

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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November 18, 2021

Christmas Program News! We are so excited to be able to present a Christmas program this year! This year's story is "***The Christmas Chronicles***". Come see how Scoop the new reporter breaks the biggest story in Bethlehem to save the paper from going out of business! This year K-6 will each be singing 1 song while Junior High will be participating in multiple different ways. Our JH students will be acting out our play, presenting a live nativity outside as you proceed to the church to help get us in the Christmas spirit and working behind the scenes to help teachers. We are offering a **full** show on Thursday afternoon, December 16, which we are encouraging grandparents/relatives to come to in order to help with crowds at our evening performance. **Note:** The show will not be live streamed due to copyright and licensing.

The Thursday performance will take place at 1:15 PM in the church. This will include the live drive by nativity starting at 1:00 PM outside by the JH students and all classes in costume. In hopes of keeping the crowd size manageable, we ask that non-immediate family members use that option to watch the show. The students will be viewing the private dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 15, and will not be remaining in the church after their performances on Thursday.

On Thursday evening, students should be dropped off outside the building in the back **like carline**. K-6 students should arrive no later than 6:40 PM. There will be supervision out back as students are dropped off and go up to their classrooms. You can then proceed to park in the lower or upper church lots. After the show, please pick your K-6 student up in their classroom. More details on what students should wear will come in class newsletters. (More details to follow as the performance nears).

Winter News! We really hate to even bring this issue up, and yet we all need to be prepared in the event of 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 the school is closed for inclement weather, our Child Care program will be closed as well. Please check for this information in the following locations:

WILX (Channel 10)

St. Gerard School Facebook

WLNS (Channel 6)

Text, email, and/or voice message alert through Schoolmessenger

***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. Love and Logic parents won't fight this battle, and they will only be cold one day...

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Congratulations to our Girl's Volleyball Teams!!!

Congratulations to our girls' volleyball players that did such a good job this fall despite all the restrictions. St. Gerard School had two 5th/6th grade split teams and two 7th/8th grade split teams. Way to go girls!

In gratitude, to the coaches that helped teach and guide these girls throughout the season!



Upcoming Events

- Thurs. 11/18: Window to Order Hot Lunch Opens for December AND January
- Mon. 11/22nd: No TRIP order (due to short week), but you can take advantage of Black Friday deals by using the Raise Right App and get your cards shipped to your home!
- Tues. 11/23rd: Thanksgiving All School Mass at 8:10 AM (join us!)
Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast at 2:00 PM in Fr. Weber Hall
- Weds. 11/24th: No School Pre-8th grade
Extended Child Care Available
- Sun. 11/25th: Last day to Order HOT LUNCH for December and January
- Fri. 12/3rd: Adoration - 9:00 - 11:45 AM
- Sun. 12/5th: Children's Choir at 9:00 AM Mass
- Weds. 12/8th: All School Feast of the Immaculate Conception @ 8:10 AM
- Thurs. 12/9th: Gr. 5-8th Band Concert at 6:30 p.m. at LCHS Auditorium
- Weds. 12/15th: "Semi-Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Program at 1:15 in the Church - Students Only.
- Thurs. 12/16th: K-8 School Christmas Program at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM (students to report at 6:30 p.m.) Both performances include the live nativity drive thru.
- Thurs. 12/16th: Preschool Christmas Program during the day. Times: 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
- Fri. 12/17th: Advent All School Mass at 8:10AM/Dismiss at 11:00 AM
Extended Child Care Open
- Mon. 12/24th: 3rd - 8th - Children's Choir to sing at Christmas Eve at 4:30 PM
Mass

Mon. 1/3rd: Welcome Back from Christmas Break!

Weds.-Fri. 1/5-1/7th Jr. High Exams, dismissed at 11:00 am (**Jr. High students only**)

Fri. 1/7th: Adoration - 9:00 - 11:45 AM

*Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude.
May you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving
with your families and friends.*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Karen

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

Newsletter

Love and Logic: Kids and High Achievement

Does it ever seem like we live in a world of extremes? Sometimes educators comment, "The parents of some of our students spend absolutely no time involved in their children's educations. The end result is predictable: Their kids rarely achieve up to their potential.

Other times teachers say "Some of our parents are so overinvolved in their children's homework school assignments and grades that their kids can't seem to function without someone doing most of the work for them "

Considering these extremes perhaps it makes sense to compare and contrast healthy versus unhealthy parental involvement, understanding that the healthy variety is essential for high achievement.

Healthy parental involvement means being aware of your kids' assignments, asking questions about these assignments, and offering assistance if they ask. It means giving ideas and allowing them to do the lion's share of the work.

Unhealthy parental involvement means constantly reminding and rescuing, essentially taking more responsibility for their work than they do.

Healthy parental involvement means consistently allowing your kids to evaluate how they feel about their performance. This might sound like, "You have a sixty nine in music so far. How do you feel about that?" or asking, "You earned a ninety eight on that test How does that leave you feeling?" Kids allowed to own the good and not so-good feelings associated with their performance are more likely to understand and care about the connection between their personal effort and outcomes.

Unhealthy parental involvement means making it all about our feelings. This might go like, "That sixty-nine in music is just not acceptable. You need to bring that grade up or it may sound like, "You earned a ninety eight on that test. That makes me so happy. That's great." When we make their grades about our feelings, we run the risk of stealing opportunities for them to think about how these grades personally affect *them*.

Healthy parental involvement means putting most of our energy into providing a healthy home where kids are loved, respected, and expected to complete chores. It's about creating a place where they get to experience an authentic relationship between

cause and effect. In other words, they experience the gift of loving discipline.

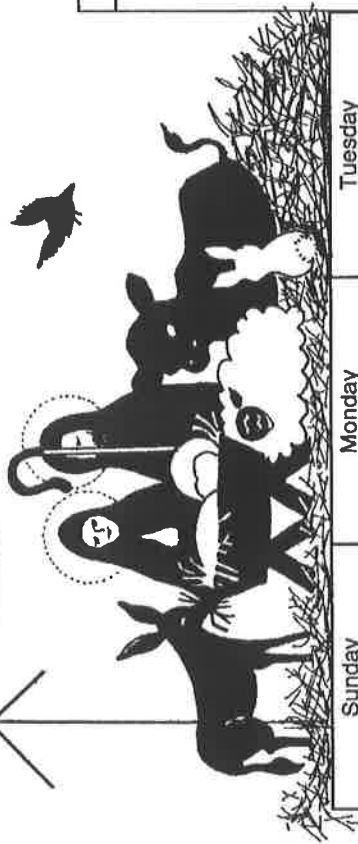
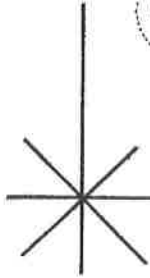
Unhealthy parental involvement means spending so much time criticizing the school and rescuing our kids from their teachers that we have little time or energy left over to create a rock solid home environment.

Healthy parental involvement means allowing our kids to hear us talking with excitement about our own learning. It also means letting them hear us saying positive things about their teachers and their school.

Unhealthy parental involvement involves providing plenty of lectures about how important education is while allowing our kids to hear us gripe and complain about our own learning responsibilities and how subpar the school and teachers are.

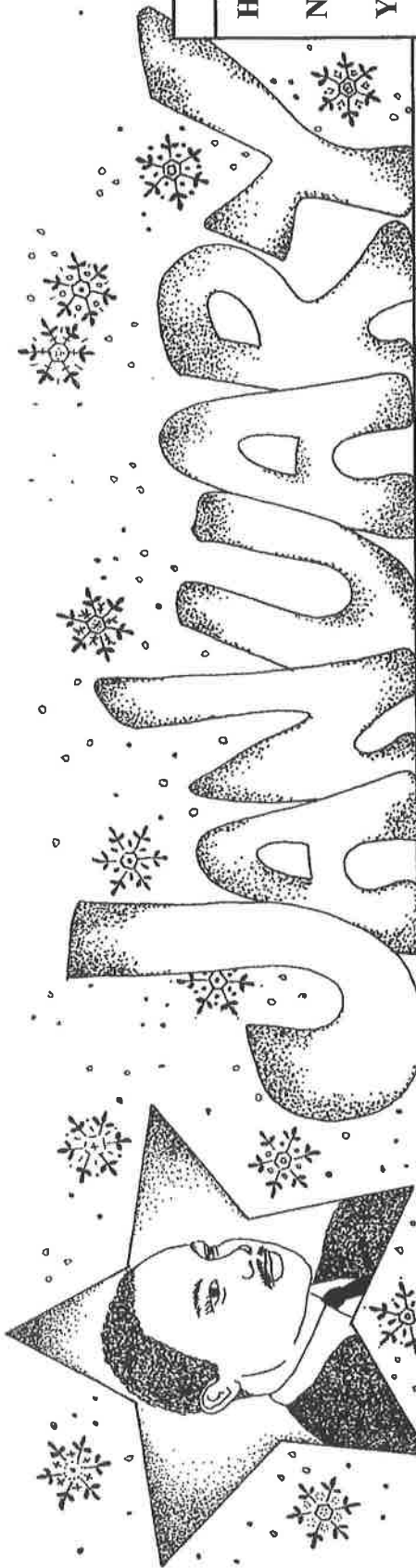
Overall healthy parental involvement means being good models. It means allowing kids to make mistakes. It means providing plenty of empathy. It definitely means remembering that raising kids who can think and learn for themselves is not for the faint of heart.

DECEMBER



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Choir 9:00 am 4 th -8 th gr. 5	Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Doritos Fruit Milk 6	Mostaccioli Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Milk 7	All School Mass Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk 8 <small>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</small>	Pancakes Sausage Potato Fruit Milk 1	Chicken Nuggets Potato Smile Vegetable Fruit Milk 2	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk 3
	5	ST NICHOLAS 6	7	8	9	10	11
	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 12	Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk 13	Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Fruit Milk 14	French Toast Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk 15	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk Christmas Program 16	All School Mass Dismiss at 11:00 am Child Care Open 17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	





C. GILLESPIE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Welcome back!!</p> <p>Jersey Giant</p> <p>Ham & Cheese</p> <p>Pretzels</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Hot Dog/Bun</p> <p>French Fries</p> <p>Carrot Sticks</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Pancakes</p> <p>Sausage</p> <p>Potato</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>Jr. High exams</p> <p>only-Dismiss at 11am</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Chicken Nugget</p> <p>Potato Smile</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>Jr. High exams</p> <p>only-Dismiss at 11am</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Salad</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>Jr. High exams</p> <p>only-</p> <p>Dismiss at 11am</p> <p>7</p>	<p>HAPPY</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>YEAR!!!!</p> <p>1</p>
<p>2nd Grade</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Mass</p> <p>9:00 am,</p> <p>11:00 am or</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Jersey Giant</p> <p>Turkey & Cheese</p> <p>Doritos</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Sloppy Joe</p> <p>Potato</p> <p>Cheese Stick</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>PTO mtg. 6:30 pm</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Waffles</p> <p>Sausage</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Macaroni and</p> <p>Cheese</p> <p>Roll</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>13</p>	<p>All School Mass</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Salad</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>End of 2nd qtr.</p> <p>Drama Play</p> <p>14</p>	<p>2nd Grade</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Mass</p> <p>4:30 pm or</p> <p>8</p>
<p>ORDER</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>HOT LUNCH</p> <p>18th-25th</p> <p>16</p>	<p>No School</p> <p>Child Care</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Jersey Giant</p> <p>Ham & Cheese</p> <p>Cheetos</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>2nd gr. First</p> <p>Reconciliation</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>18</p>	<p>French Toast</p> <p>Sausage</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Grilled Cheese</p> <p>Tomato Soup</p> <p>Goldfish</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>20</p>	<p>NO PM BUS</p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Salad</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>21</p>	<p>ORDER</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>HOT LUNCH</p> <p>18th-25th</p> <p>2nd gr. First</p> <p>Reconciliation</p> <p>10:00 am</p> <p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>CSW begins</p> <p>Choir 9:00 am</p> <p>4th-8th gr.</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Jersey Giant</p> <p>Turkey & Cheese</p> <p>Goldfish</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>Jersey Giant</p> <p>Ham & Cheese</p> <p>Doritos</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Taco Soft Shell</p> <p>Refried Beans</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Pancakes</p> <p>Sausage</p> <p>Potato</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Hamburger/</p> <p>Cheeseburger</p> <p>French Fries</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Salad</p> <p>Fruit Milk</p> <p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

YOUR GUIDE TO HOLIDAY EARNING: Promos, Resources, Important Dates

'Tis the season to grow your organization's earnings

The busiest shopping days of the year are during the holidays. This gifting season, use bonus earnings and app-exclusive offers to encourage families to do all their shopping with gift cards. It's a great opportunity to raise more funds for your organization.

Ship to Home: RaiseRight™ exclusive

Participants can get gift cards from 250+ brands delivered right to their homes. It's convenient and contactless. Participants must pay with a bank account or credit card. A small shipping fee applies. Remind participants to shop early to get gift cards ahead of time and start checking items off their gift lists.

\$5 and \$10 Gift Cards: Available through December 31

They make the perfect stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, coaches, mail carriers, and more. Available while supplies last.

ThankScriping Day: November 18 - 19

Participants can shop huge bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards from popular brands.

Holiday Bonuses & Offers: November 27 - December 10

Earn even more on holiday shopping with special two-week bonuses and surprise mystery bonuses that disappear in 24 hours.

eGift Card Bonuses: December 11 - 17

Wrap up holiday shopping with bonuses on eGift cards—a perfect last-minute gift.



NEW: HOLIDAY EARNING RESOURCES TO RAISE MORE FUNDS

Inventory tips, ordering recommendations, an outreach letter, and more. Check out the new resources page and get your organization's holiday earnings in high gear.

shop.shopwithscrip.com/Support/promotional-tools/holiday-resources

SEE BACK FOR A SUMMARY OF KEY HOLIDAY DATES >

Important shipping and holiday dates

ThankScriping Day	Nov 18 - 19
ShopWithScrip office and Customer Support closed	Nov 25 - 26
Holiday Promo	Nov 27 - Dec 10
eGift Card Bonuses	Dec 11 - 17
UPS Ground shipping cut-off*	Dec 13
UPS Next Day Air shipping cut-off*	Dec 21
ShopWithScrip office and Customer Support closed	Dec 24 - 27, Dec 31

**Final date to place orders for arrival on Dec 24. Submit them as early as possible to allow for any unexpected shipping delays.*

Have questions? We're happy to help.

1-800-727-4715 Option 3

support@shopwithscrip.com



Advent & the Little Way



Scan to learn more about sacrifice beads!

It's time for the Women of St. Gerard to come together for a peaceful moment during the busy holiday season.

We'll celebrate the Little Way of St. Therese by making our own sacrifice beads (for ourselves, or as gifts) while we enjoy coffee and friendship.

Saturday, Dec. 4

9:00 a.m.

St. Gerard Parish Hall



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

OPEN GYM



For 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

12.10.2021

6:30PM-8:30PM
SCHOOL GYM

PLEASE SIGN UP BY GOING TO OUR
WEBSITE OR FOLLOWING THE QR CODE

[HTTPS://WWW.STGERARD.ORG/YOUTH-MINISTRY](https://www.stgerard.org/youth-ministry)

