

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 16, 2021

We are off to a great start to the 2021-2022 school year! It's wonderful to hear the laughter and see the excitement of our students as they go through each of their school days. Please continue to keep us in your prayers for a successful and safe school year.

If you were able to make it to our opening school Mass, you have a glimpse of our school wide theme for 2021-2022. "Angels are the mighty ones who do his work, harkening to the word of God." Our focus on this year's theme is for all of us to be the angels to those around us. A variety of activities will be presented throughout the school year that will focus on how we can be angels of protection, messengers, servants, humility and praise to our entire St. Gerard community.

Air Conditioning News! While we were hoping for some air conditioning to get us through some extremely hot days at the start of the school, we survived with popsicles and Kona Ice treats! Due to shipping delays, the final phase of installing the air conditioning unit is taking a bit longer than anticipated.

TRIP News Weekly TRIP orders has resumed. 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 call our school office 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. If you have questions regarding TRIP, please contact Shawn Macksood.

Auction News: Please mark your calendars for our annual auction on **Saturday, October 23rd**. This year's auction will take place at St. Gerard and will have an Oktoberfest theme which will include Smoke N' Pig BBQ, brats, bavarian pretzels and beer/wine tasting. This one-time fundraiser provides a variety of resources for our students such as iPads, wireless fiber infrastructure, new desks, computers, upgrades to our surround sound systems, new science materials, additional titles for our bookroom, and items that teachers put on their yearly wish lists. Additional information regarding this wonderful event is starting to be sent home in the weekly communicator.

St. Gerard Auction Chairperson(s): We are in need of an auction chair(s) for next year's auction which will be held at Eagle Eye on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping us with this wonderful event.

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. All volunteers will need to complete a background check.

2021 MSU Football home games: September 25th, October 2nd, October 30th, November 13th, November 27th. Go State!!!

VIRTUS Training: Parents are a crucial part of our school! The support of our St. Gerard community is really second to none. **Note: Diocese Virtus Policy has changed! If you are volunteering or have any contact with a student(s) (other than your own) you must be Virtus trained - no exceptions!** This includes anytime spending in the classroom, parties, going on field trips, or coaching. A Virtus training session will be offered at St. Gerard on Monday, September 20th @ 6:00 pm Parish Hall. You will need to register ahead of time at www.virtus.org.

Children's Choir: We are excited to once again resume children's choir! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, October 6th @ 2:40 pm. Ms. Olivia Vargas will be our new choir director and may be contacted at oliviavargasmusic@gmail.com. Permission slips will be available soon.

Uniform Closet: Please visit our used uniform closet if you are in need of gently used clothing for the school year. Just come to the school office between the hours of 8:00 - 2:00 pm to try on and purchase used uniforms.

St. Gerard Festival Chairperson(s): We are in need of a festival chair(s) for our festival that is being held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 here at St. Gerard. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping us with this fun festival.

Feast of St. Gerard: The Feast of St. Gerard is on Saturday, October 16th. We will be celebrating this feast with an All School Liturgy on Friday, October 15th @ 8:10 am. We will also be helping St. Vincent dePaul and those in need through a collection of personal items such as paper towels, shampoo, bar soap etc. Additional information will be communicated as we near October.

School Directory: If you would like to purchase a school directory, we have them available in the office for \$3.00.

PTO Ice Cream Social: Come enjoy some ice cream on Wednesday, September 22nd, Fr. Weber Hall from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

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 the plan, you are welcome to stop in and review it at any time.

How do I decide if I should send my child to school? This is a very important question this year, especially as we head toward the cold and flu season. With the COVID virus having many of the same symptoms as colds, flu, and allergies, how do I decide? Here are some **COVID-19 Health Policy** guidelines that you should be aware of:

***The below information is available in hard copy form in your child's white communicator.**

If you have **TWO** or more of the following symptoms, please keep your child at home and consult your physician.

- Fever or chills; 100.0 or above
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash
- New loss of taste or smell

St. Gerard School Health Policy: In order to protect your child and all children attending St. Gerard School, please be mindful of the following health guidelines. These policies have attempted to address the most common illnesses. It is not all-inclusive.

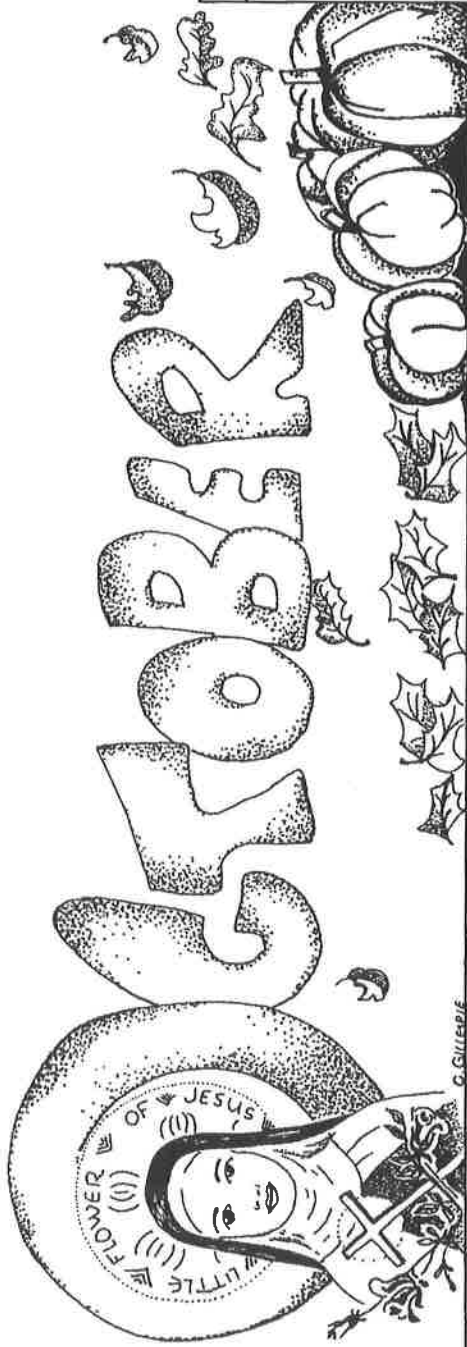
Symptom	Policy
-temperature of 100 degrees or above	Child must be picked up immediately. Child may return after 24 hours of normal temperature without medication. (i.e. Children's Tylenol, etc)
-untreated eye infection (pink eye)	Child may return after 24 hours with medication.
-rashes	Unidentified rashes need a doctor's written confirmation that it is not contagious. If treatment is needed, the child may return after 12 hours.
-scabies/lice	Child may return after 24 hours of treatment.

	Classroom parents will be notified.
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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

- Saturday, Sept. 18th;** Window to Order Hot Lunch for October Opens!
- Monday, Sept. 20th;** Virtus Training @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall/St. Gerard
- Weds. Sept. 22nd;** Ice Cream Social in Fr. Weber Hall from 6:00-7:30pm
- Sat. Sept. 25th;** Window to Order Hot Lunch for October Closes!
- Sunday, Sept. 26th;** Confirmation Mass @ 2:00 p.m.
- Weds. Sept. 29th** World of Art Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. - Art Room
- Fri. Oct. 1st;** Adoration
- Weds. Oct. 6th;** 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Country Mill
- Thurs. Oct. 7th** OK2SAY Program - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade
- Tues. Oct. 12th;** PTO Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Weds. Oct. 13th;** No PM Waverly Buses
- Fri. Oct. 15th;** All School Mass - Feast of St. Gerard - 8:10 a.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Doritos Fruit Milk St Francis	4 Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk	5 Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk	6 Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk 2 nd gr. field trip	7 Chicken Sandwich Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Milk	1 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk ST THERESE	2 GUARDIAN ANGELS
10	11 Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk	12 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk	13 NO P.M BUS French Toast Sticks Sausage Fruit Milk	14 Chicken Tenders Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Milk	15 All School Mass- St. Gerard Feast Day Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk	16 ORDER NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH 18 th -25 th
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24 ORDER HOT LUNCH	25 NO A.M/P.M BUS Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk	26 Bosco Sticks Salad Fruit Milk	27 Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Sandwich Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Milk	29 Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk End of 1 st quarter	30
31 HALLOWEEN						



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021
FR. WEBER HALL**

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 through 10/11/2021: \$25 each

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

Number of attendees: _____ @ \$25/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

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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 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!



Auction Fun Facts

2021 Auction looks different!

Live Auction of some of the favorites: Classroom projects, principal for a day, gym time, ballfield time, teacher experiences, teachers favorite things, jeans day coupon packs and Fr. Bob's favorite things.

Raffles: Golf Ball Drop, tuition raffle (\$2,000 towards next year's tuition to St. Gerard or Lansing Catholic High School), 50/50, kangaroo pottery, and a stocked Yeti Cooler.

Other fun stuff: Fund a need, music, craft beer and wine cash bar.

Dinner is included in your price of admission! We will offer a vegetarian burger or brat with your meal if you prefer, please mark it on your ticket form next to your name. Smokin' Pig has GF meat & bbq sauce & the mac and cheese is vegetarian!

We are not asking for any pre-event donations, this is a chance to gather, support, and fundraise when you join us for the event on 10/23/21.

If you volunteer, your child(ren) will receive a free jeans day coupon! Consider signing up through the signup genius link in the Thursday Communicator.

While we love all of our kiddos, this is an adults only event:) Come join us for a much deserved parents night out!

We hope to see all of you at Fr. Weber Hall on 10/23/21 from 6:00-10:00pm!

The **HOTTEST** ticket in town is selling **FAST!** Well over half have already been sold. Grandparent/Special People orders will be coming in soon. Don't wait! They **WILL** sell out! Get your **GOLF BALL DROP** order in before it's too late! Thank you for your continued support of this exciting raffle!

GOLF BALL TICKET ORDER FORM

Complete and return to St. Gerard School.

Questions? Betsy Nylander (bnylander@aol.com) Melissa Griffin (rmgriffin@hotmail.com)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

of tickets _____ @\$25 each Total Amount _____

- I will pick up my stub(s) in school office
- Please send my stubs home with my child _____

My child's teacher is _____

Please make checks payable to St. Gerard * Need not be present to win

Dear St. Gerard School Families:

Our Feast of St. Gerard Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 15th. We are requesting that each grade level provide the following items. These items will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need. Thank you in advance for your participation. We invite you to attend this special mass with us at 8:10.

PRESCHOOL: bar soap

KINDERGARTEN: shampoo

FIRST GRADE: deodorant

SECOND GRADE: facial tissues

THIRD GRADE: dish soap

FOURTH GRADE: body soap

FIFTH GRADE: tooth brush/toothpaste

SIXTH GRADE: laundry detergent

SEVENTH GRADE: paper towel

EIGHTH GRADE: toilet paper

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generosity.

The St. Gerard Community

Volunteers are needed to be a part of the

WONDERFUL WORLD OF ART

This amazing parent-volunteer program is back this year at St. Gerard! The Wonderful World of Art Program has been a positive and rewarding experience for the students and parents for over 20 years now. The objective of the program is to familiarize each student with one specific artist at each grade level. Once a month, parent volunteers will prepare and teach an art lesson about a famous artist to the students. No experience necessary—sample lesson plans and materials will be provided!

If you are interested in volunteering for World of Art, please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4AAFA929A0F94-world2>

Volunteers should plan to attend the parent meeting on **September 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room**. At this meeting, we will discuss the program, meet with other parent volunteers, see samples of art projects and lesson plans, and plan the year's activities with your child's grade level team.

***Please note:** Volunteers will be limited to TWO volunteers per classroom and all volunteers MUST wear a mask while in the school.

Please contact Katie Barron (kruegerkt@gmail.com) for more information or if you are unable to attend the meeting and would still be interested in being a volunteer.

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SEE BACK FOR
COVID SCREENING

Covid-19 Health Policy

Are you experiencing two or more of these new, worsening, or unexplained symptoms?

- Fever or chills; 100.0 or above
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash

ALLERGIES, COLD, FLU AND COVID-19

Most common symptoms for each

SYMPTOMS



SYMPTOMS	Allergies	Cold	Flu	COVID-19
Body aches		✓		sometimes
Chills		rarely	✓	sometimes
Dry cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Fever		rarely	✓	✓
Headache	✓	rarely	✓	sometimes
Itchy eyes	✓			
Loss of taste/smell	sometimes	rarely	sometimes	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Nausea/vomiting/ diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	sometimes
Runny nose	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Sneezing	✓	✓	✓	sometimes
Sore throat	sometimes	✓	✓	sometimes
Shortness of breath	sometimes	rarely	✓	✓