



# St. Gerard School

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## December 2017 Newsletter



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**"...EVERY KIND GESTURE THAT PEOPLE OFFER, EVERY GIFT THEY GIVE, AND EVERY SMILE THEY RETURN POINTS TO JESUS."**

AS WE START TO PREPARE OUR HOMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON MAY WE ALL REMEMBER THE CHRIST CHILD. MAY WE ALL REMEMBER THE GOODNESS HE BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD. MAY WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE AND KINDNESS THIS ADVENT SEASON FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS. WISHING YOU ALL OF GOD'S BLESSINGS THIS ADVENT SEASON AND THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS. MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR ST. GERARD FAMILY TO YOURS!

*Miss J. Gilbert, Principal*



**"If you look for me at Christmas"**  
St. Gerard School Christmas Concert  
Wednesday, December 20, 2017 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
(Dress Rehearsal at 1:15 p.m.)

Doors will open at 6:30 pm for the evening performance. Students should all be wearing their *Sunday Best* (neat and orderly clothes they would normally wear to a proper or formal event).

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR JEANS OF ANY KIND.

Students must be in their classrooms at 6:30 pm on concert evening.

**Parent Association Bake Sale & Raffle to take place prior to the start of the Concert!**

# CONGRATULATIONS

to 28 children from our school and parish community who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on November 25<sup>th</sup>. God's blessings of forgiveness and love to each of you!



## Parent Association Annual Christmas Bake Sale

All parents/guardians are members of this Association  
Donations of baking will be accepted in the School Office  
Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please do not send any baking which requires refrigeration - i.e. Cheesecake; Please ensure your baked goods are pre-cut and ready for packaging with the other donations.



Assorted dainty plates will be made from the donations received. Thank you!  
Baking will be sold prior to the Concert (6:30-6:55 p.m.)



## THANK YOU

Parents/Visitors

for removing your outdoor footwear at the school entrances. Your effort to help keep our school clean is a great example to the students!



## CHRISTMAS CHEERBOARD

ST. GERARD SCHOOL WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD. ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF UNDER THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE UNTIL DECEMBER 18TH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Please encourage your child to regularly check the "LOST & FOUND" bin at school for any items they may have misplaced. Items that are not claimed at the end of each month are donated to a needy organization.

**PARENTS:** please ensure clothing items are labeled with your child's name so "found" items can be returned to the owner. When laundering your child's uniform items - check for items that may not belong to your family, and have mistakenly been brought home. If another child's name appears in the item - please return it to the Office so these items can be returned to the right family.



## PEROGIES FOR SALE ST. GERARD PARISH

If you would like to order for Christmas, please contact Andrea at 667-2103; otherwise, call 667-3003 on Wednesday morning to place your order.

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The Hot Lunch Program sells lunch tickets in a book:  
10 tickets for \$37.50.

This is a convenient way for your child to use the Program - it eliminates the need for parents to scramble for exact change in the mornings. A pre-paid lunch ticket can be sent with your child tucked into the clear pocket of their agenda.

**Remember...there is NO Hot Lunch Program on Wednesdays.**

Please check the calendar for menu changes. (Hot dog days).

If you wish to purchase a book of tickets for Hot Lunch, please send a cheque for \$37.50 to the school office made out to:

**St. Gerard School Hot Lunch Program**



## STORM VOLLEYBALL

*Both teams should be very proud of their accomplishments during the season.*

*The Boys Team - developed their skills  
The Girls Team - placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the League*

*Thank you to all the coaches for sharing their knowledge and skills with our teams!*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> IS THE FINAL DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK.  
THIS WILL BE AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY (2:25 P.M.) FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.**



**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

There will be **NO After School Program** available on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
(Before School Program will be available on this day.)

Please make certain you make transportation arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:25 dismissal time.

**SCHOOL BUS FAMILIES**

In anticipation of an increased amount of traffic on this day, the school bus will be departing the school at an earlier time. **The students who use the school bus for afternoon transportation home will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m.** Please ensure that arrangements are in place for someone to receive your child either at home, or at their stop approximately 2 hours earlier than their usual drop-off time when classes are dismissed at 3:25 p.m. (e.g. if your child is normally dropped off at 4:00 p.m., the drop-off time that day will be at approximately 2:00 p.m.).

**THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE.**



**STUDENT ILLNESS & MEDICATION**



As indicated in the Student Handbook, St. Gerard School does not have facilities to accommodate children who are ill. When a student becomes ill, we will call a parent (or Emergency Contact, if necessary) to request that the student be picked up. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FAMILIES ENSURE ALL PHONE NUMBERS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE ARE CURRENT.** Out of consideration for the health of others, a child who is not well should be kept at home.

**Please contact the School Office when your child will not be in attendance at school due to illness, appointments, or other planned/unplanned absences.**

The school does not keep pain relief or cough medication on hand to administer to students. **A child who is not well enough to go outside for recess should be kept at home.**

Parents should administer any required medication at home, when possible. If a student requires a prescription (or over-the-counter) medication to be administered at school – parents must complete an “*Authorization of Prescribed Medication*” form (available from the Office); or submit a note to the Office with the medication indicating:

- **DATE THE NOTE**
- **NAME OF CHILD/GRADE**
- **NAME OF MEDICATION**
- **DOSAGE OF MEDICATION & TIME TO BE TAKEN, AS WELL AS ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (I.E. TO BE TAKEN AFTER LUNCH). THE MEDICATION SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL IN THE ORIGINAL PHARMACY’S CONTAINER.**

**WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION** is imperative for your child’s safety. It is not the school’s responsibility to decide when medication should be administered - and therefore specific instructions from the parent must be submitted with the medication. Students should not be presenting medication to the Office with “verbal” instructions from home. For the safety of your child: Please take the time to write out this important information.

For the safety of the entire school - all medication should be kept in the School Office. Please do not send medication with your child and advise them “... to keep it in their backpack or locker until they need it”. This is an extremely unsafe practice and can put the School in a precarious situation should the medication be accessed and ingested by another student.