Virtual Backpack

St. Gabriel School ..... September 24, 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 thus to be Jesus for students, to bring Jesus to students, to bring students to Jesus,
to teach as Jesus, to learn as Jesus, to lead as Jesus, to serve as Jesus.

Dear St. Gabriel School Parents,

MAP SECOND STAGE - STUDENT GOAL SETTING

All core class and group tests in grades 2-8 for Math, Reading, Language Usage, and in grades 5-8 for Science have been completed.

- During this next MAP testing week, we will be finishing the last few students who missed their testing because of absences.
- This next second stage takes place as teachers meet individually over the next three weeks with their students and examine their MAP data results. Based on this data and also classroom progress, teachers will help guide students in establishing learning goals for growth in their learning. They will also gather some specific activities and resources that students can use and parents can also join in.

MAP THIRD STAGE - CONFERENCES

- The third stage will be the culminating parent, student teacher conferences. All parents will sign up for a conference to meet with their child's teachers. Teachers will present and discuss the students' MAP scores, their learning goals, and learning activities that students can use to work on their goals at school and at home with parents support. Grades and other issues can be discussed, or further time for conferencing can be arranged if needed.
- These conferences will be different this year in that they will be held earlier in October, and are required of all parents. In this way, we will be able to help all parents learn about these tests, learn how they work for their child, and make important personal connections to create good partnerships between teacher, child and parents.
- They will be in 20 minute time slots for grades K-4, and 15 minute time slots for grades 5-8. In addition, besides Monday, October 15, after school from 3:00--8:00pm, and Tuesday October 16, 8:00am--5:00pm, during the day when there is NO SCHOOL, we are adding on Friday, October 13, 8:00am--12:30pm, when there is NO SCHOOL, to fit all conferences in and to give parents a wider spread of times to choose from.
- We will be using the *Signup Genius* scheduling program and will let you know when that opens up shortly, along with other details for the conferencing.

Blessings and prayers,
Mrs. Saladino

Principal Parent Circle, Thursday, September 28

This Thursday Evening, September 28, at 5:30pm, I will begin our first round of this new year's Principal Parent Circles. In response to parent requests, I will be scheduling more Circles this year than last year. I know it is hard with our busy lives to make it to parent meetings and activities, so I hope this will enable the opportunity for more parents to make it to a few. Bring your input and questions and ideas for great dialogues.

Parking Lot Reminders

Thank you all for your great consideration of all the safety and precautionary directions for our parking lot, drives, and sidewalks.

Slowing down ...
Using designated crosswalks and drive paths ...
Leaving designated handicapped parking spots open ...

September 24 - October 6

September 24

- 5:00 pm Youth Oriented Mass
- 7:45 pm Parish Prayer & Benediction

September 25

- 7:00pm - Parish Communal Penance Celebration, Church

September 26

- 9:00 am Open House NEW Parents
- 7:00 pm - Gr 2 Sacramental Orientation, MPR

September 27

- ALL school Picture Day
- 10:00 am School Liturgy
- 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Cheer Practice (Susel) PC
- 2:35 pm - 3:45 pm Chess Club (MPR/GLD)

September 28

- Drama Club (Geauga Theater) Final Day to Register
- 5:30 pm - Principal Parent Circle, GLD

September 29

- 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm Art Club Session I (Gr. 2-8)

October 4

- 8:00am - CLOW
- 10:00am -- Living Rosary (NO MASS)
- 2:30--3:45pm - Chess Club

October 5

- 1:30--2:00pm - St. Gabriel Day , Student Council Skit and Homeroom Rep Inaugurations (this is not a spirit/sports day)
- 6:30--7:30pm - PTU Parent Circle

October 6

- 2:45--3:45 Art Club

Looking Ahead ...

- October 13 Friday- NO SCHOOL - Conferences 8 am - 12:30 pm
- October 16 Monday - School in Session: 3:00--8:00 pm Conferences After School
- October 17 - NO SCHOOL: 8:00-11:00 am conferences; 12:00--5:00 pm conferences,

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BRIGHT SPOTS ...

Pinwheels for Peace

"Whirled" Peace

In today's world, peace needs to become more than just a word. This past Wednesday, September 20, we presented our second annual all school STREAM project, joining with national and international members in *Pinwheels for Peace.*

Over the past two weeks, students have been designing and making new and improved Pinwheels under the guidance and instruction of our art teacher Mrs. Delventhal, and our STREAM coordinator and Computer teacher Mrs. Horne. Art designs were expanded, and messages of peace were attached to the new St. Gabriel campus pinwheels.

Religion, Reading, English Language Arts, Science, Math, Technology, Art, and Music content standards, plus speaking, listening, critical thinking and collaboration skill readiness standards were incorporated across all grade levels. All were driven by focusing on our essential, or driving question: How can St. Gabriel School join our world community *Pinwheels for Peace* movement in contributing to calling each other and all citizens to bring peace to our world?

After a special all school prayer by student council and GBN crew at 9:00am, the school "planted" their pinwheels on the school campus in front of school as a public message and art/media exhibit/installation for all those passing by and through our campus. We further connected with external partners in the media to spread this call to peace by having the *News Herald* cover and report the event to the public. See the link below to the article, and also great postings on our school Facebook page.

News Herald Article

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 casts and crutches and injuries for speedy recoveries :)

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.