Virtual Backpack

St. Gabriel School ..... November 12, 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,

As we enter this joyous and extra giving time of year, we are offering various opportunities for our students and families to reach out in service through donating in various activities. See below and

stay tuned for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Adopt a Family, Candy Grams, and a few other giving events planned in various grade levels.

Around the corner ... "Pastries with Parents" ... save the date ...

- To show our "thanksgiving" for all our parents, we are having a small but special opening of the school day for you and your children on the mornings of November 20 and 21.
- November 20, Families A-L, November 21, Families M-Z
- See sign up registration below - you only need to sign up once per family
- 7:20am school doors will open
- Come and share your child's experience in morning arrival in the building in homerooms.
- Then join together with your child and other parents and children down in the MPR for an enjoyable time of donuts, juice and coffee
- About 7:50am watch our all school morning GBN (Grizzly Broadcasting Network) announcements on the MPR big screen.
- Then after goodbyes and hugs with your children, they will return to their classrooms, and you can be off through the MPR doors to a smiling start for the rest of your day!

Note: Our special Remembrance Eucharistic Celebration will be this Wednesday, changed from last week due to church area construction work

Past week of celebrations ... see "Bright Spots" below ...

Blessings and Prayers,
Mrs. Saladino

November 13 - November 21

November 13-17

- **Student Council All School Food Drive**
- **gR 7-8 Shakespeare Residency**

November 13

- 7:00pm - Gr 5 Music Program, Pahler Center

November 14

- 7:00pmn-n Gr 2 Music Program, Pahler Center

November 15

- 8:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist - Remembrance Mass

- 2:35--3:45pm - Last Chess Club

November 20 - SAVE THE DATE!
- Coming ... NEW AND FUN PTU PARENT STUDENT EVENT! "Pastries with Parents I"
- 7:20-8:00am A-L Session I Pastries for Parents, in Homerooms and MPR

November 21 - SAVE THE DATE!
- Coming ... NEW AND FUN PTU PARENT STUDENT EVENT! "Pastries with Parents II
- 7:20-8:00am M-Z Session II Pastries for Parents, in Homerooms and MPR

November 22-26 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

LOOKING AHEAD . . . . .

November 27
Classes Resume

December 8
- All School PTU SANTA SHOP
- 8:00am - K only - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
- 10:00am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist

December 12
- Gr 1 Music Program, PC

December 14
- 9:00--10:00 am Kindergarten Meet n Greet

December 15
- 9:00 -- 10:00 am Kindergarten Meet n Greet
- JrK & K Music Program, PC

ACCESS SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

School Adopt a Family

This year we are invited again by our St. Gabriel St. Vincent DePaul Society to participate in the Christmas Adopt-a-Family giving program. Thanks to the generous contributions of our school community the program has grown tremendously over the years. Together the parish and school generously respond to this call helping needy families in our area enjoy a blessed Christmas.

Look for information flyers to come home with directions for each grade level to participate.

Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 13 - November 17

The St. Gabriel Student Council is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit our own St. Gabriel Food Bank. Any non-perishable food items and/or monetary donates would be greatly appreciated.

- Drop off items or money to homerooms.
- Bring in cans or money: $1.00 = 4 cans
- Please help us reach our goal of raising 1,500 items to provide to families in need.

Thank you and happy Thanksgiving!
Our goal is 4,000 cans!!

Register for ~ "Pastries with Parents" ~ November 20 & 21

See the Information Flyer in Previous Weekly News and Notes ....

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Register for "PASTRIES WITH PARENTS" - Last Names A-L

Register for "PASTRIES WITH PARENTS" - Last Names M-Z

BRIGHT SPOTS
BLUE MASS Honoring First Responders and Military

A Great tribute and thank you Thursday night at the St. Gabriel annual *Blue Mass.* The St. Gabriel community gathered to celebrate Eucharist and recognize our men and women who serve or have served our country as military, veterans, and first responders. May God bless them all and keep them safe.

Students, Audrey Brlecic and Gianna Koenig read their winning essays that explained why we should be so grateful and respectful to this brave group of people who give so much of themselves.

Fr. Fred and Jordan Leigey then presented our heroes with St. Michael medals with a special blessing.

ACCESS OUR FACEBOOK PAGE for MORE GREAT ST. GABRIEL PICS, VIDEOS AND NEWS (see link below)

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 and violence throughout our world.

For all of our students with injuries and illness.

Keep former teacher Mrs. McGinnes in your prayers for loss of her father.

Please keep Gr. 8 student, Daniel Gillespe's Great-Great Aunt Mary in your prayers.

For, Alan Poje, Clare Marsh's (Grade K) grandfather. He had heart surgery. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

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, 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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