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Welcome!

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL
BEING CHRIST · EVERY DAY · EVERYWHERE

St. Gabriel School Kindergarten Guide Book 2018-19

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Welcome to St. Gabriel School! We are grateful for the opportunity to show you a little more about how we hope to partner with you to fulfill your son or daughter's educational and faith development.

St. Gabriel School offers Full-day Kindergarten five days a week. Our Kindergarten classroom teachers and Kindergarten aides provide daily instruction, supplemented by weekly instruction from our school's Art, Technology, Music, Physical Education and Spanish teachers. Classroom instruction is infused with our mission of ***Being CHRIST ~ Every Day ~ Everywhere through teaching, learning, leading and serving .*** We seek to help students grow in deeper and clearer awareness that they are children of God who are loved and blessed with unique gifts and talents, and who are called to go forth as disciples of Christ.

WHAT IS THE AGE CUT OFF FOR STARTING KINDERGARTEN?

- According to Ohio state law, your child must be five years old by September 30 to begin Kindergarten at St. Gabriel School.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

- Our goal is to work together with you to ensure that your child has a successful Kindergarten year as the foundation for all grades to follow. Research and our own experience shows that children are generally ready for Kindergarten at the age of five years, even with great individual variance. We therefore adhere to the State law as mentioned above, that sets the requirement that a child be five years old by September 30.
- To find out if there is an individual variance in a child's development that could be of concern in a child's successful progress, we also adhere to the practice of screening all pre-kindergarten children. We use several assessment tools that assess the developmental levels in areas needed for reading and writing success, and other areas as they relate to successful performance in kindergarten. Besides showing readiness, these

Grandparents' Day

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSIONS

New student applications are available online. Applications accepted at any time with a target deadline of February 15.

Early January
Application and tuition information mailed directly to Learning Loft family homes.

January 28
Catholic Schools Week Opening Celebration
11:30 am Mass
12:30-2:30 pm Open House ~ All are welcome!

February 5 & 13
Kindergarten Round Up at St. Gabriel School Office, 5:30-7:30 pm
Drop application, pay fees (with credit card, if you like),
ask questions, one stop shopping!

March
Acceptance letters mailed.

April 30 & May 1
Kindergarten Screening
Registration will be posted online.

Monthly Open Houses
Feb 13 • Mar 13 • Apr 17 • May 8
Meet with Fr. Fred and Mrs. Saladino, observe in Kindergarten classrooms and take full tour of school. Please register, Tuesday mornings at 9am:

April 20 or April 21, 7pm
You are welcome to join us:
St. Gabriel School Performing Arts Club presents
Honk-jr., an adaptation of The Ugly Duckling
Tickets on sale at door.

Summer
Uniform Swap, TBD

August TBD
Kindergarten parent & student orientation prior to school starting
Times assigned alphabetically
9am or 11am
Visit website for more information and to register for open houses.
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- Girls and Boys: Shoes may be tie, Velcro, slip-on, hard sole or gym shoes may be worn at anytime. No neon colors or light up shoes.
- St. Gabriel logo sweatshirts can be purchased through School Parent Teacher Union (PTU) throughout the school year.
- PTU sponsors a used uniform swap throughout the year—watch the church bulletin and e-communications for further details.

DO THE CHILDREN WEAR GYM UNIFORMS?

- Kindergarten students do not wear gym uniforms; they will wear their regular school uniforms on gym day. They wear gym shoes to school with them on gym day. Girls wear shorts under their jumpers everyday.

WHAT RELATED ARTS CLASSES DO THEY ATTEND?

- Kindergarten students attend Phys Ed, Technology-Media, Art, Music and Spanish classes once a week.

DO THEY NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

- Kindergarten students will need a backpack and lunchbox. Virtually all school supplies will be provided through the supply and snack fee paid at the start of the school year.

CAN I VOLUNTEER IN THE CLASSROOM?

- There are a number of volunteer opportunities to be involved with your child's experience at St. Gabriel School. Needs ranging from lunch room aides, and field trip chaperones will be communicated by your child's teacher throughout the year. In order to protect our children, ***all volunteers must fully complete a VIRTUS training and BCI/FBI background check BEFORE volunteering.*** VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" is an education, safety and prevention program required by the Diocese of Cleveland for all employees and volunteers. A schedule for VIRTUS training and fingerprinting sessions will be available on parish website.

Our hope is your time with us turns into nine years of fun, learning, and faith as you join our family!

assessments also give the Kindergarten teachers valuable information about the strengths and opportunities of each new child who is ready, which enable better instruction, addressing individual needs.

- St. Gabriel Kindergarten Screening sessions take approximately one hour and will be held in May for all new Kindergarten students accepted for the approaching school year. An online sign up link will be offered for scheduling purposes. Our staff is well versed in walking Kindergarten students through their assessment process gathering information while minimizing anxiety. Parents are welcome to wait for their child in the provided hospitality room or pick their child up at the conclusion of the screening process. A summary of screening results will be mailed to your home address. Our goal is to complete the process by the end of May.

WHAT IS THE KINDERGARTEN TIMELINE FROM THIS POINT?

- Applications for the upcoming school year can be accessed on the school's website at www.st-gabrielschool.org. Applications accepted at any time with a target deadline of February 15th .
- You will be notified, by mail, of your child's acceptance for the upcoming school year by mid to late March.
- You will receive a Back-to-School packet full of information concerning your child's Kindergarten school year at Kindergarten Screening. You will also receive e-mail notifications with important Kindergarten information.
- One day in late August, close to the start of school, there will be a special Kindergarten Orientation Morning. All students and parents will be invited to meet their new teachers, classmates and other parents. There will be fun activities planned to become acclimated to the school before the new year starts.

Thanksgiving Celebration

WHAT TIME IS THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL DAY?

- Full-day Kindergarten: 7:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

- Mentor, Painesville City and Riverside School Districts provide bus transportation to most areas surrounding St. Gabriel School. We make every attempt to ensure a smooth communication process with the transportation services at school districts, however, we do not have any control over their bus routes. During the current school year, Mentor, Painesville, and Riverside provide transportation to and from full-day Kindergarten, however, bus routes are subject to change each year.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE IF I AM DRIVING MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

- Car riders will be dropped off in the (back) north side of the school—the C-9 Doors. You will follow the line of cars around the back of the building. Please make sure your child is sitting on the passenger side of the car so that the line of traffic can move quickly. There will be teachers at the door to greet them and make sure they know how to get to their classroom. Please practice taking seatbelt on and off to make this transition smooth and comfortable.
- At dismissal, car riders will be dismissed to classrooms 101-106 based on their last name. Parents must park and wait in or next to their cars until all buses have cleared the parking lot. Parents will be motioned to enter the building through the Multi-Purpose entrance doors (A4) and proceed to the designated classroom to pick up their child. After School Cub Care (optional after care—see below) students will be escorted to their assigned classroom after car riders leave.

WHAT IS THE OPTIONAL AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM AVAILABLE?

- We are pleased to offer our Grizzly Cub Care program.
- Cub Care is staffed by school teachers and aides from 2:30-6:00 p.m. to provide care, supervision, recreation and education for St. Gabriel students in grades Kindergarten through 6th.
- After an initial registration fee, parents pay an hourly fee per child to use the service after school.
- The program is open for the vast majority of days—please see calendar for days closed (usually corresponding to breaks and special events).
- Students are picked up anytime at or before 6 p.m.

Registration can be found online.

WHAT TIME CAN STUDENTS ENTER THE BUILDING?

- Teacher supervision is available and doors are unlocked at 7:20 a.m. Students may enter their classrooms at that time.

DO THE CHILDREN GET A SNACK OR WATER BREAK?

- Yes, the children have a snack break every day and in Kindergarten the snack is provided by the school (parents pay a snack & supply fee at the start of the year). Children can bring a water bottle to school each day if they wish, and there is also a water fountain available for the children to get a drink during restroom breaks.

Kindergarten-7th Grade Buddy Program

HOW IS THE LUNCH PROGRAM HANDLED?

- The children start out the school year by packing a lunch every day and eating in the cafeteria. The children may purchase milk. On October 1st students may partake in the St. Gabriel hot lunch program. At that time, children may buy lunches and the children will learn how to go through the lunch line. You may put money in your child's account through our online My Payments Plus program or simply send a check in. Kindergarten children are not permitted to purchase from the al a carte menu.

WHAT IS THE KINDERGARTEN UNIFORM POLICY?

- Girls: light blue blouses with jumpers or navy slacks; navy sweaters or sweatshirt with St. Gabriel logo (optional), shorts under jumper
- Boys: Light blue knit polo shirts with navy slacks with belt; navy sweater or sweatshirt with St. Gabriel School logo (optional)
- Refer to the Schoolbelles Buying Guide (www.schoolbelles.com) uniform selection.