



St. Gerard Majella School 2005 Dougherty Ferry Road Kirkwood, MO 63122

February 5, 2017

Dear Parents:

First of all, thank you for entrusting your children with us at St. Gerard Majella School. We are grateful for the opportunity to work in partnership with you and your children. We hope you will continue to allow us to do so. It is time to re-register for the upcoming school year, 2017-2018. Included in this packet is:

- the re-registration form for all families with children currently attending SGM full-time school
- a letter from Fr. Skillman regarding financial obligations for the 2017-2018 school year
- a copy of the “APT Green/Gold Weekly Raffle” fundraiser expectations
- a preliminary version of the 2017-2018 school calendar
- SACC information (available upon request)

We ask that each family complete the re-registration form **and return it to the school office by Friday, February 17, 2017**. A \$175.00 per child (registration fee \$100.00, technology fee \$50.00 and \$25.00 per student APT student fee) should accompany your re-registration form if your child/children will be attending St. Gerard Majella for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please note in order for registration to be complete:

- the signed registration form must be returned
- a check made out to St. Gerard Majella for \$175.00 per child (registration fee \$100.00, technology fee \$50.00 and \$25.00 APT student fee) and must be submitted
- prior tuition obligations must be current per the School Board tuition policy and procedures

If you have a child eligible for Kindergarten, you will need to come to the school office due to additional paperwork.

Those who have children eligible for Kindergarten:

- your child must be five years of age before August 1, 2017
- A copy of your child/ren state-certified birth certificate must be presented
- A \$175.00 registration fee per child (\$150.00 registration/technology fee and \$25.00 APT student fee)
- A copy of your child/ren baptismal certificate must be provided

If you have not taken the “Protecting God’s Children’s” workshop please visit our website for directions to complete the necessary paperwork and an updated list of dates and locations of the workshops.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 314-822-8844, ext. 2

Sincerely,

Ms. Chrisell Guthrie, Ed.S.
Principal



National Blue Ribbon School
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ST. GERARD MAJELLA SCHOOL RE-APPLICATION 2017-2018

FAMILY NAME (last name only): _____

_____ **My child/children will be attending St. Gerard Majella School for the 2017-18 school year.**

Registration Fee: \$175.00 per child (registration fee \$100.00, \$50.00 technology fee, \$25.00 APT student fee)

Date _____ Amt. Pd. _____ Ck# _____

Student's First Name	Grade in 2017-18							
1. _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2. _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3. _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4. _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5. _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Need afterschool childcare: YES NO
(offered from 3:10-6:00pm by SACC Kirkwood Y)

By registering my child/ren at St. Gerard Majella School:

- I acknowledge that I will be required to abide by the SGM policies/procedures and the Archdiocesan Parent Witness Statement explained in the SGM Parent/Student School handbook.
 - The SGM school handbook contains not only general information about the school, but also the policies that apply to all students. It is important that each family read the handbook and familiarizes itself with these policies. The school parent/student handbook is published online. You can access it at www.sgmschool.org.
- I agree to fulfill the financial obligations set forth in the SGM School Board tuition policy and procedures.
- I understand that I am expected to work 3-4 times a year in the cafeteria or submit a \$150-\$175 buyout fee.
 - Cafeteria scheduling forms are sent home in early May
- I understand that participation in the "APT Green/Gold Weekly Raffle" initiative that will run from March 1- 24, 2017 is expected of every family and **replaced** the Innisbrook Wrap sales, Magazine Drives, and Entertainment Book sales that occurred in the past at the start of a new school year. If I do not sell my 8 tickets the total will be added to my tuition.
- *If you register by Feb. 17, you will be entered in a drawing to be exempt from selling G/G Raffle tickets.*

Print Name

Signature

_____ I am interested in receiving information on tuition assistance.

_____ I am interested in receiving information on contributing to assist a family unable to pay full tuition.

Registration is complete when this signed form is submitted to the School Office, \$175.00 per child (registration \$100.00, \$50.00 technology fee, \$25.00 student fee) are paid and appropriate birth/baptismal certificates are certificates are on file in the School Office.

St. Gerard Majella



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Dear Parents,

Enclosed is the tuition information for the coming school year. Again, our parish community is committed to educating every child of the parish that wants a Catholic education. If the cost of tuition has you considering different educational options, please speak with me for the range of ways we can keep Catholic education accessible to the broadest range of parishioners.

At registration, one check per child for \$175.00 covers the following:

- \$100.00 Registration fee (unchanged for several years)
- \$50.00 Technology fee (unchanged for three years – licenses, student programs, etc.)
- \$25.00 APT annual fee (moved to registration time instead of August)

If a family prefers not to sell the chances, a \$200.00 donation may be made to the APT.

Tuition for 2017-2018 School Year

1 Child	\$5,680
2 Children	\$9,930
3 Children	\$12,430
4 Children	\$13,850

Based on our current enrollment, the actual cost to education a child at SGM is approximately \$7,000. While that may seem high, every public school in the area exceeds this figure by several thousand dollars. How can we do this? Our school is supported by every parishioner who contributes to the parish. This is why it is so important that we all participate in the Sunday Offertory Collection as well. We all need to support the work and ministry of Catholic Education.

Also Every family, through the APT(Alliance of Parents and Teachers) , is expected to sell at least 8 *Green and Gold Raffle* tickets at \$25.00 a ticket to help fund the APT activities. This raffle has been very successful, especially with the on-line purchasing option. Every child in the school benefits from the proceeds of this raffle, so everyone needs to join in supporting this raffle. The APT continues to invite families to sell their tickets after Mass if they are unable to find other outlets to sell the tickets. If you prefer not to sell tickets, a \$200.00 donation may be offered directly to the APT.

There are resources available to those families that need some assistance to keep their children in school. Currently the **Guardian Angel Fund** contributes over \$25,000 a year to assist families with tuition. We have also adjusted tuition for some families with extenuating circumstances to help them keep their children at SGM school. If financial circumstances make you question sending you child(ren) to SGM, please call me to discuss some options. Tuition can be negotiated for those that demonstrate a need for tuition assistance.

In the end, tuition is strongly impacted by the enrollment. A full school helps to increase the levels of interaction among the students, it provides opportunities for greater social interaction and keeps down the cost of education by sharing it among a larger pool of families. Have you invited someone to consider SGM? How have you shared the good that happens at SGM school every day? Have you invited someone to take a tour of the school and learn more about what we offer? Enrollment management takes everyone's participation.

As in the past, we will continue with the "Early Payment Discount." If you are able to pay your entire tuition by August 15, 2017, you will receive a 2% discount. The payment book mailed to you in July will have the discounted tuition listed. Additionally, many companies make matching gifts to elementary schools...check with your company and call the office on how we can help with this as well.

Finally, again, if the cost of education is making you re-consider Catholic education, please contact me to discuss the options that are already available to our families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. David P. Skillman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. David P. Skillman
Parochial Administrator

APT - GREEN/GOLD Weekly Raffle – 2017/18

As an alternative way to raise additional funds to secure school programs currently in place and to help keep tuition at a minimum, the APT (Alliance of Parents and Teachers) organizes an annual raffle to be kicked off each spring. This APT fundraising initiative **replaces** the multiple, door to door Innisbrook Wrapping Paper sales, Magazine Drives, and Entertainment Book sales that families used to be responsible for. The raffle has been very successful and over \$40,000.00 is raised each year to assist in funding school activities and improvements to the school campus that directly enhance the learning experience of our students.

- **All new & returning registering families** are required to participate.

2017/18 RAFFLE SPECIFICS:

- **ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHOOL!**
- **Every SGM school family is responsible for selling a minimum of (8) \$25 raffle tickets.**
- **Sales will start Monday, July 24, 2017 and will end at 11:59pm on Friday, August 11, 2017.**
 - The raffle drawings begin the first week of the new school year and continues through the last Monday that school is in session in May.
 - The first Monday of each month the “Raffle Committee” will pick a winner and that winner will receive a cash prize of \$250. Every additional Monday in the month a different winner will receive a cash prize of \$75.

BONUS: If you win the cash prize for the week your ticket is automatically reentered for the following Mondays!!!!

GOAL:

2200 tickets sold = \$55,000

- Tickets will be sold via GoRaiseDough.com, an organization that administers online raffle ticket sales. **YES, tickets may be purchased with credit cards!**
- All families will receive an email from GoRaiseDough.com explaining how to register along with an email format to send to potential buyers.
- Paper tickets will be available, by request only, for those who have buyers not on the Internet. Please contact Laurie Tighe for paper tickets letighe@gmail.com

PRELIMINARY CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

This is the preliminary calendar for the school year. What this includes is everything that you will want to know as far as days off, etc. You will be able to view a more complete calendar in August, 2017.

August

August 13th—Visiting Day. Attend 11:30am Mass come over to school to drop off supplies, more info will be provided later

August 15th—First Day of School—full uniform -lunch will begin— Gr. 1-8 Mass

September

September 4th—Labor Day—No School

September 18-21—Testing Week for Grades 2-8

September 22—No School—Fallfest set up

September 23—Fallfest

October

October 13th—End of First Quarter

October 25th—Report Card Conferences beginning at 3:30pm until 7:00pm,
2:30pm Dismissal

October 26th—Report Card Conferences beginning at 9:00am until 3:00pm

October 27th—No School

October 31st—Halloween—treats in the afternoon

November

November 1st—Feast of All Saints—No School

November 22nd—Grandparents and Special Friends Day 8:30am until 11:30am

November 23rd and 24th—Thanksgiving Observance

November 27th through 30th—Fifth grade shadow week of middle school

December

December 2nd—First Reconciliation

December 8th—Feast of the Immaculate Conception—No School

December 11th -18th —Exam week for Middle School

December 18th—End of Second Quarter

December 19th—Christmas All School Mass/ Celebration—dismissal 11:30

December 20th -- Christmas Vacation

January

January 2nd—Teacher Workday

January 3rd—School Resumes

January 15th—MLK Day—No School

January 28th-February 2nd—Catholic Schools Week

February

February 4th—Registration Sunday

February 4th through 16th Re-registration for grades 1-8

February 19th—President's Day—No School

March

March 2nd—End of Third Quarter

March 9th –Report cards

March 10th through March 18th –Spring Break

March 19th—classes resume

March 29th—Holy Thursday—11:30 dismissal

March 30th through April 2nd—Easter Observance –No School

April

April 3rd—school resumes

May

May 4th—Field Day

May 5th—First Communion

May—Awards Ceremony for 8th grade/Fun Field Trip/Graduation TBA

May 25th—Last Day—cleanup/Mass/dismissal at 11:00am