

THE WOLFPACK WORD

Redemptorist St. Gerard School, Est. 1945



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 1: Mass for Feast of All Saints Day at 8:00 am

Nov. 2: Taste of Louisiana
10:30am-1:00 pm; Saints vs. Falcons raffle winner announcement

Nov. 5-7: Boys basketball tryouts

Nov. 6: NO BUS SERVICE

Nov. 9: Recognition of Student, Teacher, and Staff Member of the month 8:00 am
Fall Festival 9:30 am-2:00 pm

Nov. 12: World's Finest Chocolate due

Nov. 12-14: Cheerleader tryouts

Nov. 12-16: Thanksgiving Food Drive

Nov. 13: Donuts for Dad 7:15-8:45 am

Nov. 14: Home to School Association meeting 4:00 pm; Family night 5:00 pm

Nov. 16: Pajama Party 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Faculty and Staff Luncheon 12:30 pm

Nov. 19-23: Thanksgiving Break (No School!!)

November 26: School spirit day (wig day)

November 27: PBIS/Club Day

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

“Cultivating Scholars with Pride and Passion”

Happy Thanksgiving!

November is a time to be thankful for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Our community of Redemptorist St. Gerard takes time out during this month to give thanks to God for his blessings and to help others in need during this time of year. I wish all of our families, students, faculty, and staff a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! Here is my prayer of blessing to you:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life,

for the food of this earth that nurtures life,

for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see,

for the joy that the ear may hear,

for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,

for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

thankful
&
blessed



IMPORTANT EVENTS AT RSG THIS MONTH:

Taste of Louisiana

The Social Studies Department invites you to come get a Taste of Louisiana Friday, November 2nd from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Students have been studying the history and culture of Louisiana and will share their project assignments. You will also be able to sample Louisiana's food and participate in some of Louisiana traditions.

NO BUS SERVICE on Tuesday, Nov. 6th

EBR will not provide bus transportation for RSG on Nov. 6th. However, we do have school. Please plan to bring your child to school and pick them up in carpool on that day.

Boys' Basketball tryouts

Boys basketball tryouts is Nov 5-7th after school until 4:30. If anyone is interested, all school fees must be paid. Bring a copy of your 1st semester report cards and an updated physical.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will end Nov. 12th. All forms and money are due back to school by **Monday, Nov. 12th**. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Wiles by calling the school office or emailing (awiles@resbr.org). All of the prize redemptions will take place after Thanksgiving Break.

Cheerleader tryouts

Cheer tryouts is Nov 12-15th after school until 4:30. If anyone is interested, all school fees must be paid. Bring a copy of your 1st semester report cards and an updated physical.

Donuts with Dad

On Tuesday, Nov. 13th, we will have a breakfast treat for dads of our students. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or any male role model is welcome to join their child for donuts and juice from 7:15-8:45am.

Progress Reports for 2nd 9-Weeks

Progress Reports will be available on Headmaster Thursday, November 8th for 1st – 8th grades. If you have problems logging into Headmaster, please contact Ms. Oliver (roliver@resbr.org). Please contact individual teachers if you have concerns about your child's grades.

Home and School Association

Home and School Association is a parent organization that serves as a liaison among home and school. At Redemptorist St. Gerard, we are committed to enhancing the overall education of our children through the promotion of Gospel values, communication, and service. We invite you to be a part of the Home and School Association by joining us Wednesday, November 14th at 4:00 pm. We will select committee officers as well.

Fall Family Night!

Fall Family Night will be Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00 pm. I hope to see you at our Fall Family Night!

School Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00am-3:00pm

Thanksgiving Food Drive

It is often at Thanksgiving that we remember those that are less fortunate than us and are in need. This year, we are collecting food for the Battered Woman's Shelter in our North Baton Rouge community. Students are asked to bring in one item during the week of Nov. 12-16th. All items should be non-perishable, such as canned goods, pasta, macaroni and cheese, cereal, crackers, rice, etc. We will have a Thanksgiving prayer service on Friday, Nov. 16th to bless the food.

Faculty and Staff Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Friday, November 16th, Redemptorist St. Gerard's faculty and staff will be celebrating Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate a dish or volunteer to set up or serve the food, please contact the front office.

Pajamas and a Movie

On Friday, November 16th, all students may wear their pajamas to school, bring a pillow and/or blanket, and enjoy a movie in the gym from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. This event is free! Concessions will be sold.

No School November 19-23

In observance of Thanksgiving, the school will be closed the week of Nov. 19-23! I pray that each of you have a blessed holiday.

Spirit Day

School spirit day is Monday, November 26th. This month students are asked to wear wigs, a spirit shirt and a pair of jeans. The grade level with the most spirit will earn the school's spirit stick. We will also have a contest for the best wig.

PBIS Day

Students with PBIS wolf bucks may pay for their reward Monday, November 26th. Students will receive their paid for reward Tuesday, November 27th.



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Tardiness

Any student arriving after 7:45 am is considered tardy. Habitual tardiness is unacceptable. Students with 3 tardiness in one 9-week period will receive a letter. Students with more than 3 tardiness in one 9-week period will receive detention. Students who receive more than 3 detentions in one 9-week period will receive an out of school suspension. Students who receive 3 out of school suspensions in one nine weeks must be withdrawn from the school. It is unfair to other students in the class as instruction is interrupted by late students. Detention will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm.

Sweatshirt & Spirit Gear Order Forms are being accepted

Sweatshirts and spirit gear orders are currently being accepted. Please note that we do have Youth XS size for the little ones; if you would like to see the different sizes, stop by our school office. The order form is located on our webpage (at the bottom of our homepage); payment is due with the returned order form. Remember students are allowed to wear only green, gray or black jackets.

Parent Service Hours

Parents are required to complete 20 service hours for the 2018-2019 school year. According to our handbook:

*Redemptorist parents Pre-K thru 8th grade are expected to be active and involved. We have a special service hour binder in the office that parents must sign to receive credit. **NO credit will be received if parents do not sign in the office. Parents (or grandparents or older siblings) are asked to give 20 hours of service to the school each year.** The remaining hours can be fulfilled in other ways. The Home and School Association will offer service hour opportunities. Other service hour opportunities include landscaping, painting, cleaning, maintenance, tutoring, helping on field trips/activities, substituting, working athletic events, and donating paper (1 ream of paper = 2 service hours). **Service providers should fill the binder in the office to document their volunteerism.***

Pre-K4 -8th grade parents who do not complete ALL 20 volunteer hours by May 1st will be assessed a \$100.00 fee. The service hour fee is based on hours of work not performed or not reported.

If you would like to give reams of paper as your service hours (1 ream of paper = 2 service hours), please bring the paper to the office and fill out the appropriate form with the school secretary.

For opportunities to earn service hours, please contact the school office.

Contact Information

It is very important that we have your up-to-date information in order to contact you in case of an emergency. If any information has changed since you filled out the pink contact sheets, please call the front office to update your information.

Also, only the emergency contacts on the pink contact sheet are able to pick up your child from school. If you would like to add or remove someone from that list, please send a note with your child of the changes that you would like with the emergency contact's information. We must have written notice in order to change this on your form.

School Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00am-3:00pm

Headmaster: Viewing your child's grades online

In order for you to view your child's grades online, you must have an email address. If you did not put an email address on your pink contact sheet, you will not be able to receive the information to set up your account to view your child's grades online. You **MUST** have an email address to view your child's grades online. If you need to update that information on your contact sheet, please email Ruth Oliver at roliver@resbr.org with your new email address.

If you have questions or issues with Headmaster, please contact Ruth Oliver or call the school office.

School Updates—Check out our website!

Please check our website for updated information. Our website can be accessed at www.rsgbr.org. Important information can be found there, such as:

- School calendar (located under “Calendar” tab)
- Parent/Student Handbook (located at the bottom of our school homepage)
- November Events calendar
- RSG Spirit Wear

Please also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/redemptoriststgerard which will have a feed of events and happenings at the school. Please “Like” the page to follow us. More info to come about our twitter page #3655strives!

Change in the Uniform for Girls

With the cold weather approaching, girls may wear khaki pants as part of their daily uniform. Please make sure that the pants are not too tight and are appropriate for school wear.

Funds for Education

We are accepting Labels for Education such as Box Tops for Education, Community Coffee, and ALL Coke product caps including Minute Maid, Fanta, Powerade, etc.)

Fall Festival

Fall Festival is Friday, November 9th from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. All Access Passes may be purchased for \$12/presale until Wednesday, November 7th and include a hotdog, bag of chips, a drink, and unlimited gaming. Other food items may be purchased such as nachos, hamburgers, jambalaya, sausage poboy, boiled food (turkey necks, corn, and potatoes. Passes may be purchased the day of the event for \$15.

#iGiveCatholic Giving Day—November 27th

#iGiveCatholic is an online giving day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. It is an annual global event on #givingTuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Anyone can donate to our school on this day by going to iGiveCatholic.org from 12:00am to 11:59pm. If you know of anyone that would like to support our school by giving a donation, please pass this information on to them.

Fall Fundraiser Winners

Our Fall Fundraiser Winners were announced at our Taste of Louisiana Festival on Friday, November 2nd.

1st Place (Saints Tickets): Trenisha Jackson

2nd Place (\$100): Kathy Braud

3rd Place (\$25): Chewanda Wilson

Our outstanding student winners are:

Top Seller (received Chromebook laptop): Isaiah Hawkins (sold 18 books)

2nd Highest Seller (received Blue Bayou/Dixie Landing Pass): Demisha Carter (sold 12 books)

3rd Highest Sellers (receives (\$25 gift card): Ja'Mya Crockett, Avery Gamel, Xavier Provo (sold 10 books)

Thank you to all families who participated in this fundraiser. For those students who sold both books of tickets, we will have a free dress day in December for them.

October Flashback of Events

Honor Roll for 1st 9-Weeks

Congratulations to students for their hard work during the 1st 9-weeks! Students were recognized at an Honor Roll Assembly and given certificates and gift cards for their achievements. Keep up the good work!



Spirit Day

Students were able to design their own glow in the dark spirit shirt. Thanks to all the parents and students for their participation. During the pep rally, 4th graders showed the most school spirit and currently hold the school's spirit stick. Congratulations to the 4th graders!

Glow Back to School Dance

Students were able to feel the adrenaline rush as the paint started to fly. They got lost in the music and lights while dancing the day away.

Haunted House

The library was transformed into a magical haunted house. The haunted house will be open Friday, November 9th from 9:30 – 11:00 am for anyone who would like to visit.



Door Decorating Contest

Congratulations to Ms. Barber's 8th grade class for winning 1st place in the door decorating contest. The 8th grade class will be awarded with a pizza party.

Congratulations to Ms. Soileau's kindergarten class for winning 2nd place. The students will receive a popcorn party.

Facts, Rap and Prayer

Students participated in a program designed to bring awareness to bullying, drug abuse, domestic violence and breast cancer.



Student of the Month

The Student of the Month reward is meant to promote success in and out of the classroom. For a student to be a well-respected citizen, they must be able to balance many different areas of life. They must exemplify outstanding characteristics both as a student and as a citizen of the community. The student must be able to handle many different aspects of student life while maintaining excellence in the classroom. This award is designed to nominate and select students who promote and take pride in Redemptorist St. Gerard School and in themselves.

The following students will be recognized as students of the month Friday, November 9 at 8:00 am.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pre-K – Bentley Rogers

K – Carlise Davis

1st – Destinee Williams

2nd – Zaiya Allen

3rd – Kaylyn Perdencio-Sosa

4th – Mia King

5th – Alexander Bell

6th – Kimberly Benetiz

7th – Gerrick Camel

8th – Guillermo Ozuna

Teacher of the Month

The Teacher of the Month reward is designed to recognize an outstanding teacher for their contributions to Redemptorist St. Gerard School. Each month, one teacher will be recognized.

Congratulations to Mrs. Glover, 4th Grade teacher!

Staff Member of the Month

The Staff Member of the Month reward is designed to recognize an outstanding staff member for their contributions to Redemptorist St. Gerard School. Each month, one staff member will be recognized.

Congratulations to Terrell Burk, custodian!