

**Information for Parents
2017-2018 School Term**



● **VISIT OPEN HOUSE for Parents; new and returning students**

Saturday August 5th

PreK-3rd grade 9:00-10:00 Am

4th-12th grade 11:00-12 Noon

This is an informal drop in visit. You should plan approximately 15 -20 minutes to stop in, say hello, and see what's new in the classrooms. This visit is for the students to give them a moment to connect back to school. Teachers will be taking photos of students and families to complete welcome boards for the first week of school! **PICK UP LUNCH MENU-TURN IN 8/9**

● **Parent Orientation Meetings -for parents ONLY**

Monday, August 7th 6:00-7:00 pm for PreK-3rd grade

Tuesday, August 8th

6:00-7:00 pm for 4th-8th grade

7:30-8:30 pm for 9th-12th grade

These informational meetings will cover grade level curriculum, assessment testing, student placement, benchmark goals (by grade level), the homework and classwork policies, and other critical policies that will effect every student's overall success. To provide beneficial support to every student, one parent from each family must attend during the correct time.

● **Back to school schedule Those first few days...**

Wednesday Aug 9th-Friday Aug 11th Student Orientation Days -All students

Half day schedule; Drop off: 7:45-8:00 Pick Up 11:45-12:Noon Bring snack/No lunch



Monday August 14th First full day of School– Don't forget the new book bag*, notebook and snack, water, and lunch!!!

GERARD Book bags for grades 1st-12th will be sold at Open House & Orientation prior to the first day of school. (Other book bags will not be permitted).

For all grades:

1. 2 Doz. #2 pencils 2.00-5.00
2. Crayola washable markers/
8 pk .97
3. Elmers washable glue sticks
6 pk 2.27
4. Elmers washable liquid glue
4 oz 1.38
5. Crayola fine point markers
8 pk 3.78
6. 4 x 6 Index cards 1.16
7. Pacon writing tablet 5.79
8. 2 reams multi-use copy
paper– 500 sheets each
9. Pacon Rainbow construction
paper 500 sheets 10.00

FOR PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

1. 2/ 1 Subject notebooks .98
2. 2/writing-drawing composi-
tion notebooks
3. 4/ plain plastic 2 sided fold-
ers with pockets

FOR 1st-3rd Grade

All the above and add ;

1. 1/1.5 inch white 3 ring bind-
er with 8 divider tabs
2. 1 Simple pocket calculator
3. 1 Water color paint set
4. 1 / Six pack playdough



Gerard
Prep
School

Back to School
School
Supply
Lists



FOR 4th-6th Grades + Add;

1. 1/ Heavy duty 1.5" 3 ring
binder **with clear cover**
2. Sharpie Highlighters/ Mul-
ti-color pack –chisel tip
3. 4/ 1 subject notebooks-
1Red, 1Blue, 1Ylw 1Gn
4. 2/**graph paper** composi-
tion books
5. 2/regular composition
books-wide ruled
6. Basic hand held calculator
7. 8 pk colored divider tabs

FOR 7th-12th grades + Add;

**All of the above, except the
basic calculator and add;**

1. Texas Instruments 30XS
Multiview calculator
13.89
2. Flash Drive –to transport
information to/from
school 3.0 8.99
3. 1 pk heavy duty sheet
protectors

** Prices quoted as examples from
Walmart on-line as of 6/20/17

Getting Ready for Quarterly Projects!

Gerard incorporates quarterly projects as a critical component for all students to actively participate in the application of newly acquired skills and knowledge.

It is therefore imperative that each student has the following when required during the school term;

4/ Elmer's Tri-fold Project Presentation Display Board, **36 x 48 in \$7.10** (one for each project)

Construction Paper-for mounting pictures, articles and written pieces

Bulletin board letters –for titles

And to complete the projects students should have their own supplies for use at home, such as;

1. Glue (white liquid glue)
2. Scissors
3. Ruler
4. Colored pencils, makers, crayons
5. Other craft materials as needed

Parents may of course assist and join in the project work at home, however, the content of the project should be the students own work based on research and personal interests. Projects count as a Quarterly finals test grade.

Projects are mandatory assignments.

Where there is Growth, there is Change...



The A,B, C's of Assessments, Benchmarks and Communications...

This year during the first two weeks of each quarter students will be assessed for academic mastery in both language and math. They will be assessed "on grade level" to assure either; concepts are understood and can be applied independently or concepts are not yet understood and review and remediation is recommended. Once assessments are completed parents will receive written documentation on progress and program implementation for their student(s). If student is receiving marks below 70% a parent meeting will be scheduled and a plan for remediation will be constructed. All plans will cover a course of five weeks, wherein review and adjust will occur or continue until the end of the quarter.

These assessments are not a "pass or fail" testing mechanism. They will be given to assure that students continue to be successful and can understand and apply what they are learning. It will assist us to fill in gaps, add review, and adjust the learning pace for each student, keeping them engaged in the process of learning without undue lag or frustration. That is our hope, that is our goal.

NEW GPS BOOK BAGS

For 2017-2018 all students in 1st grade & Up will purchase their book bags from GERARD PREP SCHOOL.

Our new bags will help keep our students organized and ready for daily success!

Book bags will be available for purchase at Open House for only \$15.00 each.
Note: Other book bags will not be permitted.



This does not mean your students will never have ANY school work to do at home.

What it means is your student will not be sent home with hours of busy work that does not directly support their individual learning or give them the opportunity to apply new knowledge in a way that is meaningful to them.

Most assignments will not include; Textbooks, ditto sheets, workbooks or other "in class" type of work. Homework will be more often something they can do "at home," without the need of those items directly related to the classroom (like books etc.).

For example; we do not have a kitchen at school for them to cook, but you do...so why not ask them to do something in the kitchen? Or something related to outside? Or if they play sports, something directly related to the sport they play, but somehow linked to their learning. Like; what percentage of the pitches at this weeks games are strikes, and how many walks were scored...

There will be books to read and projects to do, but in general, unless we are working together to remediate a struggle; you can set the table, enjoy your dinner and even have a conversation about how great school was on that day...*stress free.*

The more they love school...the more they will engage in learning *at school.* Ahhh, success!