



principal's newsletter

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WELCOME - Welcome to all new and old Gerard students. We congratulate you and your parents for choosing a Catholic high school education. This demonstrates a conviction that this type of education is necessary and important to you. It would be a great mistake at any time to think that one can go through adult life with only a grade-school child's knowledge and understanding of religion. At a time in history when there is so much thinking and talking about religion, so many new points of view to be explored, and when the importance of religion is being questioned by so many, the survival of faith in the coming generation may depend upon instruction of the young. Our faculty and staff will be at your service to give you the best education possible. We humbly solicit your complete cooperation.

SCHOOL OPENS - Gerard High School will open for the sixth consecutive year on Tuesday, September 5, 1967. Students will report to school according to the following schedule:

<u>Tuesday, September 5</u>		<u>Wednesday, September 6</u>	
Seniors	9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.	Sophomores	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Juniors	1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.	Freshmen	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

At these times, students will report to St. Thomas More Hall to fill out a registration card, pick up their schedules, get book lists, purchase books, pay registration fees if they have not been prepaid, pay September tuition, and be assigned a locker. After this procedure has been completed, the student is free to return home. Classes begin on Thursday, September 7. The warning bell will sound at 8:20 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:35 a.m., on that day. No lunch will be served on Thursday. Friday will be a regular school day: 8:20 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

TUITION AND FEES - The tuition at Gerard High School is \$25.00 per month for one student in the family, and \$40.00 per month for two or more students. All students must pay a registration fee of \$15.00 annually. New students ordinarily prepay this fee, so it is not necessary for them to pay this \$15.00 fee on registration day. All students pay a locker rental fee of \$2.50 per year. This entitles the student to the use of a locker and a school lock for one year. Please make out your check to include tuition fees, registration and locker fees. This check should be made payable to Gerard High School. Books may not be included in this check.

Students who are enrolled in the following classes pay the following special fees: Art, \$5.00 per course; Typing, \$2.00 per course; Home Economics, \$15.00 per course.

BOOKS - New books may be purchased from the Gerard bookstore on September 5 and 6, according to the above schedule. A complete set of new books will cost about \$40.00. The price varies according to the subjects which the student is taking. Books may be paid for in cash or by check. New books may not be charged at the bookstore. Checks for books must be made payable to the Gerard bookstore. Students need not purchase new books; second-hand books may be purchased from former students. Gerard High School does not sell second-hand books, nor does it take any responsibility for private sales of second-hand books.

FOOTBALL - Football practice for varsity and junior varsity members will begin at 7:00 a.m., Monday, August 21. There will be two practice sessions a day until school begins. They are scheduled at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the Gerard football fields. All students who will

participate in interscholastic athletics are reminded to pick up the physical examination cards at school. It is the student's responsibility to have a physical examination by his own family doctor. There will be no physical examinations given at Gerard High School. No student will be issued any football equipment until these forms are turned in. The forms may be picked up in the office on Monday, August 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

INSURANCE - Three insurance companies proposed bids for the student school insurance. These three proposals were turned over to the executive board of the Gerard Home & School Association. After seeking professional advice, they recommended that the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield proposal be accepted for Gerard High School for the school year 1967-68. The schedule of fees for this insurance is as follows:

For all students, at-school protection is \$4.90. Twenty-four-hour protection is \$6.00. This includes any student in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

Students who participate in football may desire additional coverage. The ninth-grade student's at-school protection with the football rider is \$11.80. Twenty-four-hour coverage for the ninth-grade student with the football rider is \$12.90. For students in grades 10, 11 and 12, at-school protection with the football rider is \$21.80. Twenty-four-hour protection with the football rider is \$22.90.

Students who report for football practice on August 21 will be given insurance forms to take home. Each student must return the form filled out with the information required. If parents want this insurance, they check the appropriate box. If they do not want their student included in this insurance plan, they check that on the form. All checks for the insurance must be made out to Arizona Blue Cross. Students who report for football practice and are later dropped from the team will have their checks returned. If they wish to participate in the insurance without a football rider, they can make a new application and deposit a check for the lesser amount.

Students who are not participating in the football program will be given the insurance applications after September 11, 1967.

UNIFORMS - Uniforms must be worn on Thursday, September 7, and every day thereafter. Blazers need not be worn until the weather turns cooler. On September 5 and 6, no student should wear blue jeans, bermudas, culottes, miniskirts, etc. No boy should appear for registration without a regulation haircut.

Parents and students are reminded of the Gerard uniform requirements:

Boys

Gray slacks (washable orlon and rayon)
White shirt (long or short sleeves)
Plain black tie
Black shoes
Red blazer

Girls

Red and gray pleated skirt (washable orlon & wool)
White blouse (convertible collar, roll-up sleeves)
Gray blazer
Black shoes (loafers or plain flats)
Nylons