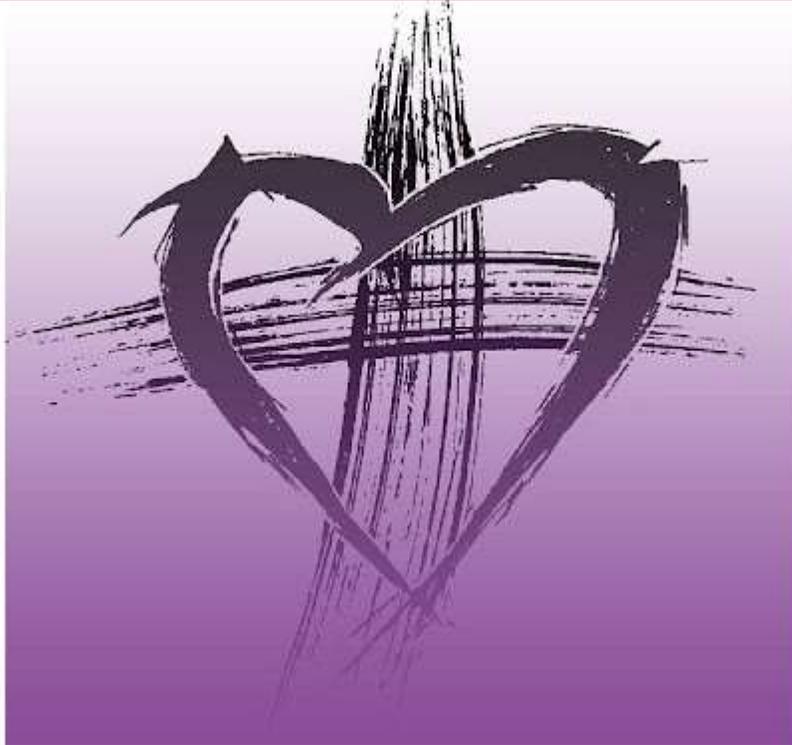


Virtual Backpack

St. Gabriel School February 25, 2018



SECOND WEEK OF LENT



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.

2018.19 REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 1ST!!



2018.19 ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Dear St. Gabriel Parents,

Thank you so much for your responses to the *School Safety Parent Letter* that we sent out yesterday. I hope it has provided basic information and assurances. We are taking note of all your questions, concerns and suggestions that you are sending in, ranging from current and new safety equipment, to safety procedures and policies. As we start addressing them, we will communicate with you further results. We have many great features in place, and students, staff and you are amazing in all the ways that you contribute to this!

One area of safety that we can take immediate steps to strengthen security is our identification and supervision system and access to school building procedures. It is easy to become lax, so we have to heighten our awareness and diligence in this area. All students and staff are required to wear ID badges. This is and always has been primarily a safety procedure. We also require every visitor to be identified upon entry to our building, and to be given a temporary ID badge to wear during that

visit, no matter the length of visit. We also require close supervision of students at all times, and we require that visitors and volunteers in the building not make unscheduled or impromptu visits to classrooms or teachers. **All of these things mentioned will be tightened and enforced - everyone is required to wear an ID badge at all times in the school. And everyone in the school should be traveling around the school only in specific pre-arranged purposes.** We hope everyone understands if they are questioned or required to follow these procedures, as it is for an environment that is safe, calm and conducive to our children's learning.

Overall a heightened awareness and alertness is something we all need to improve on, concerning locked doors, supervision, and identification. Many of you have mentioned our morning arrival and afternoon dismissal activity. This is an area we have always been evaluating and improving in and will again be looking closely and monitoring that. Our *PicMyKid* system, plus our increased "all hands on deck with 2-way radios" were recent outcomes of such evaluation.

I would like to add, that in addition to items listed in that letter, we are looking at other features for the social, mental, and emotional safety of students. Some we have already in place that are required by the Diocese, such as our *Called to Protect* for learning abuse protection skills, and our *Operation Keepsake*, for learning friendship and relationship skills. We have a new drug abuse prevention program that will be initiated in the 7th grade, to eventually expand to other grades, and we are further working to bring back the *Rachel's Challenge* program for bullying prevention. And also a tip line as mentioned in yesterday's letter.

Reminder to Grade 6 Parents: CALLED TO PROTECT Parent Meeting for parents who have not attended previously. Called to Protect is a Diocesan safety program in which students will receive information about abuse prevention skills that they can use virtually anywhere—school, home, sports, band and clubs and in all interpersonal relationships! Grade 6 students will be participating in 3 sessions, March 1,2, and 5, presented by Mr. Chris Simon, Director of the Lake County Juvenile Court and Administration. Grades K-5 will be participating in 1 session presented by their regular teachers integrated into their Religion class sometime during March.

We love our families and thank you for all you do to make St. Gabriel a wonderful and safe environment for our awesome kids!!! Keep your questions, suggestions and comments coming!

Blessings and Prayers,
Have a wonderful week,
Mrs. Saladino



February 26 - March 2
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- 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Performing Arts practice

February 27

- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Daisy Mtg. (Graham)
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Cheer practice (Susel/Brynes)
- 7:00-8:00 pm - *Called to Protect* Parent Meeting - Church Community Room (CR)

February 28

- 10:00 am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Brownie Mtg. (Coode)
- 2:35 pm - 3:45 pm - Winter Chess Club
- 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm BOKJr Mtg.
- 5:00-8:00 pm - St. Gabriel Parish Evening of Confession

March 1 - REGISTRATION 2018-2019 Grades 1-8 DUE

- *Called to Protect*, Grade 6, Session 1 presentation by Mr. Chris Simon
- 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Performing Arts practice

March 2

- *Called to Protect*, Grade 6, Session 2 presentation by Mr. Chris Simon
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - 3rd Grade Market Day 1
- 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Art Club (Gr. 2 - 8)
- 5:15-7:30 pm - Parish Fish Fry

Looking Ahead.....

March 5

- *Called to Protect*, Grade 6, Session 3 presentation by Mr. Chris Simon

March 6

- 7:00 - 8:00 pm - NJHS Baby Shower for Providence House

March 7

- 10:00 am - All School Liturgy of the Eucharist

March 9

- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - 3rd Grade Market Day 2
- 5:15 - 7:30 pm - Parish Fish Fry

[ACCESS SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR](#)



BRIGHT SPOTS
MRS. HORNE'S ICoach Designation from INFOhio



Congratulations to Christine Horne, our STEAM coordinator and Computer teacher who has earned certification as St. Gabriel's ICoach from INFOhio, Ohio's pre-K-12 digital library optimized by the Management Council! The certification requires more than 15 hours of group training and individual study, which was completed on her own time.

ICoaches—short for “integrations coaches”—work with teachers to incorporate digital technology and research tools in their classrooms. Horne joins 281 other educators around Ohio who have received Building ICoach certification.

Building ICoaches are a linchpin in promoting INFOhio's free resources and services to educators across the state," said INFOhio's Executive Director Theresa M. Fredericka. "An ICoach has firsthand experience with the demands classroom educators face along with boundless curiosity about the newest educational technologies. And they love to share their excitement."

MRS. LONCAR'S Quarterly Mass



Mrs. Loncar's 7th grade religion class set a goal this year of attending Sunday mass. To support the goal, they decided to celebrate a quarterly mass together. Their first quarter mass was just for their class. 2nd Quarter, they invited the entire middle school. Students from class visited each homeroom and discussed the Mass & passed out fliers.

Our 3rd Quarter mass, which will be next Sunday, March 4, at 5:00 pm, has a more lofty goal! They are hoping to reach St Gabriel alumni! The students collaborated and came up with the best way to reach our alumni and decided digital media - Twitter and Instagram were the best methods. Using the 'Welcome Home' tagline and 'Recommit to Sundays' as their motivation students created media posts using Canva.com and then voted on their favorites. Below are the top 3 chosen.

They are posted to Mrs. Loncar's school Twitter @mrs_loncar and her new Instagram account. Their hope is that the message gets out and some alumni #recommit to Sunday!

Share in helping the Catholic Relief Services!



"Rice Bowls for Donations" were sent home with all St. Gabriel students. Students can collect money at home and bring in Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. CRS Rice Bowl gives you and your family a chance to deepen your faith this Lenten season. You can also join our community and receive resources online that will help inspire you each day of Lent!

[Donate](#)

Box Top Winners !!



Thank you to everyone who participated. The winners of the Box Top contest are as follows:

Top 3 Homerooms

- 1st - Mrs. Bruening : Ice cream party
- 2nd - Mrs. Hoffman: Popcorn party
- 3rd - Miss Myers: Skittles party

\$25 Gift Card Winners

- Zach Koenig
- Calla Corrigan
- Luke Anzlovar
- Ali Calabrese
- Sal Leccese

The PTU / Box Top Coordinators will be contacting the teachers for the parties. The gift cards will be handed out next week!

Congratulations!

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:

Please pray for all of the families, classmates and colleagues of the students and staff killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.

Please pray for healing and recovery for Bob Elmore and John Marsich, two members of our awesome maintenance team who are recovering from shoulder injuries.

Please pray for the brother-in-law of Sherry Tedeschi, our 7th grade Math and 6th grade Religion teacher, who is suffering from cancer.

A special thank you prayer for a successful Catholic Schools Week and for God's continued blessings for our school.

We also have several children of school parents who are in need of prayers for healing and recovery from injuries and illnesses.

Please pray for all in our St. Gabriel Community for are suffering any illnesses and tribulations.

Let us continue our prayers for peace for our world and for all who suffer from disasters and violence throughout our world.

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

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.