

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

It's been a great week watching the students settle in and get adjusted to the routine of the school day. I have been in and out of their classrooms observing them in action, while also learning each of their names. It is such a blessing to spend this time together with them, getting to know them and who they are.

As we move into the school year, we will be working diligently to not only offer your children strong academics, but also we want to teach them to grow closer to Jesus. We will be encouraging the students to act in a Godly way by incorporating the Cardinal Virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Justice and Prudence throughout each day. We will really be emphasizing the virtue of temperance as we jump back into a routine and schedule as we believe that temperance is a virtue that will help all of our children. You might ask, "Why do we need temperance?" Temperance is the practice of moderation, self-control, and self-discipline and it is essential for developing character. We will be teaching lessons that allow students to practice and model temperance here at school. Students will be recognized for showing temperance as we feel that good character is important to the development of the whole child.

Some ways you can help teach your children temperance include teaching moderation in the use of time, limiting TV viewing, phone and Internet use, etc. while developing a daily routine for homework, prayer, chores, and outside activities. For teens, you can teach them how to avoid impulse buying by waiting several days to make a decision before purchasing an item that is not really needed. You can also teach them moderation in appearance with clothing that is neat, modest, and appropriate.

I encourage you as the primary educator of your child, to participate in practicing this virtue with your children at home and helping to mold God's children into respectful, responsible young citizens.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Schoonover, Principal

Altar Servers:

Saturday, September 4th at 5 p.m.: Josh Yahl, Jacob Yahl, Maddie Yahl

Sunday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m.: Emma Hahn, Jacob Hahn

Sunday, September 5th at 11 a.m.: Connor Raines, Jaylon Patton, Nate Warner

New School Year Forms:

School forms were sent home last week with all students. If you have not yet completed and returned the forms, please do so as soon as possible.

Thursday Early Release:

Just a reminder students will be dismissed from school at 2 p.m. today. The Shawnee, Elida, and Lima City busses will be adjusting their pick up times accordingly.

No School - Labor Day:

St. Gerard School will not be in session on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy the 3 day weekend!

Don't forget to like St. Gerard Catholic School on Facebook!



Free & Reduced Lunch Applications:

Your students will be bringing home the full Free & Reduced Lunch Application today. We have received word from the USDA that if you are interested in being eligible for the PEBT program, you **must** complete and return this packet to the school office. If we do not receive a completed packet, we cannot determine your eligibility for this program and therefore your students name(s) will not be submitted.

Outside Food:

St. Gerard School Cafeteria is a federally funded program therefore students may not bring in any fast food and/or donuts. Thank you for your cooperation!

School Breakfast:

If your student is interested in eating breakfast in the cafeteria or parish hall in the mornings, we ask that they arrive no later than 7:35 a.m. Students arriving after 7:35 a.m. will not be able to eat breakfast. Thank you for your cooperation!

Edchoice Scholarship:

If you have not yet received an Edchoice Scholarship Acceptance form in the mail from the Ohio Department of Education, please make sure to check your email for updates from the Ohio Department of Education or you can create an account in the Scholarship Income Verification System and check and see what the status of your child's application is and what information may be still needed. (Directions to set up an account are attached).

If you have not yet signed and returned your Edchoice Scholarship Acceptance forms to the school office, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!!

St. Gerard Uniform Fleece Orders:

St. Gerard Uniform Fleece Order forms were sent home last week and are available in the school office. Orders and money/checks are due by Tuesday, September 7th. Please make checks payable to St. Gerard School.

Progressbook Parent Registration Keys:

Progressbook Parent Registration Key letters were sent home with students in 3rd-8th grades on Monday of this week. If you did not receive a letter and do not already have an active account, please contact the school office for information. Enclosed you will find information on how to download the mobile progressbook app.

Donations Needed:

We are looking for poker chips and playing cards for purse bingo. If you have any that you can donate, please send into the school office. These can be new or used good condition items. Thank you for your support!



St. Gerard School is hosting our 7th annual designer purse bingo on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Gym. Tickets are now on sale in the school office for \$40 per person. Tickets include 20 games of bingo with a designer purse as the prize and a light dinner. 50/50 and auction baskets will be available for purchase. Grab your friends and family members for a great evening while meeting other school families!

Just a reminder if you have not yet turned in your \$10 donation for your classroom basket. Please submit the money to the homeroom teachers by Friday, September 10th.

Scholarship Income Verification System

We are happy to announce the release of the new **Scholarship Income Verification System** for our scholarship programs!

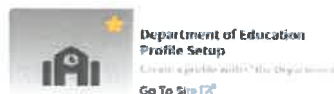
In an effort to streamline the income verification process, we have developed a system that will give parents access to their income verification information online. Beginning March 2021, the Scholarship Income Verification System will be available for families to enter and submit their income information electronically to the Scholarship office for verification of low-income status. Parents will be able to enter household member information, income information and upload supporting income documents directly into the online system. This system is replacing the paper income verification form that parents previously sent to the Scholarship office through the mail.

To access the online Scholarship Income Verification System, you, the parent, must create an OH|ID account by going to this link: <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>

** You will need to have your State of Ohio ID or driver's license available when setting up the account.

Please note, if you have an existing Department of Education (formerly SAFE) profile, you will be able to link your profile to your new OH|ID account once your account is established.

Once your OH|ID account has been created, log into your account and complete the Department of Education Profile Setup:

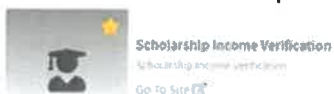


In the setup process, select the role *I am a parent signing up for Scholarship Income Verification program*.

If you did not get the income verification option, or already had an OH|ID account, you should run the Department of Education Application Request by clicking on Go to Site on the tile.



Here is a copy of the tile to access the Scholarship Income Verification System:



You can find instructions, videos, and resources for the OH|ID portal on the Ohio Department of Education's website at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Department-of-Education-OH-ID-Portal-Help>.



Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student Mobile App

With the Frontline ProgressBook Parent /Student mobile app, students and their families can track grades, view homework assignments, monitor attendance, and more. For questions about information in the Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student mobile app, please contact your school district.

Check out this video for an overview: [Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student App Overview](#)

Download the Mobile App

Go to the Apple App Store or Android Apps on Google Play and search for “ProgressBook Parent/Student” to find the Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student mobile app and download the app.

If You Already Have an Account

Whether you are a parent/guardian or student, you can use your current ProgressBook username and password to log in to the Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student mobile app.

1. Open the mobile app.
2. Tap **Login**.
3. When redirected to the website, begin typing your district name.
 - a. In the results list that displays, select your district.
 - b. Tap **Go**.
 - c. Enter your **Username** and **Password**.
 - d. Tap **Sign In**.

Note: Your selected district is saved for future log ins. If you are a parent/guardian with students attending different districts, you can switch districts as needed.

If You Are a Student Using Google Single Sign-On

1. Tap **Login**.
2. When redirected to the website, begin typing your district name.
 - a. In the results list that displays, select your district.
 - b. Tap **Go**.
3. Scroll down and tap **Students Sign in with Google**.
4. Follow the prompts to log in with your Google account.

If You Have a Registration Key

1. Open the mobile app.
2. Tap **Login**.
3. When redirected to the website, begin typing your district name.
 - a. In the results list that displays, select your district.
 - b. Tap **Go**.
4. Scroll down to the **New to ProgressBook?** section.
5. Tap **Create Account**.
6. On the next screen, tap **New Parent Account** or **New Student Account**.
7. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete registration.

See [Create a Parent Account](#) or [Create a Student Account](#).