

# ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4433 W. WILLOW HWY · LANSING, MI · 48917

October 14, 2021

**Fall Conferences (PreK-8)** This year fall conferences will be held in person on Wednesday, November 10th from 5:00-7:30 pm and Thursday, November 11th from 7:30-10:00 am, 12:00-2:30 and 5:00-7:30 pm. Conferences are an essential part in communicating your child's progress. It is for this reason that fall **conferences are considered mandatory**, as it is crucial that parents and teachers are on the same page. Mandatory is not a term we throw around loosely, but our school community knows the importance of working together. Information regarding scheduling conferences through Sign Up Genius will be emailed through School Messenger the evening of Thursday, October 28th. Using this on-line tool will enable you to schedule the day and time that works best for you. You will also be able to reschedule your conference time if a conflict arises. You will receive a confirmation email and as well as a reminder two days before your scheduled conference. Scheduling will end on Thursday, November 4th. If you should need to reschedule your conference after the system is locked, please deal directly with the main office as they have the master schedule. We look forward to seeing you then! Please note: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to attend the conferences with their parents.

### **Take the Stress Out of Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

Do you ever dread those conferences (from either side of the desk)? Do you ever fear being blindsided with bad news? Do you find yourself feeling defensive before you even settle into that folding chair?

Many parents **AND** teachers tell us they look forward to conferences the way they look forward to complicated dental procedures. However, if we can remember a few principles of human communication, parent-teacher conferences don't have to be so unpleasant. These principles will help adults on either side of a difficult conversation.

1. Empathy is even more powerful than you think. Leading potentially difficult news with empathy will make a world of difference. We can end up using a lot of technology to communicate but we must remember that people can't hear empathy in a text or email. Sincere empathy comes across largely in our tone of voice and our facial expressions. It can take more time and effort to communicate regularly via phone or in person, but it is worth it.
2. Often, the anger we are hearing is a result of pain that occurred at some other time and place. If we remember that fear and pain are often the primary emotions and we are rarely the true cause of those feelings, it can help us avoid taking the emotional venting personally.
3. Let the meeting be about what is best for the child in the big picture. If we set our egos and insecurities aside, we will find that more often than not, our goals are more common than we realized. It's not about a win for us, but a win for the student.

**Boys' Basketball to Start!** It is time again for the boys' basketball season. Skill testing will take place for **5<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm) and 6<sup>th</sup> graders (7:15 pm)** on **Tuesday, October 26th and on Wednesday, October 27th for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders (6:00 pm)**. Skills testing for each grade level will take approximately 1.5 hour or less.

Please remember to bring to registration a **completed Basketball registration form, a copy of a current physical form dated after April 15, 2021, the codes of conduct for player and parents and 2 checks: One for \$55 to cover registration, and one for \$100.00 to cover concessions/admissions shifts (check will be returned to you after you work the required 2 shifts)** made out to St Gerard Athletics. There is a mandatory \$10 late fee for all registrations received after October 27th. If you have any questions please contact the St Gerard Athletic Director, Pat Malacina, at 230-7380. Boys will not be permitted to practice until all required documents and payments are received.

**Note:** Please do not bring the original copy of the physical. A copy will do. Physicals need to be dated after April 15, 2021.

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

Season starts the week of October 25th with games scheduled to start the week of November 8th. Tournament TB.

**Volleyball Tournament News!** Girls volleyball tournament for 5th-8th grade begins Saturday, October 16th through Saturday, October 23rd. St. Gerard will be hosting the 5th-6th grade volleyball tournament. 7th & 8th grade volleyball games will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come cheer on our Falcons if you are able!

**Volleyball Service Hours Available:** 5th-8th graders who are not playing volleyball, we are in need of line judges for the St. Gerard Girl's Volleyball tournament. Please contact Pat Malacina at: [patrickmalacina@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmalacina@gmail.com)

**Used Book Sale:** We are asking for donations of used books, audiobooks and puzzles. These can be dropped off in the boxes labeled "Used Book Sale" in the Church gathering space or by the school office now through November 1st. Please make sure donations are in good condition and appropriate for a school sponsored event. Kindly refrain from donating encyclopedias, travel or medical/health books. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

### **Auction-Oktoberfest**

The auction is such an important event for our school community. Other than the obvious help financially, I see this as such an important event for building our community. Between planning, working together that night or just mingling with one another, this night is second to none for our school. Its success depends on our students, parents, extended family and friends, as well as the priest, faculty and staff of our school. We have also made every effort to make this an affordable event for all. Many thanks go out to Shawna Payne and Mary Gallegos for their dedication to the success of this event. We certainly will look forward to seeing all of you the night of October 23rd!

**Note:** Golf Ball Drop tickets are sold out! Thank you to all who have purchased!

**Playground Help Desperately Needed:** This position would involve monitoring daily recess activities for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Responsibility would be to

provide a safe and active environment for the children to play and develop a healthy lifestyle. This is an hourly paid position. Recess Schedule: Monday - Friday - 10:30 - 12:30. If you are interested in helping out with supervising our recess, please contact the school office at (517) 321-6126.

**TRIP News** Weekly TRIP orders are available. Parents may place orders anytime before 9:00 AM on Mondays and will be available for pick up in the school office on Friday mornings. If you have any questions about this program or are new to it, please contact Shawn Macksood at 517-321-6126.

**Note:** TRIP tuition credit will be posted to your family Smart Tuition account at the end of each semester. TRIP credit earned during the 2021-2022 school year will be credited during the current academic year. The first credit will take place the week of January 17th and the second credit the week of June 13th. If your account balance is zero at the time of TRIP posting, it will then appear as a credit for the upcoming school year. Remember you can always designate your TRIP to Lansing Catholic as well.

**MSU Concessions:** Looking for another way to help out with that tuition bill? Earn money towards tuition working at the St. Gerard concessions stands at the MSU 2021 football or 2021/2022 men's basketball games. 8th grade parents can earn towards the trip to DC by working at the St. Gerard MSU football concession stands. In 2019, our combined football stands earned \$15,000 (avg. \$72/shift). Students aged 14+ can work with a parent to earn money or service hours. Please email Sam Guerrazzi at stgstand4msu@yahoo.com.

**2021 MSU Football home games:** October 30th, November 13th, November 27th.

**Waverly Bus News:** If your child rides a Waverly bus and has other siblings, please remind them to sit together on the bus. We have given our students assigned seats so that in the event of a positive covid case, we are able to contact trace accordingly.

**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.**

# Upcoming Events

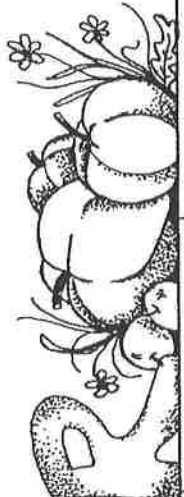
Friday, October 15th	All School Mass for Feast of St. Gerard @ 8:10 a.m.
Friday, October 15th	Elective payments due
Monday, October 18th	Window to Order Hot Lunch for November Opens!
Monday, October 18th	No School/Air Conditioning Final Installment
Tuesday, October 19th	Fire Safety Program - K-6th grade
Wednesday, October 20th	No P.M. Waverly Buses
Thursday, October 21st	No P.M. Waverly Buses
Friday, October 22nd	No A.M./P.M. Waverly Buses
Saturday, October 23rd	St. Gerard School Auction - Weber Hall - 6:00 -10:00 pm.
Monday, October 25th	Window to Order Hot Lunch Closes
Monday, October 25th	No A.M./P.M Waverly Buses
Tuesday, October 26th	7th Grade Vocation Day - St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday, October 26th	Boys Basketball Skills Testing - 5th grade @ 6:00 pm./6th grade @ 7:15 pm
Wednesday, October 27th	Boys Basketball Skills Testing - 7th & 8th Grade Skills testing @ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 28th	7th & 8th Grade Costume Concert - LCHS
Thursday, October 28th	Parent/Teacher Conferences Sign Up Genius Opens
Friday, October 29th	End of 1st Quarter
Tuesday, November 2nd	8th Grade LCHS Visit Day
Wednesday, November 3rd	Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, November 3rd	All School Mass for Feast of St. Martin DePorres @ 8:10 a.m.
Thursday, November 4th	Report cards go home.
Thursday, November 4th	Parent/Teacher Conferences Sign Up Genius Closes
Friday, November 5th	Adoration
Wednesday, November 10th	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 11th	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 11th	Veteran's Day
Friday, November 12th	No School/Child Care Open



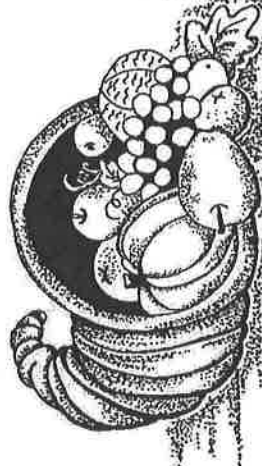


# NOVEMBER



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk ALL SAINTS DAY <b>1</b>	Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Fruit Milk 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. visit day- LCHS ALL SOULS DAY <b>2</b>	All School Mass Picture Retake Day Pancakes Sausage Potato Fruit Milk <b>3</b>	Chicken Nuggets Potato Smile Vegetable Fruit Milk 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. field trip <b>4</b>	Adoration Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk <b>5</b>	
Choir 9:00 am 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> gr. <b>7</b>	Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Doritos Fruit Milk <b>8</b>	Sloppy Joe Potato Cheese Stick Fruit Milk PTO mtg. <b>9</b>	Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk Parent Teacher Conferences <b>10</b>	NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences Child Care Open VETERANS DAY <b>11</b>	NO SCHOOL Child Care Open <b>12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Parent/Child Workshop 9:00-11:00 am <b>13</b>
ORDER DEC & JAN HOT LUNCH 18 <sup>TH</sup> - 25 <sup>TH</sup> <b>14</b>	Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Pretzels Fruit Milk <b>15</b>	Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk <b>16</b>	NO P.M BUS Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk <b>17</b>	Chicken Nuggets Potato Vegetable Fruit Milk <b>18</b>	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk <b>19</b>	ORDER DEC & JAN HOT LUNCH 18 <sup>TH</sup> - 25 <sup>TH</sup> <b>20</b>
DON'T FORGET TO ORDER DEC & JAN HOT LUNCH <b>21</b>	Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Fritos Fruit Milk <b>22</b>	All School Mass Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk <b>23</b>	NO SCHOOL Child Care Open <b>24</b>	HAPPY THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING <b>25</b>	NO SCHOOL <b>26</b>	
ADVENT BEGINS <b>28</b>	Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk <b>29</b>	Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Vegetable Fruit Milk <b>30</b>				

C. GILLESPIE



*We give thanks  
for all our blessings*



## **Things to know as the auction draws near!**

- *Weather is looking promising, so we secured a small tent for people to get some fresh air if they choose to.*
- ***All food, drinks, auction items & raffles are held INSIDE Fr. Weber Hall.***
- ***Dinner is open & available until 8:00pm***

## ***Please plan to bring cash for your raffle and drink purchases!***

*(We will offer credit card sales, but this is on a per-transaction basis, sorry, no running tabs)*

<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Doors open</b>
<b>6 - 7:45pm</b>	<b>Dinner, drinks, raffles</b>
<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Announce raffle winners</b>
<b>8 - 9:15pm</b>	<b>Live Auction</b>
<b>9:20-10pm</b>	<b>Check-out</b>



## Tuition Raffle Ticket Sales

\*\*\*Winner receives \$2,000 towards the 2022-23 school year tuition at either St. Gerard or Lansing Catholic HS!  
Winner will be announced at the end of the auction.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition Raffle Tickets @ \$20 each.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (in case we have questions) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

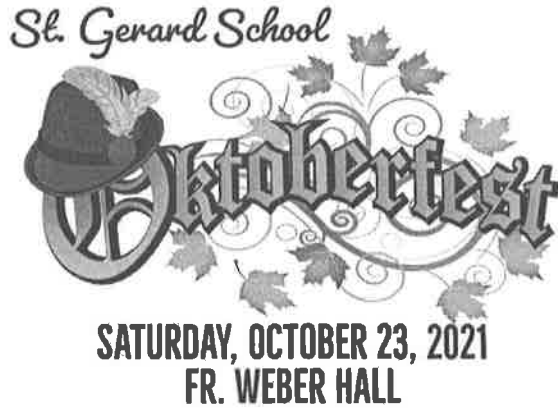
Please return to: St. Gerard School, 4433 W. Willow Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917  
Please make checks payable to St. Gerard School.

Please feel free to contact our auction chairs, Shawna, Monica, or Mary at [auction@stgerardlansing.org](mailto:auction@stgerardlansing.org) with questions.

\*Raffle tickets stubs will be sent home through school with one of the children listed above, unless you note otherwise.

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**





Come join us for the annual St. Gerard School Auction! This year's auction will be conveniently located in Fr. Weber Hall 10/23/21, 6-10pm. Your ticket will include admission, dinner and one drink ticket. Please include a check or cash.

Ticket prices after 10/11/21: \$30 each

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Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30/ticket = \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all attendees and designate one meal choice per person:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:

- ◇ Option 1: Smoke N' Pig BBQ
  - Pulled Pork Sandwich w/ 2 Sides
- ◇ Option 2: Smoke N' Pig BBQ
  - 2 Piece Chicken w/ 2 Sides
- ◇ Option 3: Smoke N' Pig BBQ
  - Brisket Sandwich w/ 2 Sides
- ◇ Option 4: Oktoberfest Meal
  - Brat, Sauerkraut & Cheesy Potatoes

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:

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# Used Book Sale

*8th Grade Washington DC Fundraiser*

**Date: November 10 & 11**

## **Your support**

We are asking for donations of used books, audiobooks and puzzles. These can be dropped off in the boxes labeled "Used Book Sale" in the Church gathering space or by the school office now through November 1st. Please make sure donations are in good condition and appropriate for a school sponsored event. Kindly refrain from donating encyclopedias, travel or medical/health books. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

## **Shopping the Used Book Sale**

1. Students will shop the sale during the school day on November 10th. All sales are donation based.
2. Parents and guests can shop during conferences on Wednesday, November 10th from 5:00-7:30pm and Thursday, November 11th from 7:30-10:00am, 12:00-2:30pm and 5:00-7:30pm in the school hallways. All sales are donation based.

**8th grade parents in need of volunteer hours check your email for the sign up genius!**

## **Questions?**

Call, text or email Stephanie Fata at (517)896-4948 or [stephfata@gmail.com](mailto:stephfata@gmail.com)



# St. Gerard School Athletics

Dear St. Gerard 5-8 grade Parents:

Welcome to the St. Gerard Athletic Program. This is the registration form for your child to play **Boys Basketball for the 2021-2022 Season**. The registration fee is \$155.00 and will be collected in two separate checks of \$55.00 and \$100.00. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

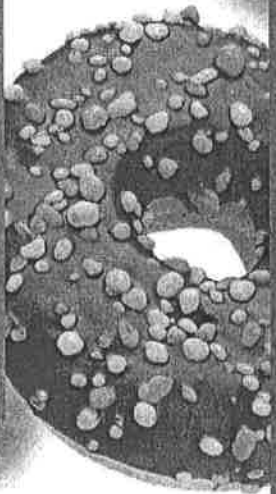
Name of Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# HOLY HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

OCTOBER 31ST, 2021



## CIDER AND DONUTS

OCTOBER 31ST, 2021  
PARISH HALL  
AFTER 7:30AM, 9AM  
& 11AM MASSES

All donuts are pre-packaged

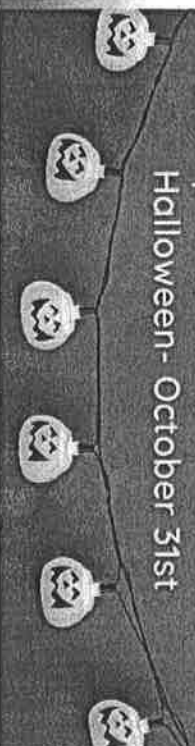


## COSTUME CONTEST!

Send pictures of your kids in their costumes to [youth@stgerard.org](mailto:youth@stgerard.org)

Between October 23 and October 28

We will post a Winner on Facebook on Halloween - October 31st



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31, 2021 | 1 - 3pm  
Lower Parking Lot

All candy will be prepacked safely



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

# HALLOWEEN PARTY & HAUNTED HOUSE!

FRIDAY, OCT 29, 2021



6TH GRADE  
6:00-7:15PM  
PARISH HALL

7TH & 8TH GRADE  
7:30-8:45PM  
PARISH HALL



**WEAR A COSTUME, BRING A FRIEND  
AND COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

PLEASE SIGN UP BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.STGERARD.ORG/YOUTH-MINISTRY](http://WWW.STGERARD.ORG/YOUTH-MINISTRY)

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Ministry Schedule 2021-2022

*Events are 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted*

*Sign Ups for these events will be sent out*

## October

29th – (Friday) Middle School Halloween Party  
6pm – 7:15 p.m. in Parish Hall



## December

10<sup>th</sup> – (Friday) Open Gym

## February

2nd – Movie Night

## March

11th – (Friday) Open Gym

## May

4th – Game Night



# 2021 Parent - Child Basketball Camp

Sponsored By:

**Higher Level Sports**

*Elevating Lives and Leaders*



The focus of this camp is to teach fundamentals of basketball while providing a bonding experience for the parents and their children. Leadership, academics and attitude issues will also be discussed with campers and their parent.

This GREAT camp is led by Stan Daugherty, director of Higher Level Sports. Coach Daugherty has coached at every level from middle school to college. Known for his teaching of fundamentals, he has compiled a record of over 200 wins as a head coach at 5 high schools in Indiana. He has won 3 sectional championships, 2 conference championships and 3 county championships.

- **Date:** Sunday, November 7, 2021
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Grand Ledge High School Main Gym
- **Fee:** \$30 - 2 participants (Parent & Child)  
\$10 - each additional child
- **Child:** Grades: 1st - 6th

● **Registration:**

*Deadline: Thursday, November 4, 2021*

**Limited Space Available**

Register online @ [grandledgecomets.org](http://grandledgecomets.org)

(Click on the Community Recreation Tab)

OR

**Register in person:**



Community Recreation Office ~ Entrance off Park St. between Lamson & Jenne

Monday-Friday ~ 9am-5pm

For questions contact Jen Daly

Office: (517) 925-5440 ~ [dalyj@glcomets.net](mailto:dalyj@glcomets.net)