

# January Newsletter

Jan. 11, 2024



## Happy New Year!

I hope you and your family were able to enjoy and recharge over Christmas Break. We are excited for the new calendar year as we embark on the second half of the school year. Check out all our upcoming excitement in 2024!

 **Hot Lunch Ordering Window for February is open between Jan. 18th-25th!** 

## 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 school year (2024-2025) pajama/sweat pants will be discontinued from the uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## St. Gerard Financial Aid

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.**

## Carline Reminders

If your child is being dropped off by car, please use the carline or the lower lot until 8:00 a.m. Please do not drop off your child(ren) before 7:30 a.m. There is no supervision before 7:30 a.m. When you are picking up your child after school, please move ahead as far as possible along the sidewalk. Students should wait until the car has stopped to enter the vehicle. Also, please use Clark Road off of Willow Highway to enter the carline. We are no longer using the parish parking lot for pick up & drop off as it creates traffic for parish events & safety concerns for staff and student walkers/bikers. Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences for second semester are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15th. School will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. on the 15th, with afternoon and evening conferences to follow; 12:00-2:30 p.m. and 5:00-7:30 p.m. Winter conferences are not required unless requested by your child's teacher(s). A sign up link will be shared with you as conferences approach.

## Peace & Justice Mass Next Week



Our Peace & Justice Mass to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 8:10 a.m. All are welcome!

 Coming Soon

## 1. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week begins this year is on Sunday, Jan. 28th and runs through Friday, Feb. 2nd when we will conclude with an all school mass at 8:10. The final details are being arranged for many fun events and activities that will be taking place. Watch for future communication!

## 2. NWEA TESTING

NWEA testing for 3rd-8th grade opens on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. A healthy breakfast & good night's sleep is the best preparation for our students before they test.

## 3. JUNIOR HIGH EXAMS

Junior high (7th/8th grade) exams are Wednesday, 1/17 through Friday, 1/19. It will be early dismissal at 11:00 a.m. for 7th & 8th graders only. No hot lunch will be provided for junior high students on exam days.

## 4. LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

~Future Cougar Night is tomorrow, 1/12 at 6:00 p.m. during the home basketball game. Free admission to partner school students in LCHS gear!

~Prospective Family Night is Wednesday, 1/17 at 6:30 p.m. Join LCHS for an open house style event to learn about the school.

### What's Coming Up

- Monday, 1/15 MLK Jr. Day; NO SCHOOL; Childcare closed
- Tuesday, 1/16 Peace & Justice all school mass @ 8:10 a.m

NWEA testing window opens (3rd-8th grade)

- Wednesday, 1/17 Junior high exams; 7th/8th grade to dismiss at 11:00 a.m. \*no hot lunch for 7th/8th
- Thursday, 1/18. Junior high exams; 7th/8th grade to dismiss at 11:00 a.m. \*no hot lunch for 7th/8th
- Friday, 1/19 End of second quarter

Junior high exams; 7th/8th grade to dismiss at 11:00 a.m. \*no hot lunch for 7th/8th

- Saturday, 1/20 2nd grade First Reconciliation parent/child workshop 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 1/23 7th grade retreat at LCHS 9:00-1:30 (no hot lunch for 7th grade)
- Friday, 1/26 Drama Play
- Sunday, 1/28 Catholic Schools Week begins!

4th-8th grade choir @ 9:00 a.m. mass

- Wednesday, 1/31. Jr. high bowling (no hot lunch for 7th/8th grade)

6th grade field trip to ED RU 9:00-11:00 a.m.

- Friday, 2/2 Catholic Schools Week all school mass @ 8:10 a.m. & feast of St. Blase
- Saturday, 2/3 2nd grade presentation mass 4:30 p.m.

Euchre tournament in the parish hall

- Sunday, 2/4 2nd grade presentation mass 9:00, 11:00 or 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 2/6 2nd grade First Reconciliation 6:00 p.m.

Daddy Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

- Saturday, 2/10 2nd grade First Reconciliation 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 2/14. Ash Wednesday; all school mass @ 8:10 a.m.



- Thursday, 2/15 Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.; Childcare open

Parent teacher conferences: 12:00-2:30 & 5:00-7:30 p.m.

- Friday, 2/16 NO SCHOOL; Childcare open
- Monday, 2/19 NO SCHOOL; Childcare closed
- Tuesday, 2/20-Friday, 2/23 \*NO WAVERLY BUSES THIS WEEK (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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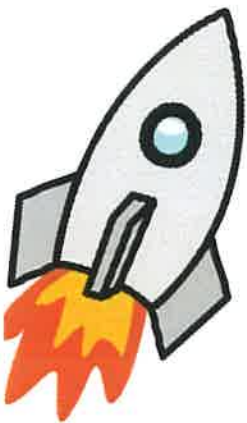
Beautiful class updates in a snap



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Presentation Mass 9:00 am, 11:00 am or 6:00 pm	4 Bosco Sticks Marinara Salad Fruit & Milk	6 Pulled Pork Sandwich Chips Coleslaw Fruit & Milk *Lucky Tray Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Celebration of First Reconciliation 6:00 pm	7 French Toast Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk	1 Chicken Sandwich French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk	2 Groundhog Day All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk	3 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Presentation Mass 4:30 pm Euchre Tournament
11	12 Hot Dogs Chips Carrots & Dip Fruit & Milk	13 Sloppy Joes Chips Cheese Stick Fruit & Milk PTO mtg. 6:30 pm	14 St Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk	15 Dismiss at 11:00 am Child Care Open Parent Teacher Conferences Pre-8 <sup>th</sup> gr.	16 NO SCHOOL Child Care Open	17
18 ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	19 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL Preschool-8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Child Care Closed	20 NO AM & PM BUS Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk	21 NO AM & PM BUS Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit & Milk	22 NO AM & PM BUS Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Fruit & Milk	23 NO AM & PM BUS Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit & Milk	24 DON'T FORGET TO ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH
25 LAST DAY TO ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH	26 Walking Taco Refried Beans Mexican Rice Fruit & Milk	27 Mac & Cheese Dinner Roll Vegetable Fruit & Milk	28 Breakfast Burrito Muffin Hash Brown Fruit & Milk	29 Chicken Tenders French Fries Vegetable Fruit & Milk		



# OUT OF THIS WORLD FUN DAY



It's time for **FUN DAY** fun at St. Gerard.

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Families, we need your help to make fun day a success. We would appreciate donations for supplies and volunteers for the event. All items, including cash donations shall be brought to the school office by **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## **SUPPLIES:**

- Snack Pack Lemon Line Flavor (5.5oz cup, 6pk) x 37 packages
- Bottled water (8 oz, 24ct) X 10
- Cash Donation (\$5-\$20)
- Order decorations directly from Amazon from the link below. Items will be shipped directly and brought to school for fun day.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3VBDMBR97RJ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3VBDMBR97RJ?ref=wl_share)

- Used cardboard boxes and bubble-wrap

## **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

8:15 – 9:00 Fourth Grade

9:10 – 9:55 Kindergarten

10:05 – 10:50 Third Grade

11:35 – 12:20 Second Grade

12:30 – 1:15 First Grade

1:25 – 2:10 Fifth Grade

Thank you for your support. This is an exciting event for the children of St. Gerard, and it is your support and help that truly makes this day a success. Please see the **sign-up Genius link** below to sign up to donate supplies, decorations, and your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044FABAB22A5FD0-47170647-outofthis>



# St. Gerard 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip Presents... Our Little Caesars® Fundraiser!

**Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> thru Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

There are 2 ways to submit your order.

1. Place an order with an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader beginning Monday January 15th

OR

2. Pay for your order at **PizzaKit.com**. You will have the option to pay via credit card for your entire brochure order, or just for your personal purchase.

Place your orders online and pay by credit card.



- Go to [PizzaKit.com](http://PizzaKit.com)
- Click on '**Products**', then click on '**Shop**'
- Select **Ship My Order to the Group**
- Enter **Fundraiser ID # "421928"**
- Follow prompts to create your User ID
- **Do not submit these orders on any Order Form you turn in to your chairperson.**
- **Online ordering questions?** Call Little Caesars Customer Care Team at (888) 452-5487 from 8:30am – 8:00pm EST

Questions: Contact Cary Anderson at [caryjeff@comcast.net](mailto:caryjeff@comcast.net) or text 517-974-8078





# *Daddy Daughter Dance*

\$25.00 A pair  
\$10.00 Additional  
guest

2 RAFFLES -  
One free giveaway  
to each grade!  
Huge basket  
daddy daughter  
date giveaway!

1 ticket - \$1  
8 tickets - \$5  
13 tickets - \$10

- Cookies  
- Punch  
- Music

St. Gerard  
Catholic School  
Weber Hall  
February 8th  
6:30p.m -  
8:30p.m

Great time  
for daddy  
daughter date!

Father/Escort : \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter/S : \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/S : \_\_\_\_\_



## **Special Thanks To:**

### **Flyer Design:**

**Randy Smith**

**Tattoo Artist @ Expressions Body Art Studio Owosso, MI**

**PH# 989-720-4725**

### **Decorator:**

**Facebook: Gyfted for decor**

**gyftedllc@gmail.com**

### **Photography:**

**Erica Jo Photography**

**Ericajophotography.com**



# Middle School Youth Group

For all 7th & 8th Grade Students

Wednesday January 17, 2024  
6-8pm Youth Room

To sign up, follow  
the QR code

