

# THE MESSENGER

## YEEHAW!!

What an unbelievable time we had at the auction on October 15th! Parish and school families put on their plaid and boogied up to the school gym. The bids were flying and friends became foes as the show-down to win class gifts, teacher experiences, class photos, and vacation packages took over the night. Attendees enjoyed delicious BBQ, experimented at the S'mores bar, taste-tested at the saloon, learned some line dance moves and may have even spent some time in jail!! More importantly, the event was a financial success! The evening grossed ~\$33,000!! What a win for St. Gabriel's! Thanks for all the support and great donations. We can't wait until next year.



## PIZZA FOR ALL

Kids and parents closed the kitchen and gathered around the Pizza Ranch table on October 17th. Kids earned service hours and tips for their school as they bussed tables. At times, the non-school patrons of the restaurant must have wondered about their pint-sized servers, but curious or not...their tips and a percentage of their dinner cost earned our school over \$460! Thank you to everyone who made it out and thanks for the kids for your great table service!

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## USE THOSE SCISSORS!

Check your boxes of Cheerios and Kleenex before you throw the out. These products and many, many others have free money! Just cut off the Box Top and send it in with your student. This is a pain free way to earn money for our school. Last quarter alone earned St. Gabriel almost \$250! How easy is that? Let's try and beat it

during quarter 2. We are looking to gather at least 2,000 box tops. With everyone's help, we can meet and exceed that goal! The Last Day to turn in will be December 16th. After reaching our goal the whole school will earn a Christmas Movie Party and more on December 20th!! So start clipping now!!!

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## B-I-N-G-O

Do you know how important BINGO is to our school and our children's education? If the trend of 2016 continues, it appears as though **bingo may raise more than \$60,000 this year alone!** That is around \$500 per student that stays off of tuition so more kids can afford and achieve a Catholic education. Funds from bingo help keep parents cost low and doesn't take money out of school or parish-families' pockets. It's a win-win! Here is the most recent update.

- July avg. attendance — 116. Contribution to the school, \$4,000
- Aug avg. attendance — 128. Contribution to the school, \$8,000
- Sept avg. attendance — 146. Contribution to the school, \$7,000

Don't forget to volunteer for this important fundraiser! It's our tireless volunteers that make it possible. It's easy to see bingo is our highest grossing fundraiser. Volunteers are needed every Wednesday at Finnigan's Hall next to the AMF Pro Bowl Lane in NKC. 503 E 18th Ave, North Kansas City, MO 64116. Volunteer anytime between 5:30-9:30p. Contact Mary Madick at [Mary.Madick@kcmo.org](mailto:Mary.Madick@kcmo.org).

## STUDENT SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNI-

Don't forget student service hours for quarter 2 are due 12/15. There are some great ideas for individual students, classes, groups or even families activities. Reach out to the contacts below to begin your journey of service.

**Back Snack** – Backsnack meets on Thursday mornings to backpacks for students at a local school that do not have enough food to eat on the weekends. Backsnack is always looking for donations or volunteers. Contact Cathy at [tomadams42@kc.rr.com](mailto:tomadams42@kc.rr.com) to find out how you can help.

**STG Community Garden** – providing fresh produce to St. Vincent de Paul & other food pantries around the KC area, students & parents will be able to till the garden and help with harvest. They meet at 10a every Saturday. The Garden is located at 9601 NE Vrooman Dr. Kansas City MO 64161. They are always in need of people to help with maintenance and harvest. To volunteer, contact Norman and Edith Van Booven at [edith.vanbooven@gmail.com](mailto:edith.vanbooven@gmail.com).

**Local Fire Department & Police Stations** - Check into your local fire and police departments to find out how you can help. Can you bake cookies or offer services in another way?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

11/09 – Veterans' Day Celebration

11/16 – 1st Grade Reconciliation Celebration 6:30

11/18 – Progress Reports

11/23-11/25 – Thanksgiving Vacation, No School

December—Salvation Army toy drive—don't forget to check out Black Friday bargains!

## WE WANT YOU TO LIKE US!

### Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Gabriel-Catholic-School-ECLC-Kansas-City-159330867438019/?fref=ts>

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## THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU

There are many opportunities for you to be part of this ministry that is vital to our liturgies at St. Gabriel. Set a great example for our student choir by sharing your voices.

- 8:00 am Mass Choir, rehearsals are on Thursdays 6:30-8p
- 11:00 am Mass Choir, rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7-8:30p
- Christmas Eve Choir sings at the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, rehears-

als: 9:20-10:20 am each Sunday in Advent

- Holy Week Choir sings at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Liturgies, rehearsals: 9:20-10:20 am each Sunday in Lent.

THANK YOU to these Angels for sharing their talents with St. Gabriel. They are serving God through Faith, Respect and Achievement — Just like we teach our students!

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## LITTLE SAINTS/ EDGE CORNER

Little Saints (K-5th) - Little Saints could use two more teachers, one for third/fourth grade and another for 5th. The curriculum is planned out and Cindy C. is around to help. While you can't get service hours for teaching, our Little Saints program can really use your help. Contact Cindy in the parish office or at [cindycirlin@gmail.com](mailto:cindycirlin@gmail.com)