



ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

March 11, 2021

Book Fair -Online Book Fair is opened through March 14. This book fair gives us a percentage of the sales back to be able to add new titles to our school library. If you haven't shopped, check it out with the link below. Teacher wish lists are also attached if you want to gift a book to your student's classroom. Thank you for your continued support with our online book fair! If you would just like to make a donation so that the library can purchase books you can just send a check into the school office and mark it as a library book donation.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stgerardschool>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Gant3R440aJR9D8-rwZZ33bXKs-A4VnIghay9bWncbo/edit?usp=sharing>

St. Gerard Baseball/Softball - Here are the links to sign up for St. Gerard Summer Baseball and Softball Teams.

Plain text:

<https://forms.gle/nM8ooJWYEUDpqeEYA>

Hyperlinked text:

[St. Gerard Summer Sports Sign-Up](#)

kNOw Program - Please make sure that you read the letter contained in the following link. It is important that you follow the instructions. The kNOw program is something that was introduced last year, but we were unable to follow through with this program because of COVID.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FqZd8f2tgdFX_naggGLIU-ffANNIOqMw/view?usp=sharing



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T.R.I.P If you are not familiar with the TRIP program at St. Gerard, now is the time to give it a try. It is a great way to reduce tuition expenses. Any money earned through participating will be applied at the end of each semester. If you would like more information about this money saving program, please contact Shawn Macksood at the school office. She will be happy to give you details and answer any questions. If you are applying for financial aid, you should also be participating in the TRIP program.

Hot Lunch Orders Ordering hot lunch for the month of April will begin on March 18 and will end on March 25.

SSC Spring Break recommendations - The Safe Start Committee will be making some recommendations for Spring Break after the meeting on Wednesday, March 17.

Financial Aid applications If you are seeking financial aid assistance from St. Gerard Parish you will need to fill out a financial aid application through FACTS. The address is online.factsmgt.com/signin/3yznq

Summer Solutions - There is a flyer about an opportunity to purchase a Summer Solutions book for your child to use this summer. We use Simple Solutions in the classrooms during the school year.

Mileage Club - There is a flyer about the Mileage Club. You can participate in Mileage Club any day you like, but you have to be registered in order to participate. We are still looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact Misty if you are interested.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 11 7th grade retreat 12:35-2:35
- March 12 No School- Staff Retreat
- March 18 Hot Lunch Ordering Window Opens for April
- March 19 All School Virtual Mass - Feast of St. Joseph Vocations Day
- March 24 New Family Preschool Registration - Virtual - 6:00 pm
- March 25 Hot Lunch Ordering Window Closes for April
- March 26 End of 3rd quarter
- March 27 2nd grade First Reconciliation 11:15 am
- April 01 Report Cards Home/Posted
- April 02 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Begins
- April 12 School Resumes

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Diocese of Lansing, we present to you an online version of The **kNOw** program for the safety of our child(ren). The **kNOw** Program is designed to equip children, parents/guardians, schools and parishes with the tools to “**kNOw**” how to identify, thwart, and report harmful behavior. You may recall this past March when we were days away from launching the in person version of this program and had to abruptly cancel due to the pandemic.

This program relies on the fundamental truth that each child is created and loved by God Himself and deserves to be safe and cared for. This is a *life skill* for our children.

Using methods developed by Mr. Fred Rogers, a great child educator of our time, and endorsed by physicians at the University of Michigan, The **kNOw** Program delivers life lessons about safety, respect, and empowerment in an accessible and trustworthy way to both children and adults.

One important *key ingredient* of The **kNOw** Program that sets us apart from all the other programs is the adult participation; the key adults in children’s lives. To keep our children safe and deter predators, we must educate adults in how to identify and respond to signs of abuse and reports of harm. Because of this, children and their parents/guardians will participate together in The **kNOw** Program.

Here is what you need to do to complete this online training program with your child(ren) before **March 31, 2021**:

Click on the link to view The kNOw program content on the diocese website, then:

1. Watch the parent introduction video first so you understand how this program works and how it will be delivered to your child(ren). You will also find a Parent Short Guide Resource. None of the children at St. Gerard School or Religious Education Program were trained last year so we are asking parents to train each of their children grades K-8.
2. Scroll down the page to select and view the video(s) that corresponds to grade level(s) of your child(ren). Each video is approximately 20 minutes in length. Feel free to pause at any time to have discussions:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/know-program>

3. Return to this email after viewing the video(s) with your child(ren) and click on this link to acknowledge that your child(ren) received this training:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPCSFLR>

If you do not wish to have your children participate in the program, you may opt-out by clicking on the following link to complete the opt-out form:

<https://forms.gle/ssoVXcHRGWhEWVrz8>

In the meantime, if you have questions, please call or email Ray Rzepcki or Kathy Warriner.

We remain committed to the protection of our parish families through a quality safe environment program and are looking forward to your participation and support.

Sincerely,

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Mileage Club 2021



What is mileage club? This program is offered by Sparrow to Michigan area school kids, gradeS K-6. It is completely free and fun! During recess, kids will walk a 1/4 mile course set up around the playground area. Parent volunteers will have the opportunity to help supervise and mark the students cards for each lap completed. When each child completes a card they will receive a foot token. When they complete 4 cards (20 miles) they will get a M.C. water bottle!

When is Mileage Club? We will be kicking off Mileage club when we get back from spring break on Monday, April 12. We will offer mileage club on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays during recess for 7 weeks.

How do we participate in Mileage Club?— Students

If you think your child may want to participate, we encourage you to sign them up now. If they change their mind or decide they do not want to walk a certain day, that is totally fine. However no student will be allowed to participate unless they are pre registered by a parent.

Sign up is easy and free! GO TO www.sparrowmilesclub.com

PARENTS—We do need parents or grandparents to volunteer to help with mileage club. It is a great way to be involved with a program that the kids love. We need adults to mark the cards as the kids complete each lap during recess. You can volunteer for just your child's recess (20 min) or multiple recesses. Mileage Club runs for a total of 7 weeks. So we need lots of volunteers! We appreciate any time you are willing to give!

Sign up to volunteer contact Misty O. text 517-614-0553 or mistymay1234@hotmail.com

Summer Solutions.

It is time to order!

Go to www.SummerSolutions.net
or call 216.450.5005 to order.

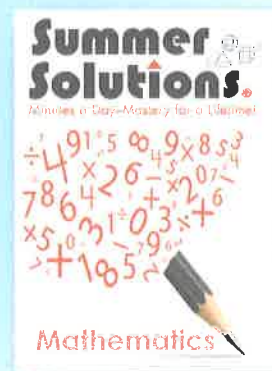
Books are \$16.99 (including shipping) and will be sent directly to your home.

Ordering early saves you more!
Use promo code: **SUMMER3**

Save 20% off of 3 or more books - January 1st and February 28th.
Save 10% off of 3 or more books - March 1st and April 30th.

Know what to order:

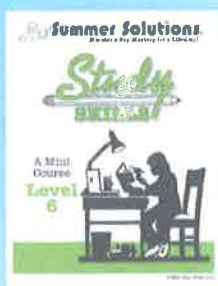
- Order the level of the book that your child has JUST COMPLETED!
- Your school uses the Original Math and Grammar series. Look for the books with these covers.



Grades K-8



Grades K-8



Grades 4-8



Grades K-6



Grades 2-7



Grades 4-5



Pre-K



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