

September Newsletter

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023

We are off to a great start this year! The students and teachers have already taken off into academics, faith formation, and forming of friendships. Full steam ahead!



TRIP News

Weekly trip orders have resumed! Parents may place orders anytime before 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and will be available to pick up in the school office by Friday mornings. If you have any questions about this wonderful way to reduce tuition costs, please call the office at 517-321-6126.

Note: TRIP tuition credit will be posted to your family Blackbaud Tuition account at the end of each semester. TRIP credit earned during the 2023-2024 school year will be credited during the current academic year. Remember, you can always designate TRIP to Lansing Catholic as well!

VIRTUS Training

As discussed at the parent meetings, it is imperative that all parents or family members that plan to volunteer this school year, complete the VIRTUS training/refresher course to stay up to date. Any time spent in the school with student contact for any duration of time requires training; no exceptions!

In order to complete the online training, email Shawn Macksood in the office to be assigned the module (smacksood@stgerardlansing.org). If you would like to attend an in person training, St. Gerard will be offering one on Monday, Sept. 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. You must register ahead of time for the in person training at www.virtus.org

Parent Teacher Conferences



No School Today!

Hot Lunch Payments

Please make sure your hot lunch payments are up to date! Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent teacher conferences this year are quickly approaching! As they are in October this year, make sure you mark your calendar for the upcoming dates. Fall conferences are mandatory as these conversations are crucial for your child's success & development. We look forward to seeing you all!

~Wednesday, Oct. 11th: Evening conferences 5:00-7:30 p.m.

~Thursday, Oct. 12th: NO SCHOOL (Child care is open); all day conferences 7:30-10:00 a.m., 12:00-2:30, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

The Used Book Sale will take place during parent teacher conferences as well. All proceeds go towards the 8th grade trip to Washington DC!

Event Information

St. Gerard Auction!

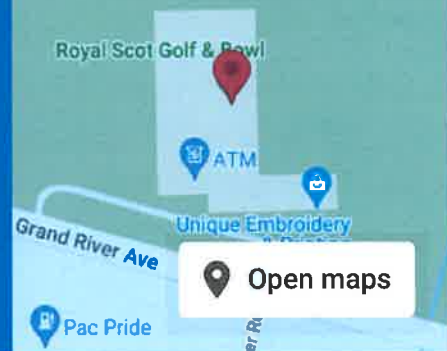
Watch the Thursday Communicator for upcoming information!

When?

Saturday, Nov 18, 2023, 06:00 PM

Where?

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



Health & Wellness Policy

In order to protect your child & all the children of St. Gerard School, please refer to the health and wellness policy sent home earlier this month.

In the event of a positive Covid case for a student or staff member, we are continuing to follow the recommendations of Barry Eaton Health Department:

All people who test positive for Covid-19 should undergo isolation for at least five full days. Day zero is the day symptoms began or the day of the positive test (for those with no Covid symptoms). If a student or staff member tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, they must isolate for five days and may return to school wearing a mask for at least another five days (days 6-10), as long as symptoms are improving and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Ice Cream Social

The PTO is in the process of coordinating the date/time for the ice cream social. Stay tuned as I will communicate the details when we have them.



Earn money for DC or Tuition Assistance

Earn money towards St Gerard or LCHS tuition working at the St. Gerard concessions stands at the MSU football or men's basketball games. 8th grade parents can earn towards the DC trip by working at the St. Gerard MSU football concessions stand.

This season our stands earned an avg. of \$120/shift (football) and \$87/shift(basketball). Students aged 14+ can work with a parent to earn money or service hours. Email stgmsuconcessions@gmail.com with questions. After July 1st all volunteers will need to complete a background check at: <https://concessions.rhs.msu.edu/volunteer-application-and-background-check-authorization-form>

2023 Football games: 9/2; 9/9; 9/16; 9/23; 10/21; 11/4; 11/25

Yearbooks & School Directories for Sale!

If you would like to purchase a school directory for this year, or a yearbook from the 2022-2023 year, please contact the school office. Directories are \$3.00 & yearbooks are \$27.00

Event Information

Feast Day of St. Gerard

Join us for our all school liturgy in honor of our patron saint, St. Gerard! The mass will begin at 8:10 a.m. in the parish. All are welcome!

When?

Monday, Oct 16, 2023, 08:00 AM

Where?

St Gerard Catholic Church, West Willow Highway, Lansing, MI, USA

Asbestos

We are required by law to notify you annually that we keep a copy of our asbestos management plan on file in the school office. If you would like a copy of that plan, you are welcome to stop in and review it at any time. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Sept. 17th K-3 Soccer @ 1:00
- Monday, Sept. 18th Window for hot lunch opens VIRTUS Training @ 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall
 - 6th grade mass at the Cathedral @ 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20th K-3 Soccer @ 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 22nd No Waverly Buses AM or PM
- Sunday, Sept. 24th K-3 Soccer @ 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 25th Window for hot lunch closes
- Sunday, Oct. 1st Choir @ 9:00 a.m. (4th-8th grade) mass
- Wednesday, Oct. 4th: 2nd grade field trip to Country Mill *No hot lunch
- Friday, Oct. 6th LCHS Cougar Commotion 9:00-1:30 4th-8th grade *No hot lunch
 - Adoration
- Tuesday, Oct. 10th: PTO @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 11th OK2SAY Program 4th-8th grade Evening parent teacher conferences/Used Book Sale during parent teacher conferences
- Thursday, Oct. 12th NO SCHOOL; childcare open Parent teacher conferences (all day & evening)/Used Book Sale during parent teacher conferences
- Friday, Oct. 13th NO SCHOOL; childcare open
- Saturday, Oct. 14th LCHS 7-9th grade dance 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 16th St. Gerard Feast Day: all school mass & parish mission
- Thursday, Oct. 19th: Preschool field trip to Peacock Tree Farm *No hot lunch
- Friday, Oct. 20th No Waverly Buses AM or PM

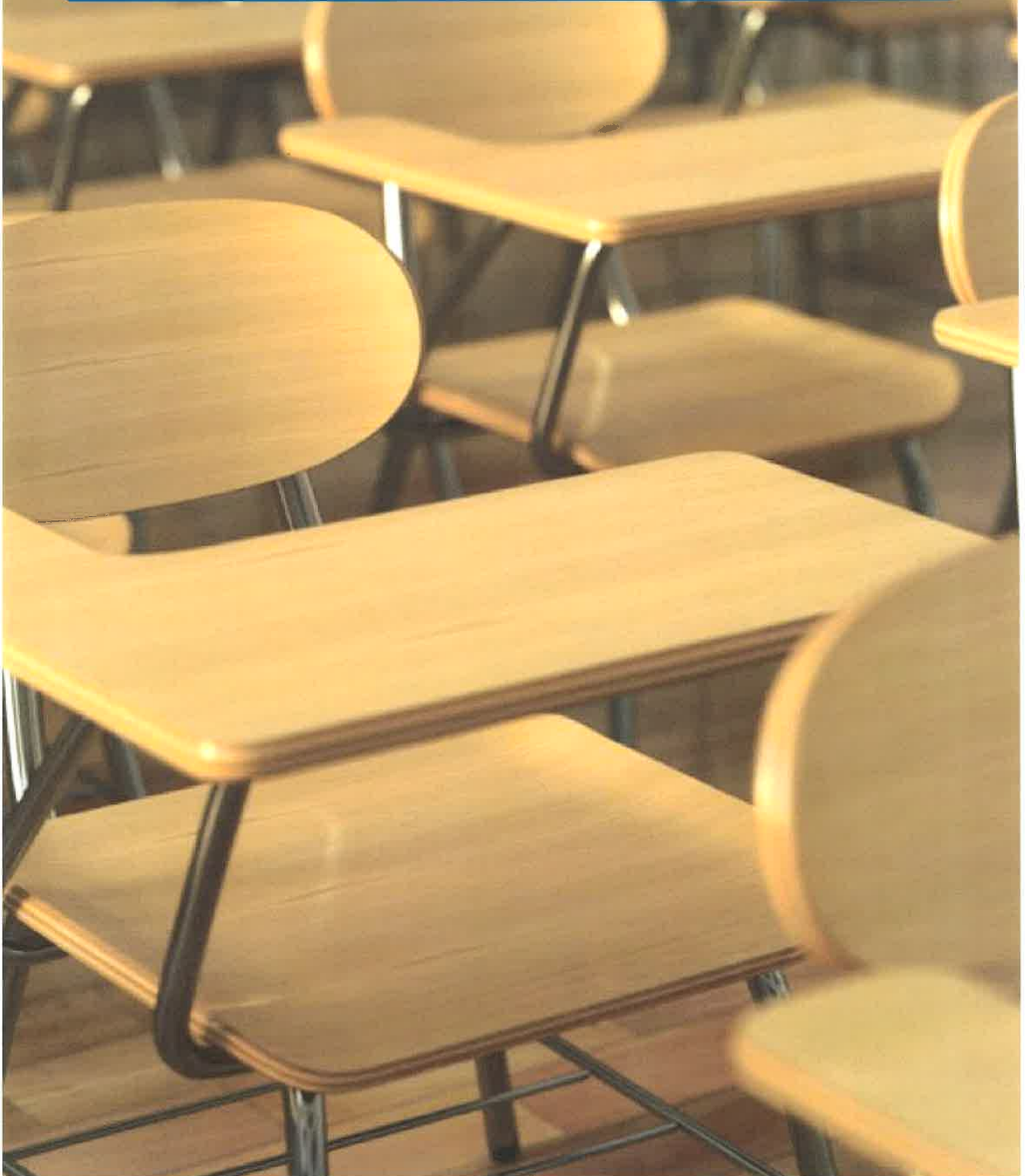


St. Gerard School, in partnership with family and church, provides a Catholic education that focuses on faith, academics, and service while living and sharing the light of Christ.

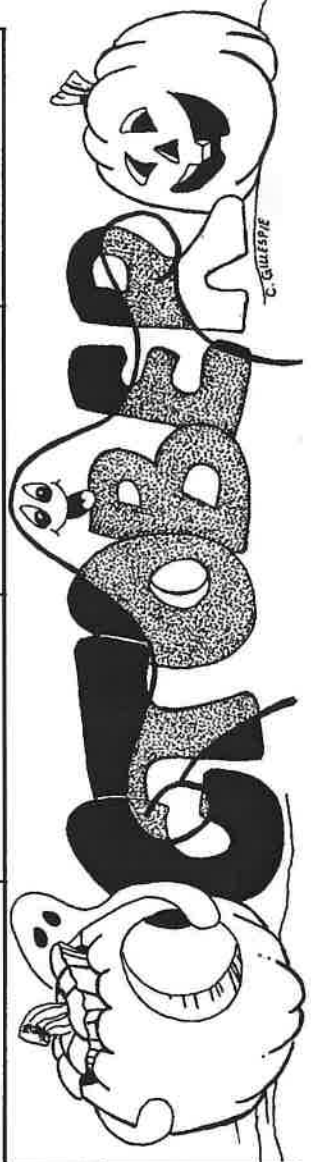
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Sara Wade

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 St Therese Choir 4 th -8 th gr. 9:00 am	2 Guardian Angels Pepperoni Calzone Salad Fruit & Milk	3 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk	4 St Francis of Assisi Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Meat Hash Brown Muffin Fruit & Milk 2 nd gr. field trip	5 Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Vegetable Fruit & Milk	6 Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk 4 th -8 th gr. field trip to LCHS	7	
8	9 Columbus Day Chicken Sandwich French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk	10 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Vegetable Fruit & Milk PTO mtg. 6:30 pm	11 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk Parent Teacher PM Conferences	12 Pre-8 th gr. No School Parent Teacher Conferences Child Care Open	13 K-8 th gr. No School Child Care Open	14	
15 ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th Parish Picnic	16 Boss's Day All School Mass St. Gerard's Feast Day Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Fruit & Milk Parish Mission	17 Hot Dog Chips Carrots & Dip Fruit & Milk	18 Blueberry Pancakes Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk	19 Chicken Tenders French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk Preschool field trip	20 NO AM & PM BUS Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk	21 Sweetest Day ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH	
22 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH	23 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Fruit & Milk	24 Sloppy Joe Chips Cheese Stick Fruit & Milk	25 **Lucky Tray Breakfast Pizza Hash Brown Fruit & Milk Junior High Band To LCHS	26 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Fruit & Milk	27 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk 5 th gr. field trip End of 1 st quarter	28	
29 Confirmation 2:00 pm	30 Bosco Sticks Marinara Salad Fruit & Milk	31 Halloween Pulled Pork Sandwich Coleslaw Chips Fruit & Milk					





Donate Your Gently Used Books to Help Our 8th Graders Fund Their Trip to Washington, D.C.!

Our 8th graders will host a Used Book Sale during Fall parent/teacher conferences, with proceeds toward their Washington, D.C. trip this Spring.

We are asking for donations of books, audiobooks, puzzles, games and similar items to stock the sale. You may drop these off in the Church gathering space or by the school office through Sunday, October 8. Look for the boxes labeled "Used Book Sale Donations".

Books on any topic can be donated, with the exception of medical, travel and other manuals. Donations should be in good condition and appropriate for a school-sponsored event.

All St. Gerard students will have the opportunity to shop the sale during the school day on October 11th. Parents will be able to shop during parent/teacher conferences October 11th and 12th.

On behalf of our eighth graders, THANK YOU for your support!

Questions? Please contact Carrie Feeheley at (517) 282-2937 or cfeeheley@gmail.com.

THE 2023 GOLF BALL DROP RAFFLE

License # R71022

Tickets Are Now Available!

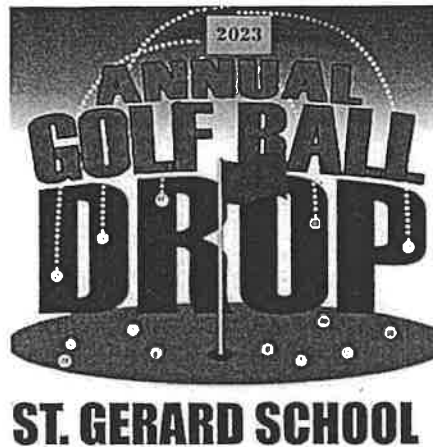
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*Golf Ball Drop
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**PETE and STEPHANIE
KRAMER FAMILY**

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 _____

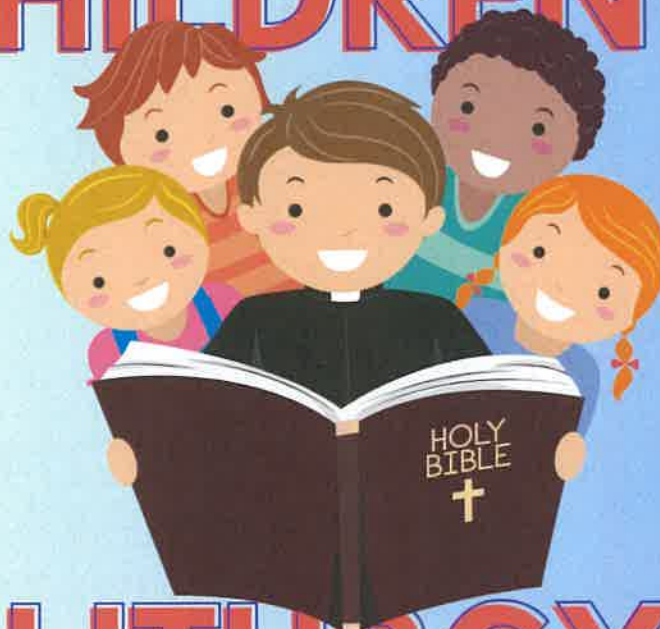
of tickets _____ @ \$25 each Total Amount _____

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

CHILDREN'S



LITURGY OF THE WORD

RETURNS
**OCTOBER
8TH**

Children ages 4-years-old through 2nd Grade are dismissed during Mass for an age appropriate experience of the Liturgy of the Word and return to Church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist

**EACH SUNDAY DURING
9 AM MASS**

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SALE

Saturday, October 14, 2023 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Joseph E. Drolett Community Center, 7550 W. Willow Hwy

Early Bird Admission (9a-10a): \$2/adult
General Admission (10a-2p): Free
Admission paid at door. CASH ONLY



Come shopping for great deals on maternity wear, baby gear, toys & all-age children's clothing. Some vendors will have strollers and other big ticket items.

Contact Delta Township Parks & Recreation for more information (517) 323-8555