

# THURSDAY FLYER

## From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

February is Kindness Month. I spoke with our student body after Mass today about kindness and the importance of treating each other with great respect. One important message I tried to employ is that kindness should be both in our words and in our actions. Mrs. Huffman and myself spend a great deal of time reminding the students of the impact that negative words can have on one another. Words cannot be taken back after they are spoken and an individual can carry those hurtful words with them for a very long time.

As schools evolve, educators continue to look at ways to ensure learners have a memorable educational experience. Immersing acts of kindness and lessons on kindness are important to the emotional health of our students, which of course would impact their learning.

## **How Practicing Kindness Helps Students Learn:**

1. It improves concentration-Serotonin is widely regarded as a mood balancer. Practicing kindness can have an extremely positive effect on serotonin levels.
2. It alleviates stress-Levels of stress tend to noticeably decrease in both the giver and receiver of an act of kindness.
3. It encourages collaboration-As we become kinder, self-esteem improves and we develop more empathy towards others. All this contributes to healthy and productive collaboration in any learning environment.

I challenge each of you to do some random acts of kindness this month as a family! This will create a positive energy that is unbelievable.

Have a great weekend!

Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Schoonover

## No School - Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:

St. Gerard School will not be in session on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> due to professional development for the teachers and Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Altar Servers:

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.:** Josh Yahl, Jacob Yahl, Madi Yahl

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:** Dallas Martin, Emiley Martin, Blake Tobe

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12<sup>th</sup> a.m.:** Nate Warner, Douglas Noble, Connor Shutt



Student registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open.

Current students in KG-7<sup>th</sup> grade, can register for the 2023-2024 school year by going to <https://forms.gle/V12mX9WYLCqvt1D96> and completing the online registration. If you prefer paper registration forms, please reach out to the school office.

Current pre-k students are receiving a yellow registration folder today to be completed and returned to the school office at your earliest convenience.

### **Extended Day Statements:**

Extended Day statements were sent home last week with students. Please send in payments by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to pay via credit card, please contact Marta in the school office with your credit card details.

### **Edchoice Scholarship Renewal Forms:**

The Edchoice Scholarship renewal portal is now open. All current students with an Edchoice Scholarship will be bringing home a renewal form today from school. Please complete the renewal application and return to the school office along with a complete copy of a utility bill.

8<sup>th</sup> grade students also received a copy of the Edchoice Scholarship renewal form. Please complete the forms and either upload in your LCC Blackbaud account or drop off to LCC Business Office or St. Gerard School Office.

### **Outstanding Tuition & Fees for the 2022-2023 School year:**

Those students with outstanding fees, letters have been mailed to the home address on file with the balance. Please pay these fees as soon as possible, so that you do not delay the processing of registration and Edchoice Scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year. If you would like to pay outstanding fees by credit card, please contact Marta in the school office with your credit card details.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



### **Spelling Bee:**

Congratulations to our school spelling bee winner, Nathan Warner from 7<sup>th</sup> grade! Our runner up is Zavion Collins from 6<sup>th</sup> grade and our second runner up is Jordyn Snider!



## KG-2nd Grade Soccer:

Shawnee has once again invited catholic school students to participate in their youth soccer program for grades K-2. Signups and Payments will all be done online at the QR Code below. If you signed up last fall you will use the same sign in information to resign up for spring soccer.



Lima Allen County  
**CHAMBER**  
of Commerce

# Calling All Middle School Students!

Share your ideas and show off your citizenship skills in the National Civics Bee.

## About the Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. In the first round of the contest, local middle school students will participate in an essay competition. Judges will then select 20 finalists to participate in the local competition: a live quiz event testing civics knowledge. Then, the top 3 students from each local competition will advance to the state competition.

**\$500 cash prize**  
LOCAL FIRST PLACE

**\$1,000 cash prize**  
STATE FIRST PLACE

Each finalist receives a certificate.

## How to Enter

If you are a middle school student with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in your community, review the rules and guidelines on this page:

<http://bit.ly/3WdJcWF>

Next, complete the online submission form, including contact information for your parent or guardian, and upload (preferred method) or mail your 500 word essay.

**February 24, 2022**

Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce  
144 S. Main ST, Suite 100  
Lima, OH 45801  
Email address

The National Civics Bee is presented by the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce with support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
**2** FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRIES

**MARCH 3RD & MARCH 10TH**

**5:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT**

Drinks and Desserts  
available for purchase

Price: Pre-Sale    \$10

(Sold at LCC Business Office and boys home basketball games)

At Door    \$12

Kids Price    \$6

(Choice of fish or cheese pizza and fries)

Lima Central Catholic Cafeteria

720 S. Cable Rd.

Lima, OH 45805

Drive behind the school for Carry-Out



All proceeds benefit  
Lima Catholic  
Schools

**TO:** Parents  
**FROM:** St. Gerard School  
**SUBJECT:** Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program  
**DATE:** February 7, 2023

St Gerard will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, to our students through February 21-27th. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Toledo Diocese], and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at St. Gerard School]. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. We encourage you to read the attached “overview” and “lesson plan” so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Kelly Huffman 419-222-0431. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later than 2/17/23.

For more information on the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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**Opt-out form for use with the Touching Safety program:**

St. Gerard School does not have my permission to present the *Teaching Safety – Empowering God’s Children* program, to my child whose name is

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Parent’s name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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