

# THURSDAY FLYER

## From the Principal's Pen:

**Dear St. Gerard Families:**

This week, I would like to share an article with you from [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org) about social media and kids. This school year already, I have had to deal with several issues here at school that have resulted from inappropriate use of social media outside of school. I always tell the students that we are at St. Gerard to learn about our faith and to build our knowledge. If you ask any of them why they are at school, I promise you they will say: "We are here to learn". I know when we think about social media use in kids, we think about it primarily being teenagers that are connected. This is not the case anymore. We are seeing students in the primary grades connected to TikTok and SnapChat, as well. The students at St. Gerard have all been taught digital citizenship in technology classes. In this curriculum they learn about appropriate use of technology and the Internet, as well as, about inappropriate use and the dangers that are lurking in the digital world.

I am asking for your support in making sure the kids are safe and making good choices in this digital world.

Please see the attached article.

Many Blessings,

Natalie A. Schoonover, Principal

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade LCC Parent Admissions Presentation:

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade LCC Admission presentation scheduled for Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> has been changed to a recorded meeting instead of an in-person meeting. This will allow parents to view the meeting at your convenience and ask any questions after the session via email or phone. The link for the recorded meeting will be sent out on Class Dojo and your email on Thursday afternoon.

## Altar Servers:

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.:** Hayley Chambers, Nicholas Chambers, Mataya Lewis

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:** Dallas & Emiley Martin

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.:** Brayden Hubbard, Douglas Noble, Connor Shutt

## End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter/Report Cards:

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter came to an end on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Report cards for students will be distributed on Friday, October 29, 2021.

## Extended Day Payments:

Extended day payments are due by Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prompt payment!!

## Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent Teacher Conferences are being held on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet turned your conference form in yet, please take a moment to fill out the attached form or contact the school office to schedule.



## A BIG THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to everyone that attended and volunteered for Our Ladies Night Out Designer Purse Bingo. The evening was a huge success!!

If you are interested in helping to plan this event next year, please contact the school office.

### HELP A FAMILY IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### **\$1 JEANS DAY FRIDAY OCT. 22**

FOUR WEEKS AGO PLUMMIX AND OMARION GARDNER LOST BOTH OF THEIR PARENTS DUE TO COVID-19. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GRIEVING. WE AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO LEND A HELPING HAND THIS FRIDAY WITH A \$1 JEANS DAY TO HELP THESE YOUNG MEN WITH ANY EXTRA EXPENSES THAT MAY COME UP.

**STUDENTS:** FRIDAY OCTOBER 22 WE AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL BE ALLOWING A \$1 JEANS DAY TO STUDENTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MORE THAN \$1 IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

**PARENTS:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO PLEASE SEND TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY THIS WEEK.

#### Jr. High Wrestling Sign - Up:

Any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in wrestling, sign-ups will be on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the LCC Wrestling Room. If you cannot attend or have any questions, please email

[lcctbirdwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:lcctbirdwrestling@gmail.com)



#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball:

Any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in playing basketball this winter, there is practice on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the LCC Old Gym.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball:

Any 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys interested in playing basketball there is an open gym on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. in the LCC Big Gym.

#### Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls Basketball:

Any boys or girls in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> interested in playing basketball there is a skills clinic/registration on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m. in the LCC Gym. Please bring the enclosed form with you to the clinic.

Deadline for registration is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Face Masks:

Face masks are required to be worn every day. We have had an increase of students who do not have masks when they arrive in the mornings to school. Please remind your students to grab a mask before leaving home. We have a limited amount of masks available to distribute to students. Thank you for your cooperation!!





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## REVERSE RAFFLE

PROCEEDS PROVIDE FUNDING TO ALL  
ATHLETIC AND BAND PROGRAMS AT LCC



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021 AT 7:00 PM  
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS AND GAMES



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## Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media

Most teens use some form of social media and have a profile on a social networking site. Many visit these sites every day.

There are plenty of good things about social media — but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. They don't always make good choices when they post something to a site, and this can lead to problems.

So it's important to talk with your kids about how to use social media wisely.

### What's Good About Social Media

Social media can help kids:

- stay connected with friends and family
- volunteer or get involved with a campaign, nonprofit, or charity
- enhance their creativity by sharing ideas, music, and art
- meet and interact with others who share similar interests
- communicate with educators and fellow students

### What's Bad About Social Media

The flipside is that social media can be a hub for things like cyberbullying and questionable activities. Without meaning to, kids can share more online than they should.

Most teens:

- post photos of themselves online or use their real names on their profiles
- reveal their birthdates and interests
- post their school name and the town where they live

This can make them easy targets for online predators and others who might mean them harm.

In fact, many teens say they have:

- been contacted online by someone they didn't know in a way that made them feel scared or uncomfortable
- received online advertising that was inappropriate for their age
- lied about their age to get access to websites

### Concerns and Consequences

Besides problems like cyberbullying and online predators, kids also can face the possibility of a physical encounter with the wrong person. Many newer apps automatically reveal the poster's location when they're used. This can tell anyone exactly where to find the person using the app.

And photos, videos, and comments made online usually can't be taken back once they're posted. Even when a teen thinks something has been deleted, it can be impossible to completely erase it from the Internet.

Posting an inappropriate photo can damage a reputation and cause problems years later — such as when a potential employer or college admissions officer does a background check. And sending a mean-spirited text, even as a joke, can be very hurtful to someone else and even taken as a threat.

Spending too much time on social media can be a downer too. Seeing how many "friends" others have and the pictures of them having fun can make kids feel bad about themselves or like they don't measure up to their peers.

### What Can Parents Do?

It's important to be aware of what your kids do online. But snooping can alienate them and damage the trust you've built together. The key is to stay involved in a way that makes your kids understand that you respect their privacy but want to make sure they're safe.

Tell your kids that it's important to:

- **Be nice.** Mean behavior is not OK. Make it clear that you expect your kids to treat others with respect, and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages. And ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others post.
- **Think twice before hitting "enter."** Remind teens that what they post can be used against them. For example, letting the world know that you're off on vacation or posting your home address gives would-be robbers a chance to strike. Teens also should avoid posting specific locations of parties or events, as well as phone numbers.
- **Follow the "WWGS?" (What Would Grandma Say?) rule.** Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, college admissions officers, future bosses — and yes, grandma — to see.
- **Use privacy settings.** Privacy settings are important. Go through them together to make sure your kids understand each one. Also, explain that passwords are there to protect them against things like identity theft. They should never share them with anyone, even a boyfriend, girlfriend, or best friend.
- **Don't "friend" strangers.** "If you don't know them, don't friend them." This is a plain, simple — and safe — rule of thumb.

### Make a Contract

Consider making a "social media agreement" with your kids — a real contract they can sign. In it, they agree to protect their own privacy, consider their reputation, and not give out personal information. They also promise not to use technology to hurt anyone else through bullying or gossip.

In turn, parents agree to respect teens' privacy while making an effort to be part of the social media world. This means you can "friend" and observe them, but don't post embarrassing comments or rants about messy rooms.

Parents also can help keep kids grounded in the real world by putting limits on media use. Keep computers in public areas in the house, avoid laptops and smartphones in bedrooms, and set some rules on the use of technology (such as no devices at the dinner table).

And don't forget: Setting a good example through your own virtual behavior can go a long way toward helping your kids use social media safely.

**Reviewed by:** Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD

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## Parent Teacher Conferences 2021

Parent Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

As we work together with you in the education of your child it is necessary to have face-to-face meetings. We expect all parents to make contact with your child's teachers during this conference time.

**Parents: Please indicate the teacher(s) you want to see:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Briggs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rohrbach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Morman
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ribley
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Koverman
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Keller
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Kantner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Howe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Kesler
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers (Ms. Bahr, Mrs. Dillion, Ms. Holland)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers (Ms. Bahr, Mrs. Dillion, Ms. Holland)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers (Ms. Bahr, Mrs. Dillion, Ms. Holland)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Huffman, Licensed Social Worker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Smith, Physical Education/Computer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Schadewald, Music/Art

**Parents: Please indicate the time you would prefer:**

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| <b>Tuesday:</b> | <b>Thursday:</b> |
| _____ 3:15-4:15 | _____ 2:15-3:15  |
| _____ 4:15-5:15 | _____ 3:15-4:15  |
| _____ 5:45-6:45 | _____ 4:15-5:15  |
| _____ 6:45-7:45 | _____ 5:45-6:45  |

Please check the teacher(s) you want to see and the time slot that you prefer and return the paper to your child's teacher by **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Specific Times will be given and the paper will be returned to you. Appointments will be made to accommodate specific times on a first come, first served basis.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### Office Use Only

**Tuesday:**  
Teacher

Time

**Thursday:**  
Teacher

Time

## To the Parents of Boys & Girls attending Lima Catholic Schools currently in Grades 3 - 6:

The CYO invites All Lima Catholic School Boys & Girls currently in grades Three through Six to play basketball in the 2021-22 Lima Catholic Community Basketball Program a subsidiary of the Western Ohio Youth Basketball League (WOYBL). There will be two divisions in both the boys league and in the girls league; Division 1 (5th & 6th Graders) and Division 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders).

We will take all registrations from the Catholic Schools and divide them by division and then draft teams from that list. The league participation fee for this year is again \$45 per player. (Please make checks Payable to **CYO Basketball**)

The WOYBL league schedule will begin play on December 4th and conclude with a tournament that should wrap up by February 21st. Games will be played on Saturdays, practice schedules & locations will be set after the teams are formed.

We have scheduled a Skills Clinic/Registration for all players on Saturday October 30th at LCC from 10:00am – 11am Registration and sign up will begin at 9:30am. The clinic is free and will be run by Coach Frank Kill & Bill Taflinger & the LCC Boys & Girls Teams. Please plan on bringing the bottom portion of this form, along with your check to the skills clinic on Saturday October 30th. If you are unable to attend the skills clinic, please contact one of the names listed below. **IMPORTANT: Students will be sized for Game Jersey's as part of the Clinic. So it is strongly recommended that they attend the Clinic and get properly fitted.**

### **\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS November 3, 2021\*\*\***

Questions, please call Carol VanMeter @ 419-234-6220, Ric Stolly @ 228-0896, or Grant Dray @ 419-890-6451

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Child's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Childs birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Childs current grade \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate any health related issues: (ie Asthma)

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping to coach (name) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the (above named) child is in normal health and capable of participating safely in the CYO Basketball Program. I do hereby release and discharge the CYO, all coaches, and fellow players/coaches/organizations from all claims of damages, actions whatsoever in any manner arising from this athletic program. I hereby grant permission for the (above named) player to participate:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please COMPLETE THE ABOVE INFORMATION & bring this form and a check for \$45.00 (made payable to CYO Basketball) to the Clinic on October 30th.**