

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

In the coming weeks you will hear your children talking about the season of Lent. Lent is the forty days before Easter where we make resolutions and commit to change our lives so that we may be more like Christ. Some people will be fasting, others will be sacrificing, and others will choose to engage in a good deed or service for others throughout Lent. The season of Lent begins next Wednesday, February 22nd, on a special day called Ash Wednesday. At Ash Wednesday Mass we will all receive ashes on our foreheads from the priest. The ashes represent that our sin is pretty uncomfortable and leads to a sort of death of the spirit. During this Easter season we will be encouraging the students to make a commitment that will help them to become more like our Lord, Jesus. You are all **welcome** to participate in our Ash Wednesday service to begin your journey down **HIS** path as well. I encourage you to let your children see you taking this journey and encourage you to incorporate prayer and sacrifices into your family life as we all know that our children are very good at copying what we do. What a great opportunity to lead by example!

During this Lenten season St. Gerard School students, families and staff will be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please start saving your pop tabs and sending them in with your students in a sealed baggie or envelope on Monday through Easter break. There will be a competition amongst Houses to see which House can bring in the most pop tabs.

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Schoonover



Student registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Current students in KG-7th 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.

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 18th at 5 p.m.: Preston Jeffers, Maddie Jeffers, Jon Chambers

Sunday, February 19th at 8:30 a.m.: Liam Fay, Ethan Snow, Emily Fay

Sunday, February 19th at 11 a.m.: Kyle Hutchison, Connor Truex, Ryan Hutchison



No School - Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th:

St. Gerard School will not be in session on Friday, February 17th due to professional development for the teachers and Monday, February 20th for President's Day.

Extended Day Statements:

Extended day statements are going home today with students. Please pay balance by Friday, March 3, 2023.

If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact the school office.

Junior High Track Practice:

Junior High track practice will begin on Monday, February 20th from 3:45-5:45 p.m. at the track behind Lima Central Catholic.

Edchoice Scholarship Renewal Forms:

The Edchoice Scholarship renewal portal is now open. Please complete the renewal application and return to the school office along with a complete copy of a utility bill at your earliest convenience.

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.

Financial Aid:

St. Gerard Church awards tuition assistance to families who demonstrate financial need. The school uses a third party evaluator. FACTS Financial Aide services determine financial need and assistance amount. To begin the process, parents must complete the FACTS Grant & Aide Assessment online at <https://www.online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3XM9W> Applications must be completed by April 3rd.

Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund:

Did you know your child(ren) may qualify for a Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year? Need-based scholarships worth up to \$2000 per child are available for students for private school for grades KG-8th. To apply, please apply online at <http://tinyurl.com/NOSF2324APP> Deadline to apply is April 28, 2023.

Yearbooks on Sale:

2022-2023 Years are now on sale. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, order forms were sent home with students today or you can order online at www.ybpay.com. Yearbook ID Code is 9530823. Deadline for ordering is March 24, 2023.



Tickets are available online at www.lcchs.edu

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**LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC
FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRIES**

March 3 and 10 • 5:00-8:00 PM

Dine-In Or Carry Out

Price: Pre-Sale \$10

At Door: \$12

Kids Price: \$6



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