

# *Virtual Backpack*

St. Gabriel School ..... October 15, 2017

## **Our Parish Mission Theme**



As an integral part of the Catholic Community of St. Gabriel, St. Gabriel School joins this year in celebrating and advancing the parish wide theme of "Welcome Home, Recommit to Sundays." We are grateful for St. Gabriel Parish, and the entire Catholic Church, that is our home, our family, and our place of our core belief, strength, nourishment, joy and gift ~ the Eucharist.

## **Our School Mission**



**Being Christ every day, everywhere,  
through teaching, learning, leading and serving.  
As clearly expressed by our Pope and our Bishop,  
the Church by her nature is missionary.**

**As part of the Church, our mission is to be Jesus for students, bring Jesus to students, bring students to Jesus,**

**teach as Jesus, learn as Jesus, lead as Jesus, serve as Jesus.**

Dear St. Gabriel School Parents,

The last couple weeks have been a great time of student activities, such as field trips and celebrations of new school year beginnings such as retreat, Student Council homeroom rep installation and fall sports spirit day. As we move into the midst of this beautiful season of fall, the

colors and spirit of Halloween fun and the coming Thanksgiving, and the daily morning celebrations of the Rosary add to the energy and vibrancy of learning.

**MAP THIRD STAGE - CONFERENCES REQUIRED FOR EVERY STUDENT, GRADE JRK-8, (MAP specifically for 2-8) and PARENTS AND STUDENTS MUST BOTH BE PRESENT**

- The first set of these conferences started last Friday morning, October 13.
- Tomorrow, Monday, October 16, after school from 3:00-5:30pm, and from 6:30-8:00pm, will be the second set of conferences.
- Tuesday October 17, 8:00-11:00am, and 12:00-5:00pm, during the day when there is NO REGULAR SCHOOL, will be the third set of conferences.
- If you are not able to attend conferences for your child any of these three days, teachers will contact you to arrange a time that you can come in for your conference.

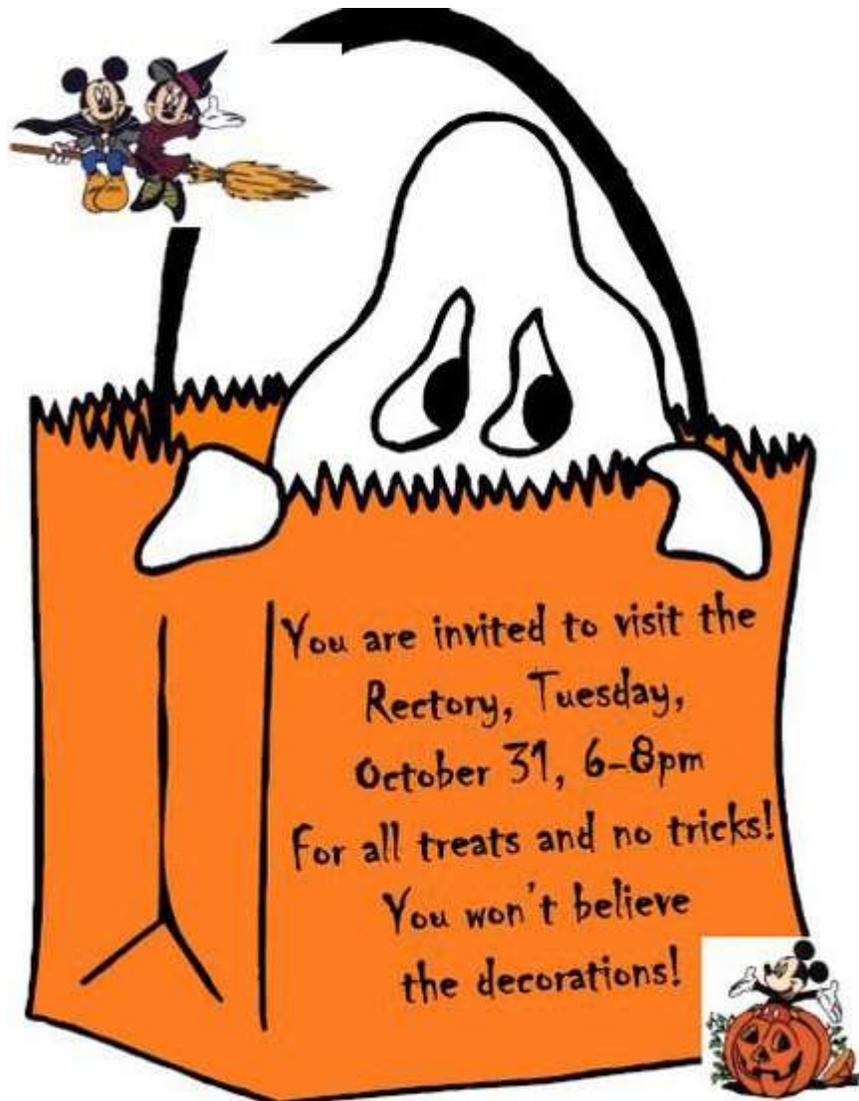
Thank you to all of you who have so far come in for your conferences. We hope this new format and the new use of MAP scores is enabling better communication about your child's progress, and more benefits for your child's learning and growth. Above all we strive for a better and stronger partnership among school, students and parents.

Thanks, Blessings and Prayers,  
Mrs. Saladino



This Thursday Evening, October 19, 6:00-7:30 pm in the GLD, we will have the next gathering of this year's Principal Parent Circles. Bring your input and questions and ideas for great dialogues.

**TRICK OR TREAT AT THE PARISH RECTORY**



**SAVE THE DATE! November 20 & 21! Coming Soon ... PTU  
"Pastries for Parents", Details TBA**



**October 16 ~~ 27**

### **October 16 ~ Regular School Day plus Conferences**

- October 16 Monday - Regular School Day: School in Regular Session
- 3:00-5:30 pm - Conferences with parents and students in afternoon after school
- 5:30-6:30 pm Teacher supper break
- 6:30-8:00 pm Conferences with parents and students in evening
- 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Drama Club (Geauga Theater) Gr. 4 & 5
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm STAT Meeting

### **October 17 ~ No School for Conferences**

- October 17 - NO SCHOOL
- 8:00-11:00 am - Conferences with Parents and Students
- Teacher lunch break
- 12:00--5:00 pm - Conferences with Parents and Students

### **October 18**

- 8:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 2:35--3:45 pm - Chess Club
- 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Cheer Practice (Susel)

### **October 19**

- 9:15 am-1:00 pm - Gr 3 Holden Arboretum Field Trip
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm P.E. Mini Basketball Camp Gr. 2 - 6
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Girl Scout Mtg (Taske)
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Principal Parent Circle - GLD

### **October 20**

- 9:00-10:30am - Kindergarten Grandparents Day
- 2:45-3:45 pm - Art Club - Session 2 (Gr. K - 2)
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm P.E. Mini Basketball Camp Gr. 2 - 6

### **LOOKING AHEAD . . . . .**

### **October 24**

- 9:00-11:00am - Mini Open House New Parents

### **October 25**

- 8:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 2:35--3:45pm - Chess Club

### **October 27**

- PTU Halloween Carnival Day - Students visit gym by grade levels for Halloween fun activities and treats
- Halloween Dress Down Day - Dress Code Details to be announced shortly

### **LOOKING AHEAD ...**

### **October 28**

- "Young Astronauts Day" at NASA Glenn

### **October 31**

- 6:00-8:00pm - **Trick or Treat at the Rectory (see note above)**

**November 1**

- No CLOW
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist, Feast of All Saints
- 2:35--3:45pm - Chess Club

**November 8**

- 8:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 2:35--3:45pm - Chess Club

**November 9**

- 7:00pm - St. Gabriel Blue Mass

**November 15**

- 8:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 2:35--3:45pm - Last Chess Club

**November 20 - SAVE THE DATE!**

- Coming ... NEW AND FUN PTU PARENT STUDENT EVENT! "Pastries for Parents I"
- 7:30-8:00am A-M Session I Pastries for Parents, in MPR and Classrooms

**November 21 - SAVE THE DATE!**

- Coming ... NEW AND FUN PTU PARENT STUDENT EVENT! "Pastries for Parents II"
- 7:30-8:00am N-Z Session II Pastries for Parents, in MPR and Classrooms

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**BRIGHT SPOTS ...**

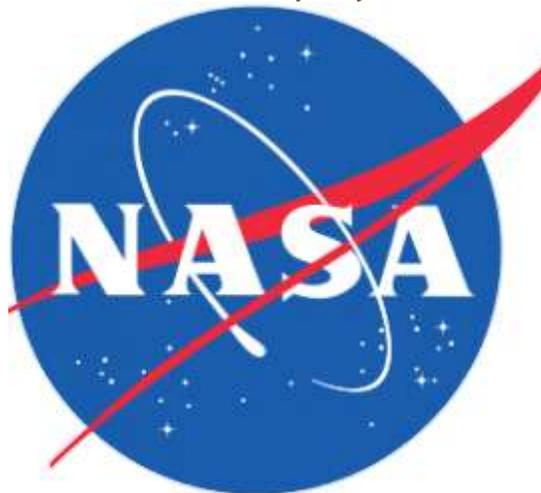


## **Seventh and Eighth Grade Students Reach Out in Prayer and Heart to those in need . . .**

In 7th and 8th grade Religion classes, students took on a special project to reach out to all those people who work at Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas. A friend connection who is a manager there shared that the workers there were having a very hard time after the tragedy. Students created special cards, writing and decorating with heartfelt prayers and caring thoughts, and mailed them to the hotel.

The hotel managers' response: "I got them, they're so beautiful!! I want to ensure the students know!!! What grade are your students?!? These are so incredible words can't explain!!"

Thank you 7th and 8th grades, for your spontaneous living of faith in reaching out to brothers and sisters in Christ! Though miles away, being moved in our hearts and souls, we can touch hearts and souls of others with love and kindness wherever they may be and have need.



## **St. Gabriel will Participate in YOUNG ASTRONAUTS DAY, with the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts (AIAA) at NASA Glenn**

**Young Astronaut Day** is a STEM outreach event, a day full of hands-on, STEM workshops for 1st-12th grade students. Every year since 1992, NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, OH hosts students from grades 1-12 to compete in hands-on activities related to engineering problem solving.

The activities vary from year to year and all have an aerospace theme. Ribbons are awarded to the top three teams of each activity. During the day, the students also engage in the 'Canstruction®' community service activity.

On October 28, a **St. Gabriel 6th grade team**, and a **7th-8th grade team** will represent our school at NASA Glenn for this year's Young Astronaut Day of learning, activities and competition.

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**Please make special places in your hearts and prayers for the following persons in our St. Gabriel Community:**

Let us continue our prayers for the victims of the hurricanes and earthquakes and all who suffer from disasters throughout our world.

For all of our students with injuries and illness.

Please keep GR 8 student, Christa Thoeni's grandfather in your prayers for his recovering health.

Please keep GR 7 student, Paige Graewe's dad Fred Graewe in your prayers for healing.

Please keep GR 6 student, Sofia Zgela for the passing of her grandfather, Janko Zgela, who passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017 in Zupanja, Croatia.

A very special expression of appreciation and thanks to our wonderful school parent *Sunshine Committee* who strives to lead reach out efforts of love and support and help for those in our community in suffering!

Please contact Michelle Clarke, [michelle.clarke@st-gabrielschool.org](mailto:michelle.clarke@st-gabrielschool.org), if you have any prayer requests that you would like shared in our newsletters.



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***We are being Christ every day, everywhere, through teaching, learning, leading and serving.***  
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