ST. GERARD
CATHOLIC + SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 10, 2026

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Golden Eagle Families,

One of the greatest blessings of our school community is the opportunity to gather together in faith each week. We warmly invite all of our families to join us for our weekly Mass—a special time to pause, pray, and be renewed together.

In the midst of busy schedules, our midweek Mass offers a chance to refuel spiritually, spend meaningful time in community, and celebrate our faith alongside your children. There is something truly special about seeing our students worship with the people who love them most.

It has been wonderful to see so many families joining us this year! Your presence strengthens our school family and shows our students the importance of making faith a central part of our lives.

This year, we are also excited to continue our **Family Masses on the third Wednesday of each month**. These celebrations will highlight different grade levels throughout the year, making each Family Mass a special opportunity to celebrate our students. Be sure to watch **ClassDojo** each month to see which grade level will be featured and invited to participate.

Whether you are able to attend every week or join us for one of our Family Masses, know that you are always welcome. We hope you'll continue to make this time of prayer, reflection, and community part of your week.

Thank you for helping make our Golden Eagle community a place where faith, family, and fellowship thrive. We look forward to worshiping with you soon!

Many Blessings,

Natalie Schoonover
Principal

This Week at St. Gerard

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DEAN'S CORNER: STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC PROGRESS

AS WE SETTLE INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR FAMILIES TO MAKE **REGULARLY CHECKING YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC PROGRESS A PRIORITY.** STAYING INFORMED AND INVOLVED IS ONE OF THE SIMPLEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS.

PROGRESSBOOK IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR FAMILIES. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S GRADES REGULARLY SO YOU ARE AWARE OF MISSING ASSIGNMENTS, INCOMPLETE CLASSWORK, UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS, AND OVERALL ACADEMIC PROGRESS. GRADES CAN CHANGE QUICKLY, AND ADDRESSING CONCERNS EARLY IS MUCH EASIER THAN WAITING UNTIL THE END OF A QUARTER.

I ALSO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO MAKE A **DAILY HOMEWORK AND CLASSWORK CHECK** PART OF THE EVENING ROUTINE. ASK YOUR CHILD:

- WHAT HOMEWORK DO YOU HAVE TONIGHT?
- DID YOU COMPLETE ALL OF YOUR CLASSWORK TODAY?
- DO YOU HAVE ANY MISSING OR INCOMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS?
- IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING?

MOST IMPORTANTLY, LET'S REMIND OUR STUDENTS THAT **COMPLETING CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR OVERALL ACADEMIC HEALTH.** SUCCESS IS NOT SIMPLY ABOUT A TEST SCORE OR A FINAL GRADE. DEVELOPING GOOD WORK HABITS, COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS, STAYING ORGANIZED, AND TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEARNING ARE ALL IMPORTANT SKILLS THAT WILL SERVE STUDENTS WELL THROUGHOUT THEIR EDUCATION.

IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE ACCESSING **PROGRESSBOOK** OR ARE UNSURE HOW TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S GRADES AND ASSIGNMENTS, **PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER OR A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM.** WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION AND TOOLS YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED.

PARENTS + STUDENTS + TEACHERS = A STRONGER PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!

THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP OUR STUDENTS BUILD THE HABITS, RESPONSIBILITY, AND CONFIDENCE THEY NEED TO THRIVE.

MS. ROBERTSON
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

9/16	**Weekly Mass**	Please join us for Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church
9/18	**Fall Picture Day**	Lifetouch will be at school to photograph all students for school pictures.
9/21	**2nd & 3rd Grade Lego Club**	Lego Club for 2nd and 3rd grade students will begin on September 21st from 3-4 p.m.
9/22	**4th & 5th Grade Lego Club**	Lego Club for 4th and 5th grade students will begin on September 22st from 3-4 p.m.
9/24	**Flower Sale Pickup**	All items sold during our Flower Sale will be available for pick up. Please watch for additional directions in the upcoming days.

THE WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS

Super Friends

RAD Program - 2nd Grade

Visit to the Library

Reminders & Announcements

THANK YOU FOR STAYING CONNECTED.

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 5 PM: LILA FAY, SYDNEY SARNO, CAMERON SARNO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 8:30 AM: JAYDEN BAKIES, JACKSON MILLER, SAMUEL TOBE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 11 AM: ALI COOK, JAYLON PATTON, CARTER HELMIG

FALL PICTURE DAY

LIFETOUCH WILL BE AT ST. GERARD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, FOR OUR FALL PICTURE DAY. ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED ONLINE AT MYLIFETOUCH.COM WITH PICTURE DAY ID 3EVTWF2NHV OR VIA THE PICTURE DAY ENVELOPES THAT STUDENTS WILL BE BRINGING HOME TODAY.

ALL PICTURES ORDERED VIA THE PICTURE DAY ENVELOPE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER WHEN YOUR STUDENT GETS THEIR PICTURE TAKEN. NO PICTURE ENVELOPES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE PHOTOGRAPHER LEAVES THE SCHOOL. ONLY ONLINE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER YOUR STUDENT IS PHOTOGRAPHED.

LEGO CLUBS

IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEGOS AND BUILDING THINGS?

THERE WILL BE AN AFTER SCHOOL LEGO PROGRAM TO ASSIST CHILDREN IN BUILDING THEIR SOCIAL SKILLS THROUGH THE LEGO MEDIUM. THE SKILLS FOCUSED ON ARE; WORKING IN A GROUP, COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS.

THERE WILL BE THREE AFTER SCHOOL GROUPS OFFERED FOR CHILDREN 2ND-8TH GRADES. THE SECOND AND THIRD GRADE PROGRAM WILL BE ON MONDAY FROM 3-4 AND THE FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE GROUP WILL BE ON TUESDAY FROM 3-4. THE 6-8TH GRADE GROUP WILL START IN JANUARY.

THE START DATE OF LEGO CLUB WILL BE SEPTEMBER 21ST . IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED LEGO REGISTRATION FORM.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MRS. HUFFMAN AT (419)222-0431 EXT.306 OR EMAIL AT KHUFFMAN@SGSLIMA.ORG.

LADIES NIGHT OUT BAGS, BINGO & BLING

ST. GERARD SCHOOL'S 2ND BIGGEST FUNDRAISER IS OUR LADIES NIGHT OUT BAGS, BINGO & BLING. THIS EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 7 P.M. IN ORDER FOR THIS EVENT TO GO ON WE ARE IN NEED OF HELP FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES. BELOW ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

KITCHEN WORKERS - HELP SERVE & CLEAN UP THE MEAL AT THE EVENT

EVENT WORKERS - WE NEED WORKERS TO HELP SELL 50/50 TICKETS, SILENT AUCTION TICKETS, TIP BOARDS, AND BEVERAGES.

SET-UP/TEAR-DOWN - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET-UP FOR THE EVENT ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH IN THE AFTERNOON AND HELP TEARING THE EVENT DOWN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH. THE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE THE EASIER THE EVENT GOES UP AND DOWN.

DONATIONS: WE ARE ASKING FOR ALLS TUDENT FAMILIES TO DONATE $10 TO BE USED TO CREATE AUCTION BASKETS. PLEASE TURN IN MONEY TO YOUR STUDENT'S HOMEROOM TEACHER.

IF YOU WORK FOR A BUSINESS THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DONATING A MONETARY DONATION, GIFT CARDS, OR PRODUCTS, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. TRUEX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. TRUEX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

St Gerard Presents

DONUT MISS A DAY!

We are having a 2-week attendance challenge!

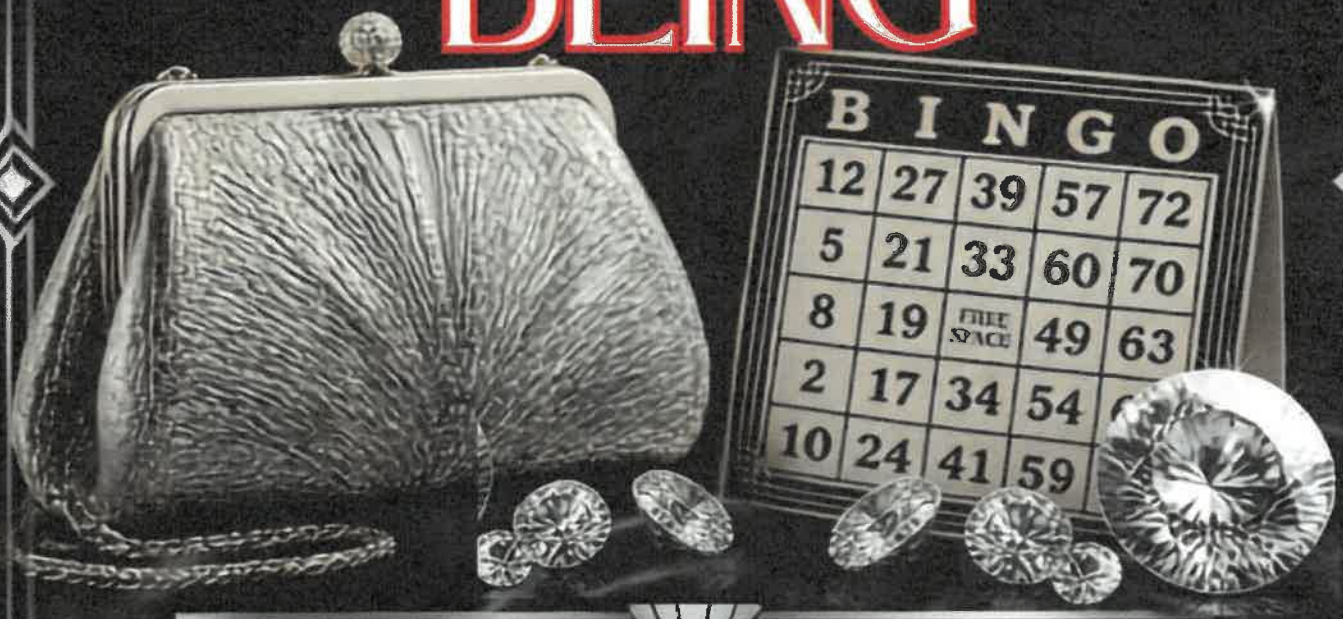
During this time, the class that has the most days of perfect attendance will earn a donut party! Challenge Dates: October 5th-16th, 2026

Golden Eagles

let's show up for perfect attendance!

ST. GERARD SCHOOL'S LADIES NIGHT OUT

BAGS, BINGO & BLING



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)

$40 PER TICKET

Tickets on Sale at St. Gerard School, 1311 N. Main Street

LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC CLASS OF 2031

CURRENT 8TH GRADE PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

SEPT. 23RD
OCT. 7TH
OCT. 21ST

WE WILL START AT 6:30PM IN THE GREAT HALL AT LCC.

#DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

AT LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Contact Colin Stolly with Questions
cstolly@apps.lcchs.edu
(419) 604-0354

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

FUNDRAISING FOR ST. GERARD & YOU

What is scrip?

A fundraising method for St. Gerard in which the school purchases gift cards from retailers at a discount and then these gift cards can be purchased by St. Gerard parents/parishioners/families/friends at face value. The difference between the discounted price and the face value is a rebate which is invested directly back to the school and school families to reduce your out of pocket costs.

What can scrip credits be used for?

- Registration Fees
- School Supply Fees
- Tech Fees
- Lunch Accounts
- Tuition

Credits earned prior to April 30th will be applied to the 2027-2028 school year fees

How can I get Started?

- Stop by the School Office to purchase gift cards from our on-hand selection.
- Online: Go to www.raiseright.com, click on SIGN UP, enter enrollment code 2B5AAFAD3563 in the Join a Program box, create account by entering your personal information and begin shopping.
- Through the RaiseRight App: Download the RaiseRight App in your App Store and follow the prompts. These are instantly downloadable! You can also order deliverable gift cards and they will be delivered to the school office for pickup.

How can I see a Full List of Participating Businesses?

Go to www.raiseright.com to see a full list of shops.

Gift Cards On-Hand for Immediate Purchase:

The following cards are kept on hand in the School Office for you to purchase.

- Amazon
- Applebee's
- Arby's
- Bath & Body
- Beer Barrel
- Biggby
- Chief
- Bob Evans
- Burger King
- Chief
- Chipotle
- Circle K
- Dunkin
- Happy Daz
- IHOP
- Kohls
- Lowes
- McDonalds
- Meijer
- Menard's
- Olive Garden
- Panera
- Panda
- Regal
- Speedway
- Spring&Main
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Taco Bell
- Texas
- Walmart