

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?
If so, please consider becoming an auction sponsor!



**A NIGHT OF PURE
IMAGINATION**

ST. GERARD AUCTION
NOV. 18TH 2023

Dear St. Gerard Parents,

To continue our school's tradition of excellence, we need your help as a sponsor of our 2023 School Auction. The proceeds from past auctions have helped grow our Educational Endowment and provided us with enhancements our tuition cannot cover. These have included security enhancements for our school and new technology for our classrooms, such as laptops, iPads, sound systems, and Smart Boards. Auction proceeds also help fund teacher stipends, Catholic Schools Week, mileage club, Fr. Weber fund, the music program, and so much more!

This year, we are hoping to earn \$80,000 for our school. In order to reach this goal, we need your help! If you own a business, please consider becoming an auction sponsor by completing the enclosed form.

If you need assistance with the form or have questions about sponsorship, please contact Kris Flint at kthelen@eclipsedm.com. A wonderful benefit of sponsorship is the increased patronage of your business from our grateful St. Gerard families. Thank you for considering sponsoring this wonderful school event!

Sincerely,

Christina Gentile, 2023 Auction Chair
Andrea Kirk and Katie Barron, 2023 Auction Co-Chairs

*St. Gerard is a 501(c)(3) organization and the Tax ID is 38-6038198

2023 St. Gerard Auction Sponsorship Form

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Platinum Sponsorship, \$1250+

- Platinum sponsors will become Honorary St. Gerard Falcons! Name of your business will be displayed on our outdoor school sign on Willow Highway, thanking you for your sponsorship.
- Plus, everything included in the Gold package.

_____ Gold Sponsorship, \$600-\$1249

- Business's name and logo in our church bulletin for two weeks sometime in the month leading up to the auction (approximately 1000 bulletins are distributed each week).
- Two tickets to attend the auction.
- Business's name and logo displayed in our PowerPoint presentation which plays throughout the auction.
- Plus, everything included in the Silver package.

_____ Silver Sponsorship, \$300-\$599

- 11x14 signage featuring your business's name and logo displayed at the auction to be viewed by approximately 400 attendees.
- Special recognition in the school's electronic newsletter.
- Business name and logo will appear in our auction program.

_____ Bronze Sponsorship, \$100-\$299

- 8x10 signage featuring your business's name and logo displayed at the auction to be viewed by approximately 400 attendees.
- Business name only will appear in the auction program.

Please mail this completed form and payment to the school office by **September 30, 2023**.
Please make checks payable to St. Gerard School. The mailing address is:

St. Gerard School
Attn: 2023 Auction Sponsorship
4433 W. Willow Hwy
Lansing, MI 48917

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THE 2023 GOLF BALL DROP RAFFLE

License # R71022

Tickets Are Now Available!

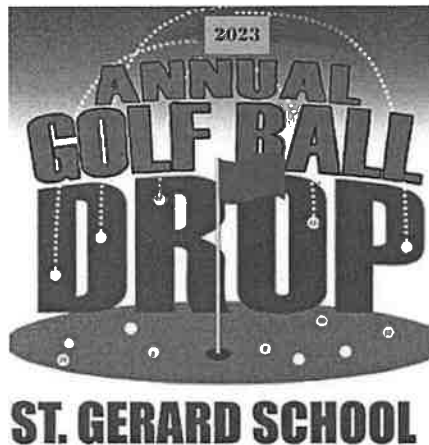
Golf Ball Drop Committee

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*Golf Ball Drop
Sponsors*

**PETE and STEPHANIE
KRAMER FAMILY**

Dear St Gerard Families,

We are excited to announce our 2023 Golf Ball Drop Raffle! By purchasing a ticket for \$25, you have a 1 in 400 chance of winning \$3,000 - GREAT odds!

This fun raffle will feature 400 numbered balls. Your ticket number corresponds with the same numbered ball. When the balls are dropped, the ball landing closest to the hole wins \$3,000. The lucky winner will be announced on November 18, 2023 at the St. Gerard School Auction. Need not be present to win.

To make this event a success, we need your help in reaching our goal of selling 400 balls! Please fill out the form below and return it to the school office.

You may contact any committee member, listed above, for tickets or for any questions you may have.

Golf Ball Ticket Order Form

Complete and return to St. Gerard School or Parish Office

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

of tickets _____ @ \$25 each

Total Amount _____

☐ Send my ticket stub(s) home with student/teacher _____

☐ I will pick up my ticket stub(s) in the school office.

Please make checks payable to St. Gerard * Need not be present to win

“Paperless” Communicators

Truly this might be wishful thinking but St. Gerard School Office hopes to reduce our carbon footprint to some extent. Here is the plan:

Papers sent home from the office will be scanned and sent electronically to all of our families through School Messenger. The link with all of the information will be archived on our website and organized by the week. Everyone signed up through School Messenger will automatically be sent the link. You would then be able to print any documents necessary for your family.

Weekly graded classroom work will still be sent home through the Thursday communicator as usual.

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the items sent home through the office, please fill out the form below and return to school no later than Friday, September 9th. “Paper” communication will be sent home with the “youngest or only” in the family as usual.

Family Name: _____

_____ Please continue to send “paper” versions of all school communication home with my youngest/only student.



Only return this paper to the office by Friday, September 8th if you want to receive paper communication from the office.

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 must be picked up immediately. Child may return after 24 hours of normal temperature without medication. (i.e. Children's Tylenol, etc.
untreated 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.
scabies/lice	Child may return after 24 hours of treatment. Classroom parents will be notified.
recurring diarrhea	Child may return after 24 hours without a repeat incident or with doctor's confirmation that the condition is not contagious.
vomiting	Child may return after 24 hours without an incident.
contagious diseases (chicken pox, measles, mumps, roseola)	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.

Physical Education

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Becki Bishop and I will be your student's physical education teacher. I have 22 years of teaching and coaching experience where I have worked primarily with middle school, high school and collegiate level students across the globe in Michigan, China, The Netherlands and now back to Michigan. I am very excited to be working with you and your child this academic year and feel honored to be teaching K-8.

Physical education is an integral part of the educational process in the development of the whole child: spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally. The physical education program at St. Gerard will prepare and encourage students to develop a positive attitude toward participating in physical activity for the pursuit of fitness and wellness.

Students will be exposed to several different types of physical activities that will provide them with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skill, fitness and attitudes that are crucial to leading a healthy lifestyle. Students will participate in a wide variety of individual sports, team sports and physical fitness activities. Students will learn and develop motor skills through various teaching/learning progressions and demonstrate competence in selected motor skills. Students will learn to apply, assess, achieve and maintain physical fitness as it relates to leading a healthy lifestyle.

My goal is to empower all students to sustain regular, lifelong physical activity as a foundation for a healthy, productive and fulfilling life. I will help students set goals and teach them strategies that will allow them to believe that they can achieve their personal best. I will ensure a safe, positive learning environment that will promote a love of learning, a respect for diversities, responsibility for self and concern for others. I will also set high expectations and hold each student accountable.

Finally, your student will have physical education the same day of the week, each week. I ask for your assistance in making sure that your student has appropriate clothing (see grade level expectations) for that day in order to participate safely in all indoor and outdoor activities.

If at any time you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Becki Bishop
Physical Education K-8 Teacher

Physical Education Grade Level Expectations

Teacher: Becki Bishop

All Students K-8:

Please label all physical education clothing with the student's name. This is very helpful when items are left behind.

If there are any health concerns that I need to be aware of, please call, email or send in a note with your child. If your child is not able to participate in physical education class because of illness or injury and will be out of PE class for one period a parent note is acceptable. If your child will be out of PE class for two or more class periods, a Dr's note is required. Please send in a Dr's note with a return to activity date. If they can participate in a modified activity please have that written on the Dr's note as well.

When a student forgets to bring clothes/tennis shoes, they will be expected to walk in a designated area for the duration of class or be assigned a job to keep them engaged. If a pattern occurs, a parent will be contacted.

Grades K-2:

- ★ Students will participate in PE class twice a week with the exception of Kindergartners, who will alternate the second day of PE by marking periods. During PE K-2 students will have the opportunity to work on motor skills and movement patterns, personal and social behaviors, recognize the benefits of physical activity and demonstrate skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- ★ Athletic (PE) shoes are required and will be left at school.
- ★ Girls need a pair of shorts and/or sweatpants (Shorts of appropriate length and NO spandex to abide by school rules) and a sweatshirt/jacket for colder weather.
- ★ Boys participate in school pants but sweatshirt/jackets are recommended for colder weather.
- ★ Students will receive their effort and conduct grades for PE. Please see the Specials Grading sheet sent home (also posted on website) for the effort/conduct expectations.
- ★ Label all clothing with the student's name. This is very helpful when items are left behind.
- ★ See note above regarding health concerns and appropriate steps for sending a written note to school with your student.

Grade 3-6:

- ★ Students will participate in PE class twice a week. During PE, 3-4 grade students will have the opportunity to work on motor skills and movement patterns, personal and social behaviors

that respect self and others, recognize the benefits of physical activity and demonstrate skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- ★ Athletic (PE) shoes are required and comfortable athletic clothing. **Clothes must be school appropriate** - loose fitting full t-shirt with sleeves - NO spandex - **see handbook for details.**
- ★ Students will be using the locker room to change into gym clothes. A cubby will be assigned to each student in the locker room.
- ★ We will be outside often for class, sweatshirts and sweatpants are recommended for colder weather.
- ★ Recommend a different pair of socks, as some of 3-4 grade PE classes are in the mornings.
- ★ **Deodorant is suggested** - roll on only - NO aerosol sprays!
- ★ Students will receive their effort and conduct grades for PE. Please see the Specials Grading sheet sent home (also posted on website) for the effort /conduct expectations.

Grade 7-8 / Electives:

- ★ Students will participate in class once a week. During PE, students will have the opportunity to work on motor skills and movement patterns, personal and social behaviors that respect self and others, apply strategies and tactics related to movement and performance, game play, and demonstrate skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.
- ★ Athletic (PE) shoes are required and comfortable athletic clothing. **Clothes must be school appropriate** - loose fitting full t-shirt with sleeves - NO spandex - **see handbook for details.**
- ★ Students will be using the locker room to change into gym clothes. A cubby will be assigned to each student in the locker room.
- ★ We will be outside often for class, sweatshirts and sweatpants are recommended for colder weather.
- ★ **Deodorant is suggested** - roll on only - NO aerosol sprays!
- ★ Students will receive a letter grade and an effort and conduct grade. **This grade will count towards athletics.**

Children's Choir

St. Gerard School offers fourth through eighth grade students the chance to participate in an after school Children's Choir. This choir meets on Wednesdays after school from 2:40-3:30 and performs one Sunday of the month at the 9:00 mass, Christmas Eve 4:30 mass, Easter Sunday 11:00 mass, one end of the year concert, and all school masses. A mass schedule and attendance policy for the year is on the back of this sheet. The students will have the chance to work on choral music that is spiritual, educational, and fun! Students that would like to participate should return the attached form to the school office no later than **Wednesday, September 6th**. **The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 20th**. If you have any questions, please email Olivia Vargas at: oliviavargasmusic@gmail.com



Children's Choir 2022-2023 Schedule

- October 1, 2023- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- November 5, 2023- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- December 3, 2023- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- December 24, 2023- 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, report at 3:45
- January 28, 2024- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30 (Kick off to Catholic Schools Week)
- March 3, 2024- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- March 19, 2024- 6-6:30 PM *Optional Event*- Shadow Stations, report at 5:45
- March 31, 2024- 11 AM Easter mass, report at 10:30
- April 23, 2024- 6:30 PM Choir Concert in Parish Hall (report at 6:00)
- May 1, 2024- Choir Party, pick up at 3:30 (last day of choir rehearsals)
- May 5, 2024- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- Party-Attendance Policy:

Children's Choir is a team commitment in many ways like a sport. Each member is valuable and it is important that we work together as a team and support each other at events. We will be following an attendance policy very similar to the St. Gerard Athletic Policy. Please read it carefully.

- Students are expected to be at after school rehearsal if in attendance at school. If there is an appointment that causes them to miss, Ms. Olivia should be notified by at least the Tuesday before or it will count as an unexcused absence.
- Students are expected to participate in the Sunday masses. It is understood that you may have to miss due to family obligations but Ms. Olivia needs to be notified before the mass occurs. Not being notified will count as an unexcused absence. If the student is sick on a Sunday mass day, Ms. Olivia should be notified in email as soon as possible that Sunday.
- The choir concert is a requirement. If students are unable to attend (unless sick from school that day) it will count as an unexcused absence.
- Three unexcused absences from masses or rehearsals will result in loss of the choir party.
- A total amount of absences from rehearsal or masses (excused or unexcused) that exceeds 30% of our activity can also result in loss of choir party.

****Christmas Eve and Easter excused absences are not counted in the number.**

Children's Choir Permission Form

My student has permission to participate in the Children's Choir after school on Wednesdays from 2:40-3:30 and we agree to the attendance policy for the year. I understand that the student must have arrangements to go home or daycare at 3:30.

Parent's Signature

Parent's Phone Number

Parent's Email (printed)

Student's Name

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

_____ Please check here if you have arranged for your child to go to the school childcare after choir.

3RD GRADE CHOIR

St. Gerard School offers the third grade students a chance to participate in a Third Grade Choir that at times combines with the Fourth Through Eighth Grade Children's Choir. This choir meets on Wednesdays during the students' recess. The choir will then combine with the Children's Choir to sing at mass on Christmas Eve and Easter, a concert in the spring, and some all school masses. The students will have the chance to work on choral music that is spiritual, educational and fun! Students that would like to participate should return the attached sheet to the school office **by Wednesday, September 6th**. The first rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, October 4th**, during the students' recess.

If you have any questions, please email at oliviavargasmusic@gmail.com.

The following is the **performance schedule**:

- December 24, 2023- 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, report at 3:45
- March 19, 2024- 6-6:30 PM *Optional Event*- Shadow Stations, report at 5:45
- March 31, 2024- 11:00 AM Easter Mass, report at 10:15
- April 23, 2024- Children's Choir Concert 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, report at 6:00
- May 5, 2024- 9:00 AM Mass with Older Choir, report at 8:30

Our choir party will be on May 1st, 2024 during their normal scheduled rehearsal time! This will be the last day of choir rehearsals for the school year.

Third Grade Choir Permission Form

My student has permission to participate in the Third Grade Choir during recess on Wednesdays. Students who sign up are expected to participate in rehearsals from September through April. I understand the students will perform at a mass on Christmas Eve and Easter and a spring concert. If a student needs to miss a performance, prior notice should be given to Ms. Olivia as soon as possible.

Parent's Signature

Student's Name

Parent's Email

Homeroom Teacher



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
“Y” or “Yes”
to 67587**

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



LEAVE YOUR MARK ON ST. GERARD

"BUY-A-BRICK"

FOR JUST \$15 YOU CAN
DECORATE A BRICK IN THE
SCHOOL GYM

Using sharpie you can bring
your personal style to St.
Gerard. We will provide
markers and nail polish to
keep your creation safe for all
to see

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ATHLETIC COMMISSION



RULES

1. Only St. Gerard approved markers
2. Content must comply with Handbook policies on school appropriateness
3. Open only to 8th grade students

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF

For All 7th-8th Graders

Bring friends for some
food, games and fun!

September 13th, 2023

6:00-8:00PM | Parish Hall

Please sign up by
going to our website
or following this QR
code



Middle School Youth Group Schedule on Back



Middle School Youth Group Schedule 2023-2024

Sign ups for upcoming events can be found on our website:
<https://www.stgerard.org/youth-ministry>

September 2023

13th - Kickoff in the Parish Hall (For 7th & 8th Graders)

October 2023

4th - Movie Night 6-8pm (6th-8th Grade)

18th - Middle School Youth Night (For 7th & 8th Graders)

27th - (Friday) Middle School Halloween Party (6th-8th graders) 6:00pm-8:30pm

November 2023

15th - Middle School Youth Night (For 7th & 8th Graders)

December 2023

6th - Movie Night (For 6th - 8th Graders)

13th - Middle School Christmas Party in Parish Hall (For 7th & 8th Graders)

January 2024

3rd - Nerf War (For 6th - 8th Graders)

17th - Middle School Youth Night (For 7th & 8th Graders)

February 2024

7th - Game Night (For 6th - 8th Graders)

21st - Middle School Youth Night (For 7th & 8th Graders)

March 2024

1st - (Friday) Open Gym (For 6th, 7th & 8th Graders)

5th - Shadow Stations Practice 3:30pm-5pm (Service Opportunity-Sign will be sent in January)

12th - Shadow Stations Practice 3:30-5pm (Service Opportunity- Sign will be sent in January)

19th - Shadow Stations Performance @6pm

20th - Middle School Youth Night- (For 7th & 8th Graders)

April 2024

17th - Middle School Youth Night (For 7th & 8th Graders)

May 2024

1st - Game Night (For 6th, 7th & 8th Graders)

June 2024

12th - Outdoor Games (Going to be in 7th & 8th Grade Fall 2024)

July 2024

10th - Movie Night (Going to be in 7th & 8th Grade Fall 2024)

Cub Scout
Pack 121

St. Gerard Church
Lansing MI

Join The Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in Kindergarten - Fifth Grade
who are looking for adventure!

Have fun camping, hiking, and enjoying other outdoor activities.
Build and race a Pinewood Derby car and a Raingutter Regatta boat.
Participate in our family activities, be involved in service projects
around our community, and much, much more!
Build confidence through accomplishment and recognition.

You're Invited – Learn all about Cub Scouts!

Popcorn Kickoff and Pack Meeting - Games and Popcorn Samples
6:30 pm at Fr. Weber Hall, Thursday August 24

Camping preparation, meet Search and Rescue dog Akeela, and Pack
Meeting 6:30 pm at Fr. Weber Hall, Thursday, September 7

Raingutter Regatta and Pack Meeting 6:30 pm at Fr. Weber Hall,
Thursday, October 5

Questions?

Contact Cubmaster Matt Crippen with questions at
517-749-5177 or email mattcripp@aol.com



St. Gerard is once again sponsoring an "Artwork Raffle Calendar" for 2024.
The theme this year is



"YOUR FAVORITE HISTORICAL PERSON OR EVENT"

Pictures will be displayed on both the front and back covers as well as throughout the calendar. All Proceeds will go toward property maintenance at St. Gerard.

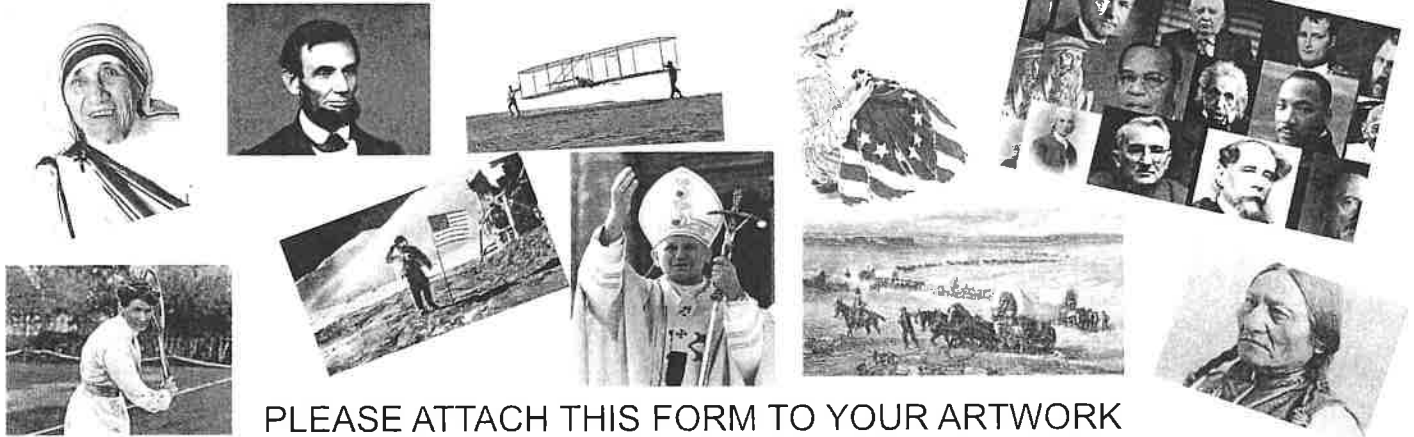


REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ All St. Gerard Parish children are eligible, preschool through high school.
- ◆ You may submit more than one entry, however, if we have enough pictures for the calendar, no more than one will be chosen.
- ◆ EACH DRAWING SHOULD BE ON AN **8½ X 11 PLAIN PIECE OF WHITE PAPER.**
- ◆ The drawing should be of your favorite Historical person or event. It may be a famous person in history or a historical event that changed the world.
- ◆ All artwork must have the form below attached to it.

ALL DRAWINGS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

You may either mail in your drawing (please do not fold it) or bring it into the Parish Office. Office hours are from 8:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday. It may also be placed down the slot outside the office door during off hours. (Again, please do not fold it.)



PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR ARTWORK

Student Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Parent Name _____

Subject of your artwork _____