



# St. Gerard School

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## December 2022 Newsletter



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"One candle for Hope... One candle for Peace... One candle for Joy... One candle for Love"*

It's that time of year again-when the air gets crisper, the days grow shorter, and just about everyone's thoughts turn to Christmas. Advent is a time of getting ready. Soon we will celebrate the birth of Christ... and always we look forward to the day when Christ will come again. May peace and light fill your home and your hearts this Advent Season.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas filled with peace, love and joy!

God Bless,  
Miss J. Gilbert, Principal



Season's Greetings to all St. Gerard School Families!

*As we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, the Students and Staff have been hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas Concert: "A King is Coming to Town". Please watch for the email regarding concert volunteer opportunities.*



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> IS THE FINAL DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK.  
THIS WILL BE AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY (2:25 P.M.) FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.**



### **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

There will be **NO After School Program** available on Wed., December 21<sup>st</sup>.  
(Before School Program will be available on this day.)

Please make certain you make transportation arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:25 dismissal time.

### **SCHOOL BUS FAMILIES**

In anticipation of an increased amount of traffic on this day, the school bus will be departing the school at an earlier time. **The students who use the school bus for afternoon transportation home will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m.** Please ensure that arrangements are in place for someone to receive your child either at home, or at their stop approximately 2 hours earlier than their usual drop-off time when classes are dismissed at 3:25 p.m. (e.g. if your child is normally dropped off at 4:00 p.m., the drop-off time that day will be at approximately 2:00 p.m.).

**THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE.**



### **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

This year in the spirit of giving for Advent we are asking each grade to bring specific items. These items will be donated to Sisters of the Missionary Charity Soup Kitchen. Please find your child's grade in the list below and when you are doing your grocery shopping buy a few of those items for those less fortunate than us. This is a wonderful time to show your giving spirit!

Kindergarten	-	<i>Canned Fruit and Vegetables</i>	-	packed in own juice
Grade 1	-	<i>Canned Stew, Chili, Brown Beans</i>		
Grade 2	-	<i>Whole Grain Pasta</i>		
Grade 3	-	<i>Peanut Butter</i>		
Grade 4	-	<i>Baby Formula and Food</i>	-	iron-enriched formula, baby food jars (vegetables, fruit or meat), infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice
Grade 5	-	<i>Rice</i>	-	Plain, brown, converted or parboiled
Grade 6	-	<i>Canned Spaghetti Sauce</i>		
Grade 7	-	<i>Cereal</i>	-	plain, fiber, and non-sugar coated
Grade 8	-	<i>Canned Soup</i>	-	vegetable, tomato, lentil, pea

### ***White Elephant Sale***

Donations of gently used and clean items can be dropped off at St. Gerard School until December 7, 2022. The sale will be open to our children during school hours on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

Items will be priced from \$.50 to \$4.00.

Thank you for your support.



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## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



*Would you like to purchase a gift for someone special or find something new for yourself?*

**We invite students to come on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and look through the items we have collected.**

**There are a wide range of items priced from .50 to \$4.00.**

**St. Gerard Parent Association would like to thank everyone who donated to the White Elephant Sale.**