

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

I just wanted to share with you a recent email that I received this week from Mercy Health St. Rita's. This is a community update on the current status of the Covid virus in our region.

Over the past two years, Mercy Health St. Rita's has tried to provide information, updates and 'real, local' information to schools and businesses so they are able to make good decisions to keep their school and work community safe. And while the information has not always been good, they have tried to stay factual and have tried to not cause alarm, which I appreciate as a school leader. So with that being said here is a community update:

- Over the past two weeks, inpatient numbers have climbed from 52 COVID patients hospitalized at St. Rita's to today, now at 98. This is the highest number they have ever been, and it accounts for one third of the patients. (Their overall hospitalization number at this time of year is usually 240. Today they have 300.)
- As a region, we have more than 170 hospitalized patients. Again, higher than we have ever been.
- The criticality of the patients is tremendous and it's impossible to describe what the team is dealing with.
- While they are seeing some vaccinated patients in the hospital, only 5% of ICU and vented patients are vaccinated. While not perfect, vaccines are still the best option we have going forward.
- You know, as well as anyone, that no one held back on Thanksgiving gatherings this year. And school gyms were packed for the start of basketball season. As a result, the next two weeks will be the most challenging to date, and we will be making very difficult decisions.

The recommendations of the medical professionals continue to be as follow:

- Vaccinate, and booster if its been 6 months.
- Consider masking in large gatherings of unvaccinated people.
- STAY HOME if you don't feel well or if you have been around confirmed COVID cases.

We are very appreciative of all of the communication we have received from you about family exposures and your efforts to quarantine and help reduce the spread of the virus in our school community. With that being said, I ask for your prayers for some of our school and parish families who are currently battling the Covid virus.

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Mrs. Schoonover, Principal

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 4th at 5 p.m.: Hayley Chambers, Nic Chambers

Sunday, December 5th at 8:30 a.m.: Dallas Martin, Emiley Martin, Ethan Snow

Sunday, December 5th at 11 a.m.: Brayden Hubbard, Connor Raines, Ava Armstead

Upcoming Events:

December 8th - 8:30 am - KG-4th grades will celebrate Mass for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day.

12 p.m. - 5th-8th grades will celebrate Mass for the Holy Day.

December 14th - St Gerard Christmas Program - 7 p.m.

December 17th - Holiday Spectacular Crafts & Cookies

December 20th-21st - Middle School Semester Exams

December 22nd - End of 2nd Quarter

December 22nd - Early Dismissal for Christmas Break (1 p.m.) No Extended Day

December 24th - St. Gerard Parish Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 5 p.m.

A Message from the LCC Athletic Office:

All of LCC High School and Middle School Athletic Ticket Sales will be online this year. There will be no cash sales for tickets.

This may be done on the LCC website at <https://www.lcchs.edu/o/district/page/athletic-and-event-ticketing-page> and then by searching for the event or on the LCC Twitter @LCCtbirdSports. You can choose to have your tickets sent to your email address or your mobile phone. You can either print your ticket or bring your phone with your digital ticket to the game to be scanned in.

Another option is to download the HomeTown Fan App to your smartphone which will enable you to purchase and store your tickets directly on that app, making it easy to get scanned in at the gate.

Below is the QR Code to our ticket page to make it easier on your fans to purchase tickets.



St. Gerard School Food Pantry Donations:

St. Gerard School is currently running a food drive to establish a food pantry here at St. Gerard School. The goal is for student council members to help preassemble packages of food, often in backpacks or grocery bags to give to children to taken home. The food drive will run through December 10th. The class that donates the highest percentage of food per class size will be awarded a dress down day sometime before the Christmas break.

Items to donate:

Canned Vegetables	Canned fruits	Canned meats	Rice
Canned Soup	Canned Ravioli	Canned Beefaroni	Pasta
Canned Sphaghetios	Boxed Mac & Cheese	Boxed Potatoes	Jelly
Rice-a-roni	Hamburger Helper	Spaghetti Sauce	Cereal
Breakfast Bars	Granola Bars	Oatmeal	Peanut Butter

**Just a
reminder...**



After School Pick Up Reminder:

Students in grades PK and K-4 with no older siblings, should be picked up in the pickup loop between the cafeteria building and the school (Pick Up Loop A).

Students in grades 5-8 (with their younger siblings) should be picked up in the loop/drive that enters off of Main Street and exits out Elizabeth Street.

For safety reasons we ask that these guidelines are followed. Robb Avenue is not a pick up zone.

Thanks for your cooperation!



St. Gerard School's annual Christmas Program is Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m. in the school gym. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

All students should be dressed in their Sunday Best or wear their school uniform. We ask that no one wear jeans, sweats, or gym clothes.

The program will be livestreamed for extended family members and friends. We ask that only immediate family who reside in your home attend the program in person. Masks are highly recommended (our students will be wearing them except for when they are on stage performing)

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LUNCH MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

29

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes / Gravy
Corn
Dinner Roll
Pineapple
Milk

30

Hot Dog / Bun
Baked Beans
Carrots
Peaches
Milk

1

Pizza Pockets
Romaine Salad / Dressing
Bread Stick
Applesauce
Milk

2

Pancake Wrap
Potato Triangle
Carrots
Pears
Milk

3

Chicken Nuggets
Green Beans
Carrots
Dinner Roll
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

6

Hamburger / Bun
French Fries
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk

7

Macaroni / Cheese
Broccoli
Peaches
Milk

8

Pizza
Romaine Salad
Bread Stick
Applesauce
Milk

9

Sausage
French Toast
Carrots
Pears
Milk

10

Chicken Nuggets
Baked Beans
Green Beans
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

13

Chicken Patty / Bun
Tater Tots
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk

14

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes / Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Peaches
Milk

15

Pizza Rippers
Marinara Sauce
Romaine Salad / Dressing
Bread Sticks
Applesauce
Milk

16

Tacos
Meat / Salsa / Cheese
Lettuce / Tomatoes
Refried Beans
Pears
Milk

17

Chicken Strips
French Fries
Carrots
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

20

Coney Dog / Bun
Potato Wedges
Green Beans
Pineapple
Milk

21

Grilled Cheese / Pretzel Bun
Baked Beans
Carrots
Peaches
Milk

22

Pizza
Romaine Salad / Dressing
Bread Stick
Applesauce
Milk

23

NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 5, 2021

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



Do We Make Too Much of Mary?



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Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

MARIAN DOGMAS WITH BRANT PITRE



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