



THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

What is the meaning of kindness? According to the dictionary ... Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. But kindness means so much more ... Kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how YOU choose to show it. Be it through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures, thoughtfulness, the possibilities are entirely up to you. Kindness might look like being helpful or showing empathy. It may mean doing nice things without expecting nice things in return.

Kindness is more than being nice. Kindness goes beyond merely being nice. Think about it - would you prefer people to describe you to be "kind" or "nice?" There can be a lack of sincerity in just being nice; there is often a perception of doing the minimum. Whereas, being kind is doing intentional, voluntary acts of kindness. Not only when it's easy to be kind, but when it's hard to be.

Kindness is a movement. Has someone ever done something kind to you and all you wanted to do after was pay it forward? That's because kindness is a chain reaction. It's a wave that keeps rolling, and all it needs is one person to start it. One small kind act can cause a ripple effect that impacts an entire community. If we are all focused on being kind, we are creating a movement of change. You know that famous "be the change you wish to see in the world" quote? That quote isn't just about change, and it isn't only about one person being able to change their world. It's bigger; it is about a movement that can be started from one person acting with intention.

Kind is love; love is kind. Think about what love entails and what it means to love someone. Got it? Well, that's kindness. It's being selfless, caring, compassionate, and unconditionally kind. Like love, it takes practice to understand and feel it. We share love with others through kind acts such as a smile, a nice word, an unexpected deed, or a planned surprise. When we offer these acts to others, we make people feel good; we pass along hope; we promote peace; we show the power of kindness.

Kindness is grace. We are humans, and therefore, we make mistakes. We can be kind in our response to ourselves and others when those mistakes occur. This means thinking before speaking, forgiving before seeking revenge, and thinking about long-term relationships instead of short-term pride. If we could all remember that none of us are perfect, we would be a lot kinder to each other. Offer grace, be kind.

We have a lot of kind kids at St. Gerard. Throughout the year we will be recognizing them for their kindness with a certificate and a thank you! The kindness that many of the kids display each day is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Many Blessings,

Natalie Schoonover, Principal

Altar Servers:

Saturday, November 6th at 5 p.m.: Josh Yahl, Jacob Yahl, Maddie Yahl

Sunday, November 7th at 8:30 a.m.: Emma Hahn, Jacob Hahn, Ethan Snow

Sunday, November 7th at 11 a.m.: Connor Raines, Jaylon Patton, Nate Warner

Reminder No School - Friday, November 5th:

Due to parent teacher conferences this week, St. Gerard School will not be in session on Friday, November 5th.

Extended Day:

Extended day services will resume on Monday, November 8th.

School Picture Retakes:

Picture Retakes are scheduled for Friday, November 19th. If you had your student's pictures taken on the 1st picture day and you want them retaken, please turn in the original picture package to the school office. Order forms for picture retake day will be sent home next week.

Student Senate:

Our next student senate meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th from 3-345 p.m. in Miss Schadewald's classroom.



Jr. High Wrestling Sign - Up:

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

Cafeteria League Basketball (KG-2nd grades):

The registration form for our Cafeteria League Basketball Program for all Lima Catholic School students in grades kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade is attached. Please return the registration form by Friday, November 19th along with the \$30 cash or check made payable to St. Charles Catholic School in an envelope noted, Attention Carol Van Meter, to the school office.

Practices will be on week nights at the choice of coach. All games will be played in our school cafeteria on Saturday mornings starting January 15th. Your help is needed to coach.

Contact Carol Van Meter if you have any questions at vanmeterc@sccslima.org or call her at (419) 222-2536 ext 1087.

A note from Perry High School:

Good afternoon! My name is Linda Hoersten, Guidance Counselor at Perry High School. I just wanted to say Thank you for helping Plummie and Omarion Gardner last week. Imagine being 23 and 16 years of age and your life flips upside down in a matter of 36 hours. I have been having daily conversations with both boys asking what is the heaviest weight they have on their heart today. It changes daily for Omarion. For Plummie he worries about being able to keep their house and custody of Omarion. When Colin Stolly delivered the money to me, tears came to my eyes. When I gave the money to Plummie, he put his head down and started crying. I could see the heaviness leave his body because of your students and staff's generosity.

Your students and staff member's generosity has made a stressful situation a little less stressful for someone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

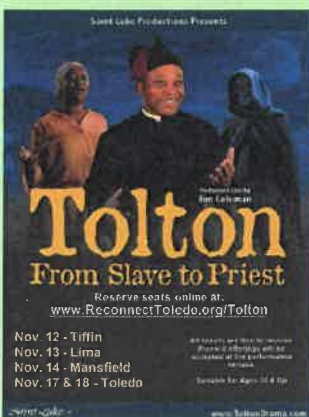
8th Grade Important Dates:

November 14th at 4 p.m. - Confirmation Sponsor & Parent Meeting in the church. No students.

November 18th - Confirmation Retreat at St Gerard for all 8th grade students. Letters will be coming home with each student today with the amount owed for retreat day.

April 2nd at 8:30 a.m. - Confirmation practice in the Church.

April 3rd at 11 a.m. - Confirmation



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Tolten: From Slave to Priest, the live theatrical one-man drama is coming to Lima at Lima Central Catholic in November! Get tickets (free, accepting good-will offering at the venue) now by visiting www.reconnecttoledo.org/Tolten

Tolten is a powerful new live production based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. To characterize Fr. Augustus Tolton's life as remarkable is an understatement

Lima Central Catholic International Students:

LCC is looking to host 2 international students in the second semester. If you have ever thought about hosting, now is the time. Please reach out to Trudy Thompson at tthompson@apps.lcchs.edu if you are interested!



- ❖ **Thank you to all of the parents who donated and put together the treat bags for the students last Friday. The students loved them!**
- ❖ **The staff would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who participated in parent teacher conferences this week!**
- ❖ **Thank you to everyone who provided dinner for the teachers and staff during parent teacher conferences!**
- ❖ **Thank you to all of the volunteers this week for our Scholastic Book Fair. We would not be able to have this event without you!**



HONOR ROLL

All A's

8th Grade:

Chayse Helmig
Tatum Miller
Mia O'Connell
Connor Truex

7th Grade:

Cadence Kelly-Frueh
Jaylon Patton
Maddi Yahl

6th Grade:

Kira Kelly
Jordyn Snider
Nathan Warner

5th Grade:

Taylor Wall-Ferguson

All A's & B's

8th Grade:

Juli Chambers, Brayden Dahill, Addison Fay, Bradley Graham, Brian Keller, Mataya Lewis, Katelynn Lossing, Carter Ruble, Jacob Yahl

7th Grade:

Bractyn Jones, Conner Oehlhof, LaKayla Scott, Donovan Short

6th Grade:

Brielle Bourk, Claire Butler, Jena Dershem-Stevenson, Carter Helmig, Carter Lester

5th Grade:

Drew Butler, Jonathan Chambers, Mactzil Cortes, Emily Fay, Liam Fay, Delilah Gaines-Romick, C'iani Glenn, Madelyn Jeffers, Riley Kelly, Connor Shutt

The Saints Go



Marching In





**St. Charles Cafeteria League
Basketball-Lima Catholic Schools
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Graders
Registration Form**



Child's Last Name _____ First Name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom _____ Male _____ Female _____

Ph# _____ Parent's Name _____

Shirt Size: (Circle one) Youth Med Youth Large Adult Small Adult Med.

I hereby certify that the above named child is in normal health and capable of participating safely in the St. Charles Catholic School 2021-2022 winter basketball program. I do hereby release and discharge St. Charles Catholic School and Parish, as well as the volunteers, 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 _____

E-mail address _____

Yes, I am interested in coaching (circle): Head Coach Assistant Coach

Name of Adult who wants to coach: _____

**Return this form by Friday, November 19th
along with your \$30 cash or check made payable to:
St. Charles Catholic School in an envelope, noted attention
Carol Van Meter, to your school's business office.**

Questions, please email Carol Van Meter at
vanmeterc@sccslima.org or call @ 419-222-2536 ext 1087