

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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May & June Newsletter

May 11, 2023

Calendar Information

In your summer mailing you will receive a detailed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. A reminder regarding the following dates:

Open House: Monday, August 21, 2023

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Christmas Break: Thursday, December 21, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

Winter Break/President's Day: Friday, February 16th - Monday, February 19, 2024

Spring Break: Good Friday, March 29th - Monday April 7, 2024

Auction: Saturday, November 18, 2023 - Royal Scot

Summer Hours/TRIP

There will always be someone in the school office in June and August daily (Monday-Friday) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Most days we are there well before 9:00 a.m. and well after, but please call ahead just in case. The school office will be closed in July, however we will still be checking phone messages, emails, and mail on a weekly basis. If you need to get a hold of someone in the office in a timely fashion, you can always call the parish office. Summer TRIP will run every Monday during the months of June and August.

Used Uniform Closet Spring Sale

Thursday, May 18th - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Boys' shorts, pants, long and short sleeve shirts; Sizes 4-18. Girls' blouses, jumpers, shorts, pants; Sizes 4-16. Sweatshirts and sweaters too!

Book Covers

Let the 8th grade do the work and cover your books for Open House! As an 8th grade DC fundraiser, our 8th graders (well, really their parents) will cover books for grades 2nd - 8th. Prices go up after Friday, June 30th, so get your order in soon and you'll have your books covered for our Open House! After June 30th, the cost will increase to \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00, respectively.

One Student: \$10.00

Two students: \$15.00

Family: \$20.00

Band News!

Congratulations to the following band students who participated in Solo and Ensemble at Onsted High School in April: **Division I:** Hazel Wasilevich - flute solo, Hayden Ostrowski -

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trumpet solo. **Division II:** Andrea' Rivet and Hazel Wasilevich - woodwind duet and Anthony Matthews - trombone solo. They did an AWESOME JOB!

St. Gerard School - Auction 2023

Saturday, November 18th at Royal Scot. Christina Gentile, Andrea Kirk and Katie Barron are the wonderful chairs for this fun event!

Purple Up! For Military Kids Day

April was the Month of the Military Child, providing an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of Michigan's youngest heroes, over 17,000 children.

Students of St. Gerard supported our military kids by wearing a variety of purple attire.

Donations were also accepted for this special day. Our donations from this day totaled: \$514.00!!! A check will be sent to Michigan National Guard Youth Leadership Camp.

Mileage Club

Mileage Club is up and running...or walking! This event runs through Thursday, May 25th. Thank you Bridget Melinn for all your time and hard work you provided to this wonderful program! Without you, this wonderful program was in jeopardy of ending. Truly appreciate YOU!!!

Preschool News!

Preschool Last Day of School - Thursday, June 1st @ Frances Park

Lost & Found

If your child is missing any items such as mittens, hats, snow pants etc., please check the lost & found container located outside of the school office anytime during school hours. It is overflowing! All unclaimed items will be donated after Friday, June 16th.

Yearbook Order

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook the price to purchase is now: \$27.00 until they're gone. We only have 55 yearbooks left!

St. Gerard Athletic Commission Golf Outing-(Four-person scramble)

Saturday, May 13th @ Ledge Meadows Golf Course - 1801 E. Grand Ledge Hwy.

Cost: \$65.00 per golfer/\$260.00 per team - Registration forms in the school office. Questions

contact: Pat Malacina at patrickmalacina@gmail.com or Sara Wade at

swade@stgerardlansing.org

***Don't forget to pick up medication by Wednesday, June 28th. We are required to dispose of the medication at that time.**

Child Care is NOT open Friday, June 9th. Our Child Care staff will be using this day to plan lots of summer fun!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 16th	Spring Band Concert - LCHS - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 18th	2nd Grade Field Trip - Woldumar Nature Center
Friday, May 19th	5th Grade Greenfield Village Field Trip
Monday, May 22nd	Kindergarten Field Trip - Potter Park Zoo
Tuesday, May 23rd	8th Grade Wax Museum - Parish Hall
Friday, May 26th	8th Grade Exams only - Dismiss @ 11:00 a.m. No AM/PM Waverly Bus
Monday, May 29th	No School - Memorial Day Child Care Closed
Tuesday, May 30th	8th Grade Exams only - Dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 31st	8th Grade Exams only - Dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 1st	Last Day of Preschool 1st Grade Field Trip - Grand Woods Park 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
Friday, June 2nd	Adoration
Friday, June 2nd	Kindergarten Field Trip- Delta Mills Park 2nd Grade Field Trip - Sharp Park
Monday, June 5th	7th Grade Exams only - Dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 6th	8th Grade Graduation - 6:30 p.m. @ church 7th Grade Exams only - Dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 7th	7th Grade Exams only - Dismiss @ 11:00 a.m. Field Day - K-5th Lunch Cookout Day - K - 6th grade
Thursday, June 8th	Kindergarten Graduation @ 9:30 a.m. 5th Grade Field Trip - Sharp Park 6th Grade Field Trip - Royal Scot 7th Grade Retreat/Field Day - St. Gerard School
Friday, June 9th	Closing School/All School Mass @ 8:10 a.m. Please join us if you are able. Last Day of School - Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m. Child Care Closed

Reminder: School supply lists will be available on our school website under each grade by Wednesday, June 14th. You will also find a copy of your child's supply list in their report card.

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.



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023 – 2024 PTO Volunteer Activities Form

The PTO is excited to introduce a new structure for volunteer activities. We have set up committees that may run for certain times of the year or the whole school year. We hope to make great things happen at our school and get more families involved.

Some activities happen right as the school year is starting. We are offering a Spring sign-up for volunteers now so planning and preparation can happen earlier than when we return in the Fall. We will provide another chance to sign up for committees in the Fall as well.

Each committee will work with a PTO Board Member so you have support and information to help you lead or participate on a committee. Please take a moment to see where your time and talents can be used. **There are existing activities listed that need support but you can also help create new activities and traditions!**

**Turn in by
May 12th!**

NEW! New Family Committee I will co-chair committee

I will volunteer for committee

Be a part of the inaugural committee to help welcome new families to St. Gerard School. This committee will host activities to support new families, including the new family table at Open House. How else can we mentor and welcome new families?

NEW! Teacher Appreciation Committee I will co-chair committee

I will volunteer for committee

Our teachers are special! This committee will host at least two luncheons during Catholic Schools Week and the last day of the school year, cover meals during conferences, plus coordinate efforts during Teacher Appreciation Week. There are so many ways to say thank you!

NEW! Student Appreciation Committee I will co-chair committee

I will volunteer for committee

There are many activities during the year that help celebrate our students. This committee will host the September Ice Cream Social, popcorn treat at Thanksgiving, snack time during Catholic Schools week, and support March Reading Month. What are some new traditions that we can start?

Auction Committees

The following committees need your help:

Acquisitions Committee Chair Volunteer

Clean Up Committee Chair Volunteer

Silent Auction Committee Chair Volunteer

Check-Out Committee Chair Volunteer

Gratitude Committee Chair Volunteer

Social Media Chair Volunteer

Grandparent Invites Chair Volunteer

Slide Show Chair Volunteer

Decoration Committee Volunteer

Check-In Committee Volunteer

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

!Be on the lookout!

Fall Volunteer Sign-Up will include Fun Day, Book Fair, Mileage Club, & 8th Grade Graduation

Early Bird Savings!

Pre-sale for Required Book Covering for the 2023-2024 School Year

Let us do the work and cover your books and support our 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. Complete the form below, enclose your money and send it to school by Friday, June 9th. We will cover your student's books and have them ready to go on the first day of school.

Until June 30th: \$10.00 for one student, \$15.00 two students, \$20.00 family maximum

After June 30th the cost will increase to \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00, respectively.

STUDENT NAME

Grades 2023/24 (2nd-8th ONLY)



St. Gerard Youth Summer

Baseball & Teeball

Registration

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the St Gerard Summer Teeball and Coach's Pitch program.

In order to form the proper number of teams it is important that you register your child as soon as possible; after teams are formed, late registrations will be added to teams only if space is available.

The tee ball and coach pitch teams will meet Tuesday and Thursday nights, beginning May 30th and continuing through July 6th (Rain-out make-up date July 11th). Tee-ball will meet from 6:00-7:00, and Coach Pitch will meet from 7:15-8:15. There will be no games on July 4th.

The fee to play tee ball and coach pitch is \$65 per child, and includes a cap that they can keep. You may turn in your money with a completed registration form to the St. Gerard school office. Please make checks payable to St. Gerard Athletics. Also, for tee ball and coach pitch, your child does not have to be a student at St. Gerard in order to play... all are welcome!

If you want to be a coach you need to be Virtus trained. If you have not been trained yet please contact the school office.

Thanks to all of the parents and volunteers who have made this program a success over the years. We continue to need parent volunteers to run this program, so if you are able to contribute please let us know!

If you have questions you can send an email to StGerardSummerSports@gmail.com.



St Gerard Summer Softball & Baseball Signup

It is that time of year again to sign up for the St Gerard summer softball & baseball program. Those children playing in the leagues with other communities need to submit a copy of their birth certificate for age verification. The program has the following opportunities:

Co-Ed Tee Ball (Typically ages 4, 5, & 6, no birth certificate required) – This program is run through St Gerard and all games are played on our home fields. Games and practices will be Tuesday and Thursday nights. This program is designed to give the boys and girls an introduction to the game and teach some of the rules of the game.

Boys U8 (Coach Pitch) Baseball (Typically, ages 7 & 8, no birth certificate required) – This program is run through St. Gerard and all games are played on our home fields and use an adult coach to pitch to the boys. Games and practices will be Tuesday and Thursday nights. This program is designed to strengthen the basic skills they learned in tee ball and prepare them for pony baseball.

ST. GERARD YOUTH SUMMER TEEBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Birthdate: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian #1: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Email #1: _____

Email #2: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Sport Selected:

Boys and Girls Tee Ball (age 5-6) Boys Coach Pitch (age 7-8)

Name of friend signing up: _____

Shirt size (All children):

YS (8) YM (10-12) YL (14-16) Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL

Are you interested in being a head coach? Yes No

Are you interested in being an assistant coach? Yes No

In order to coach you need to be Virtus trained. Are you Virtus trained? Yes No

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

In order to insure prompt medical care in case of an emergency, this form must be signed. Without this permission we are unable to have your son or daughter treated.

In case of emergency, I give permission to a doctor and/or trained medical personnel to treat my child's injury.

Parent Signature: _____ Emergency Telephone: _____

1. Is there any information a doctor should know before treating your child? _____
2. Date of last tetanus shot? _____
3. Name of medical insurance AND policy number: _____
4. Name of family physician AND telephone number: _____

Cash _____ Check Amount _____ Check Number _____

ST. GERARD CHURCH 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Kids experience Bible Adventures, Games, Snacks, and Sing & Play
- Mon. June 19th – Wed. June 21st, 9 am - 11:30 am / Parish Hall
- **FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 4 year old preschool through 5th grade IN THE FALL**
- \$20 Per child
- Sign Up Deadline: June 15th
- **QUESTIONS:** Call the Religious Education Office (517) 321-4179 OR ojowett@stgerard.org
- To register: go to our website or follow the QR code!



INCOMING!

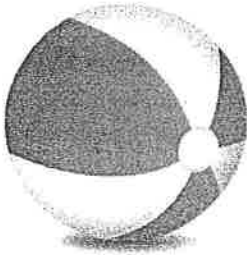
CREW LEADERS NEEDED!

- Student volunteers, entering 6th through 12th grade in the fall, who guide groups of participants through activities and help facilitate discussions
- **TRAINING MEETING REQUIRED:** Friday June 16th, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm / Parish Hall
- Volunteer Dates: Mon. June 19th – Wed. June 21st, 8:30 am - 11:45 am / Needed all three days
- Sign Up Deadline: June 6th
- To register: go to our website or follow the QR code!
- **QUESTIONS:** Call the Religious Education Office (517) 321-4179 OR ojowett@stgerard.org



How to order Summer Solutions Workbooks

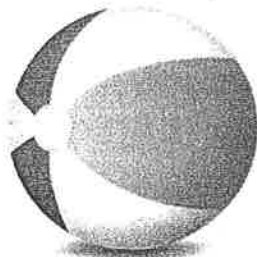
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Books are \$16.99 including shipping to your home.

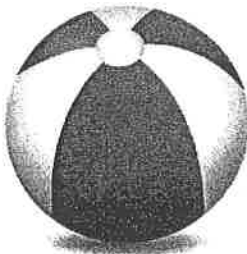
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Get a discount when you **order 3 or more workbooks** and use the promo code.

The earlier you order the more you save!

- January 1, 2023 - April 16, 2023 = 15% off.
- April 17, 2023 - May 31, 2023 = 10% off.
- June 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 = 5% off.



Know what to order!

Be sure to order the level of the book that your child is in during the 2022/2023 school year!

Bounce into next school year with confidence!

Just a little bit of review over the summer will keep your child's skills fresh. Completing three lessons a week over summer vacation ensures readiness for school next fall.



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