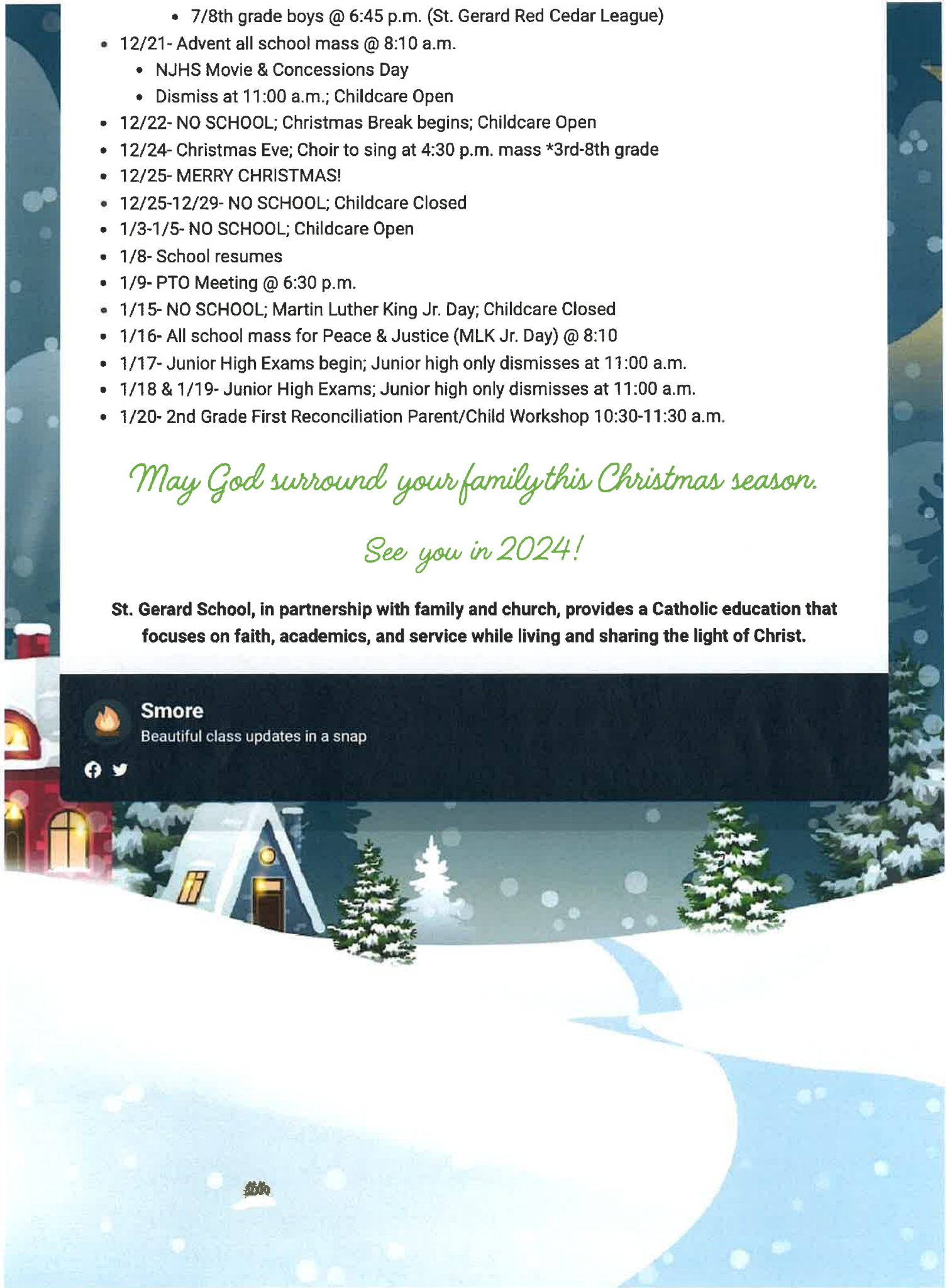
See you in 2024!

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.



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Beautiful class updates in a snap

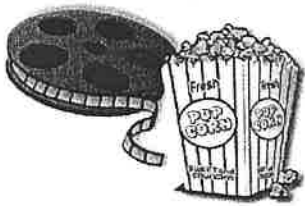


ST. GERARD SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY

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 may return after 24 hours of normal temperature without medication. (i.e. Children's Tylenol, etc.
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.
lice/scabies	Child may return after 24 hours of treatment. Classroom parents will be notified.
vomiting or diarrhea	Child may return after 24 hours without a repeat incident
contagious diseases (chicken pox, measles, mumps, hand foot mouth)	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.
COVID	Child may return on day 6 (day zero is the day symptoms began or day test was taken) A mask must be worn at school on days 6-10.

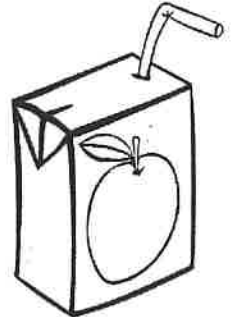
NJHS Movie Snack Concession Sale



On Thursday, December 21st, the National Junior Honor Society will be selling concessions for students to have as a snack as they watch a Christmas movie with their class. Please send money with your student(s) to school starting Friday, December 8th through Friday, December 15th so they can purchase a treat in advance. All orders will be filled and delivered by our NJHS students and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank initiative. Thank you so much for your support!

Christmas Snack Concessions

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| - 1 bag of 2 sugar OR
2 choc. chip cookies | \$1.00 |
| - 1 Popcorn | \$1.00 |
| - 1 Juice Box | \$1.00 |





St. Gerard School Athletics

Dear St. Gerard 7/8th grade Boys Parents:

Welcome to the St. Gerard Athletic Program. This is the registration form for your child to play girls **Basketball for the 2024 Season**. The registration fee is \$100.00. We are going to participate in **Red Cedar league** this season so no concession check needed as no home games will be scheduled. Please make checks payable to: ST. GERARD ATHLETICS. Please have this form filled out prior to the registration date which is Dec. 20 2023.

Because of eligibility requirements we need to know: GRADE_____

PLEASE REMEMBER: There is a \$15.00 late fee charged to all registrations received after the registration date for that sport

Student/Player Name _____ Gender M F Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____ for coaches to contact.

Is there any information a doctor should know to treat your child? _____

Date of Last Tetanus Shot _____

Name of Medical Insurance _____ Policy Number _____

Name of Family Doctor _____ Telephone Number _____

In case of an emergency, I give my permission to a doctor and trained medical personnel to treat my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



St. Gerard School Athletics

Dear St. Gerard 5-6th grade Girls Parents:

Welcome to the St. Gerard Athletic Program. This is the registration form for your child to play **Girls Basketball for the 2024 Season**. The registration fee is \$155.00 and will be collected in two separate checks of \$55.00 and \$100.00. **DO NOT BRING CASH PLEASE!** The \$100.00 check will not be cashed but held until you fulfill your scheduled assignments of working 2 concessions and/or admissions shifts. Sign-ups for shifts takes place online. It is **Your Responsibility** to schedule a time to work. Should you not work your assigned time(s); the \$100.00 check will be deposited by our Treasurer. Please check the appropriate box below.

1. () I will work admissions and /or concessions or gym set up/cleanup to receive my \$100.00 check back.

2. () I do not wish to work. You may deposit the \$100.00 check now.

Please make checks payable to: ST. GERARD ATHLETICS.

Because of eligibility requirements we need to know: PARISHIONER, (YES - NO)

School _____ Religious Ed _____ GRADE _____

PLEASE REMEMBER: There is a \$15.00 late fee charged to all registrations received after the registration date for that sport

Student/Player Name _____ Gender M F Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____ for coaches to contact.

Is there any information a doctor should know to treat your child? _____

Date of Last Tetanus Shot _____

Name of Medical Insurance _____ Policy Number _____

Name of Family Doctor _____ Telephone Number _____

In case of an emergency, I give my permission to a doctor and trained medical personnel to treat my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

St. Gerard 5th-6th grade Girls Basketball Registration for 2024 – Mark the Date!

St Gerard 7th/8th grade Boys Red Cedar Basketball registration for 2024

Girls Basketball registration for Girls in grades 5 and 6 who attend St. Gerard School or regularly attend St. Gerard Religious Education will be held as follows:

5th grade Girls' registration at 6:00 pm on Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023

6th grade Girls' registration at 6:00 pm on Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023

For Red Cedar for Boys in 7th and 8th Grade who attend St Gerard School

7th grade Boys Red Cedar registration 6:45 pm on Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023

8th grade Boys Red Cedar registration 6:45 pm on Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023

Please note that this is registration only.

Note Please do not bring the original copy of the physical. A copy will do.

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

Season starts Jan 8th with Games starting the week of Jan 24th (CYL) tournament mid March

Red Cedar will start the first week in Jan.

This is just a registration event with no Skills testing as there will be no splitting of teams.

If your Daughter played volleyball we have the physical on file and will not need a copy for registration.

Please contact Pat Malacina at 517-230-7380 if you have any questions

DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE? OR PURCHASE DESSERTS?

Then, you're in luck!
Desserts Needed!
for the

Community Christmas Dinner

Monday, Dec. 25

Drop off your desserts in Fr. Weber Hall on
Christmas Eve between 3 and 7 pm, or Christmas
morning between 8:30 and 11:30 am.

Sign up by following the QR Code
or calling the Parish Office at
(517)-323-2379

