ST. GERARD
CATHOLIC + SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 8, 2026

From the Principal's Desk:

Honoring Mary During the Month of October

Dear Golden Eagle Families,

As we begin the month of October, we take time as a Catholic community to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary holds a special place in our faith because of her love for God, her courage, and her willingness to say "yes" to God's plan.

You may sometimes hear Catholics talk about praying to Mary, and it is important to understand what we mean. Catholics do not worship Mary. We worship God alone. We honor Mary because she is the mother of Jesus and a beautiful example of faith, trust, humility, and obedience to God.

We can think of Mary as a loving mother who points us toward her Son. When Catholics ask Mary to pray for us, we are not asking her to take the place of God. We are asking her to pray with us and for us, just as we might ask a family member or friend to pray for us.

Throughout October, I encourage our scholars and families to take a little time to learn about Mary and reflect on her example. We can ask ourselves:

- How can I say "yes" to God each day?
- How can I show greater kindness and compassion to others?
- How can I trust God even when I don't know what comes next?
- How can I follow Mary's example of loving and serving others?

May Mary continue to point our hearts toward Jesus and remind us of the beautiful words, "Let it be done to me according to your word."

Have a wonderful week, Golden Eagle Families. Let's continue to grow in faith, love, and service together!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Schoonover
Principal
St. Gerard Catholic School

This Week at St. Gerard

WHEN YOUR CHILD MAKES A MISTAKE: TURNING CONSEQUENCES INTO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LET'S BE HONEST—KIDS ARE GOING TO MAKE MISTAKES. WE ALL DO! WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT WE DO AFTER THE MISTAKE.

WHEN A STUDENT RECEIVES A CONSEQUENCE AT SCHOOL, THE GOAL ISN'T JUST TO PUNISH THEM. WE WANT THEM TO STOP, THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, AND HOPEFULLY MAKE A BETTER CHOICE NEXT TIME.

PARENTS CAN HELP BY TALKING THROUGH THE SITUATION AT HOME. ASK, "WHAT HAPPENED?" "WHAT COULD YOU HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY?" OR "WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TIME?" SOMETIMES A SIMPLE CONVERSATION CAN TURN A DIFFICULT SITUATION INTO A REALLY GOOD LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WE ALSO BELIEVE IN ACCOUNTABILITY, FORGIVENESS, AND GRACE. JESUS REMINDS US THAT WE ARE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS. OUR MISTAKES GIVE US OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW, ASK FOR FORGIVENESS, MAKE THINGS RIGHT, AND TRY AGAIN.

AT SGS, WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO KNOW THAT A MISTAKE DOESN'T DEFINE THEM. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT THEY LEARN FROM IT, GROW FROM IT, AND KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US AS WE HELP OUR STUDENTS GROW IN FAITH, CHARACTER, AND KINDNESS EACH DAY!

JENNIFER ROBERTSON
DEAN OF STUDENTS

St. Gerard Blessed Brunch

We invite all women to join the next Blessed Brunch, **Saturday, October 10 from 9:30am -11am** in the **Parish Hall.** This group enjoys fellowship while sharing brunch and then discusses the Sunday readings accompanied by faith sharing. If you are able, please bring a small dish to share.
All are welcome and we look forward to having you join us!

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

10/12 — **No School for Students**

St. Gerard School will be closed for students as the faculty will be participating in professional development.

10/14 — **Weekly School Mass**

Please join us for our weekly school Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the church.

10/21 — **8th Grade Visit to LCC**

St. Gerard 8th grade students will be spending the day at Lima Central Catholic.

10/22 — **Trunk or Treat/Haunted Hallway**

St. Gerard's annual Trunk or Treat & Haunted Hallway is scheduled from 5:30-7:30 pm. Save the date and stay tuned for more details.

10/23 — **End of the 1st Quarter**

This marks the end of the 1st academic quarter.

10/29 — **Fall Picture Retake Day**

Lifetouch will be in the school for Fall Picture Retake Day. Only students who are getting pictures day on this day, may be out of uniform.

THE WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS

Reminders & Announcements

THANK YOU FOR STAYING CONNECTED.

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 5 PM: TRISTYN PITNEY, MADI YAHL, IZAIAH HILLARD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 8:30 AM: ABIGAIL MAYS, SKYLAR MAYS, ALYDIA COOPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 11 AM: KHLOE KUNKLEMAN, EVERLY BALL, MAKENNA SZIPPL

MEDICATION SAFETY REMINDER

AS A REMINDER, STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY MEDICATION IN THEIR PURSES, BOOK BAGS, OR ON THEIR PERSON DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. THIS INCLUDES BOTH PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS FOR EPI-PENS AND ASTHMA MEDICATION WITH A MEDICAL FORM FROM THE PHYSICIAN.

OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP ALL OF OUR SCHOLARS SAFE. MEDICATION BEING SHARED OR ACCIDENTALLY ACCESSED BY ANOTHER STUDENT COULD POSE A SERIOUS HEALTH RISK, PARTICULARLY FOR STUDENTS WHO MAY HAVE ALLERGIES, SENSITIVITIES, OR OTHER MEDICAL CONCERNS.

WE HAVE A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE TO SAFELY STORE AND ADMINISTER MEDICATION TO STUDENTS AS NEEDED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SCHOOL NURSE, ANGIE HUBBARD, AND SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU WITH THE PROCESS.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF OUR GOLDEN EAGLES! THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US IN KEEPING OUR SCHOLARS SAFE.

PURSE BINGO VOLUNTEERS

ST. GERARD'S 2ND BIGGEST FUNDRAISER IS OUR ANNUAL PURSE BINGO SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. PLEASE CONTACT MRS. TRUEX IN THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Reminders & Announcements

FOOD DRIVE

30	Canned Beef & Chicken
30	Mac and Cheese
25	Chunky Soup/Stews
25	Chef Boyardee & the like
25	Pasta Sause
20	Ramen
20	Instant Rice
20	Dry Pasta Noodles
20	Instant Potatoes
15	Cereal Bars

15	Pancake Mix
15	Syrup
15	Granola Bars
15	Canned Tuna/Salmon
15	Jelly/Jam
15	Cereal
10	Broth
10	Pop Tarts
5	Peanut Butter
5	Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Points will be awarded for each item donated and then totaled by House.

***FOOD DRIVE IS UNDER WAY. HERE ARE THE POINT TOTALS AS OF TODAY.**

HELP YOUR HOUSE EARN A DRESS DOWN DAY!

***FOOD DRIVE INCENTIVES:**
1000 POINTS YOUR HOUSE EARNS A DRESS DOWN DAY

2000 POINTS YOUR HOUSE EARNS AN EXTRA RECESS

3000 POINTS YOUR HOUSE EARNS A HOMEWORK PASS FOR EACH STUDENT

4000 POINTS YOUR HOUSE EARNS A MOVIE DAY

2026 FOOD DRIVE

Onraka	210
Isibindi	135
Nukumori	300
Amistad	1490
Sollevare	0
Altruismo	132
Protos	276
Revuer	0

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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!

Volunteers:

This event is the 2nd biggest fundraiser for St. Gerard School. We are in need of volunteers to ensure a successful evening. Please contact Mrs. Truex in the school office, if you are able to give a couple of hours on November 7th.

No experience needed!!

JUNIOR HIGH Girls BASKETBALL

OPEN GYM
SUNDAYS
10/11, 10/18, 10/25
6:30 - 7:30 PM
LCC BIG GYM

OFFICIAL TRY-OUTS
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH
4:00 - 5:30 PM
LCC SMALL GYM

HEAD COACHES:
8TH GRADE: NIKKI KELLER
7TH GRADE: KATIE KRIEG

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HEAD COACHES:
8TH GRADE: ETHAN O'CONNOR
7TH GRADE: IAN ARMONTROUT

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

THUNDERBIRD Youth Sports

3RD - 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL

FOR LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

COST
$75

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
CLICK HERE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
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LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC

THUNDERBIRD PARENT CLUB

FAITH
FAMILY
TRADITION
T-BIRDS

SHOW YOUR T-BIRD PRIDE!

ONE SCHOOL. ONE FAMILY. ALWAYS A T-BIRD.

GARDEN FLAGS

YARD SIGNS

$25 EACH

ORDER ONLINE THROUGH THE
HOMETOWN TICKETING APP

PICK UP AT THE LCC BUSINESS OFFICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

SCAN TO PURCHASE!

LCC — THUNDERBIRD PARENT CLUB

Supporting Our School. Strengthening Our Community.

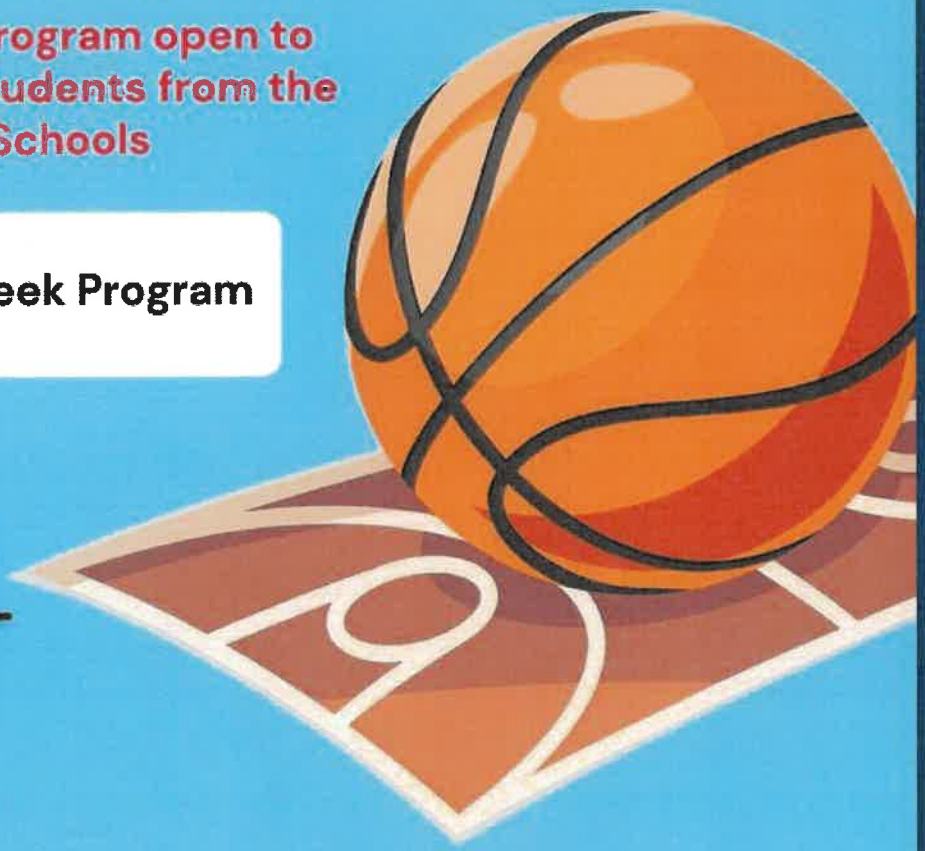
LITTLE T-BIRD DRIBBLERS

THUNDERBIRD YOUTH SPORTS

Ball handling program open to K – 2nd grade students from the Lima Catholic Schools

Begins Sun Nov 1

7 Week Program



Register Now!

$40

When: Sundays
Time: 1:00-2:00
Where: St. Charles Gymnasium
Fee: $40
Registration Link: www.tbirdyouthsports.com/documents

Performancce on 12/18 at LCC Varsity Boys Basketball Halftime

Lifetouch

Picture Retake Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de las nuevas tomas fotográficas!

Thursday, October 29, 2026

St. Gerard Catholic School Retake Day!

Scan to order now!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargar ahora!

How it Works:

Students are photographed on Picture Retake Day. Bring original package if available!

You can still order on mylifetouch.com. Create an account or login with your Picture Day ID:
EVTHXGJ9N

Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Retake Day.

Cómo funciona: Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de las Nuevas Tomas Fotográficas. Trae paquete original ¡si está disponible! Aún puedes encargar en mylifetouch.com. Crea una cuenta o inicia sesión con tu identificación del Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de las Nuevas Tomas Fotográficas.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.
¿Preguntas? Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Fotografia Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.

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