

GIBAULT

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Your donations help our students to succeed!

National Merit Commended Scholars



Biske

Spencer Biske and Joshua Eichholz placed among the top 50,000 scorers of over 1.5 million students **nationwide** in the 2020 National Merit Scholar Competition. NMSC announced, "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation."



Eichholz

Illinois State Scholars



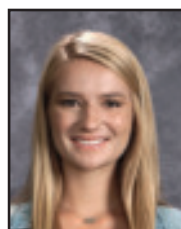
Barbour



Ellner



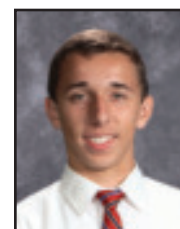
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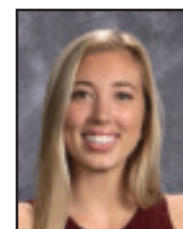
Huels



Janson



Muehlher



Papenberg

NINE seniors have been named Illinois State Scholars:

Kyle Barbour (Belleville), **Spencer Biske** (Columbia), **Josh Eichholz** (Waterloo), **Cassandra Ellner** (Red Bud), **Hannah Gundlach** (Waterloo), **Kayla Huels** (Waterloo), **Hannah Janson** (Columbia), **Jacob Muehlher** (Waterloo), and **Kelly Papenberg** (Waterloo). The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is "impressed with the passion, focus, organization, and dedication of our State Scholars. It is a credit to these students --as well as to our schools-- that so many of them are not only driven to achieve but also reflect a true love of learning and a desire to use their education to make the world a better place."

Illinois State Scholars are awarded for exemplary test scores and class rank, and represent the *top 10% of all high school seniors* from 726 schools across the state.

Area Schools	% of IL Scholars
Gibault Catholic	18.4
Columbia	15.7
Freeburg	14.5
Waterloo	13.5
New Athens	9.1
Sparta	8.2
Belleville West	7.2
Dupo	5.3
Red Bud	5.0
Valmeyer	4.5

Gibault continues to outperform state (24.3) and national (20.9) ACT averages.

The ACT average of our current Illinois State Scholars is 30.44!

Thank you for all that you do to invest in the success of our students!



Message from Principal Steve Kidd

#gibaultproud



In the wake of the recent pandemic events of our country, I am most humbled by how the Gibault community has come together to take this crisis head on. The teachers have committed to providing their best quality instruction, however it is to be delivered. We are well seasoned in the subject of online/remote learning. We have been providing E-Learning to our students for many years. The financial support from our alumni and friends allows us to continue to innovate and be leaders in our field. We spent an additional day this past week training to make sure our programs of delivery are optimized. Our maintenance and kitchen staff have committed to cleaning our entire facility thoroughly and keeping it clean and safe. Our campus will have very limited access until it's safe to return to regular activity.

I want to assure our families that we want the students back as soon as possible. We want to give our senior class everything they deserve and have been planning for over their last four years. Our teachers, our staff, and administration are keeping on top of every change that is happening and will be ready to react as necessary until we welcome our students back where they want to be, at Gibault.

I ask you to pray for our school, our students and families, and our community to recover and return to a normal Southern Illinois lifestyle. Please be safe out there and we will see you soon. Again, thanks for your generosity in so many ways.

Warmest blessings,



Are you ready for spring?

Former Gibault history professor and Hopskeller brewmaster Matt Schweizer is returning to Gibault, spearheading efforts to update and revitalize our patios and landscaping.

We will be needing **your help** to make this happen.

Can you spare a few hours? More details to come.

Contact Andrea (618-939-3883 or abiske@gibaulthawks.com) so we can let you know when we get started.

Fr. Ed would be so proud!





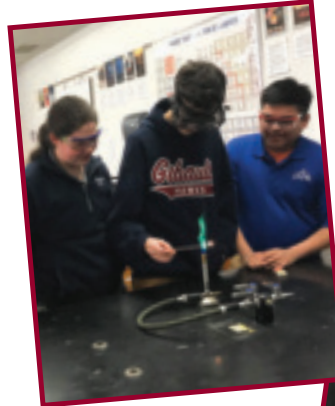
What is the Annual Fund used for?



You make possible...



...opportunities for creative exploration



...a STEM integrated education



...transportation for sports, clubs, and activities



...experience in collaboration



...an enriching faith community



Your donation to the annual fund fills the gap between tuition and what is needed to provide all our extra opportunities. This teaches our students, through experience, to think outside the **BOOK!**

*Thank you if you have supported our annual fund already this year.
If you haven't had an opportunity yet, **can you help?***

Do you want an Illinois tax credit for donating to Gibault?

Thanks to Empower Illinois, you can!



Students Apply

Families within 300% of the Federal Poverty Level can apply for a scholarship to Gibault Catholic High School.



Donors Like **YOU** Give

Individual donors make contributions through Empower Illinois and designate Gibault. In return, donors receive a 75% state tax credit.



Scholarship Awarded

Lives are changed as scholarships are awarded to families based on need and the funds designated to Gibault.

Go online to **empowerillinois.org/donate** and click "How to Donate—Step by Step Instructions"

Gibault students qualified for \$183,083.75 in scholarships for 2019-2020, but we only could cover \$115,111.25 from our Empower Illinois donations. For 2020-2021 current applicants already qualify for \$197,308.75 with more students still applying.

Can you help these families?

Gifts of ALL sizes help tremendously. Please contact Aubrie or Andrea (618-939-3883 or aswafford@gibaulthawks.com) if you have any questions, or contact your tax advisor for more details and information.



www.catholicgiftannuity.org

A charitable gift annuity is a gift that gives back, providing the donor a fixed income stream for life in exchange for a legacy gift to Gibault Catholic.

Contact: Betty Assell
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BAssell@catholicextension.org
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On **May 7**,
let's celebrate the good work going on in our community.
Share your blessings with Gibault and other area organizations.
Check it out!

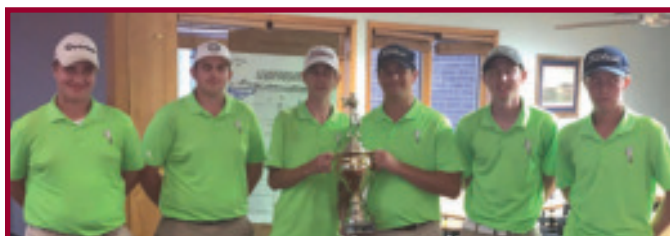
*Did you know
you can donate
to Gibault
online?*

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Click DONATE
in the upper right corner
to give a gift to the
Annual Fund or
Scholarship Fund
using PayPal
or a credit card.
You can even make it a
treasured monthly gift!

Thank you for investing in our students!

Your gifts give our students so many extra opportunities to succeed...

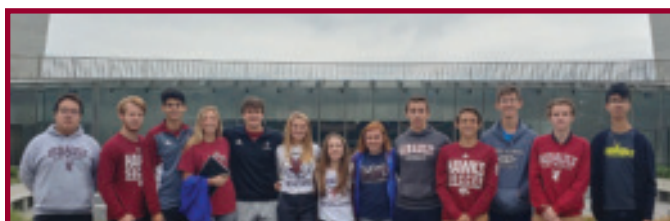


Gibault Varsity Golf won the Monroe County Boys Golf Tournament



Scholar Bowl:

STATE Masonic Academic Bowl (5th-tie)
IHSA Regional Champions
Catholic Schools Tournament Champions
2nd Place Carbondale Hi-Q Tournament
Spencer Biske & Josh Eichholz-
Individual All-Sectional Team



Gibault Physics Team: 2nd place in the Gateway Arch Design Competition sponsored by the National Park Service & the Engineers' Club of St. Louis. Up against powerhouse schools of all sizes, our Engineering Hawks made us #gibaultproud!



Varsity Volleyball: Sectional Finalist



Math Team posted wins at SWIC, SLCC, Regionals, Sectionals, and is **STATE** bound!



Academic Challenge: 1st place Team at Sectionals with 1st place in 6 of 7 subjects.
STATE bound!



Saturday Scholars: The top 10% of our science students are chosen to spend Saturdays in February experiencing lectures from professionals in their field. Above are some of our scholars at the St. Louis Aquarium.

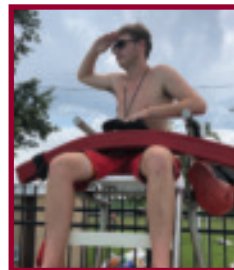


Josie Hooten
FFA record book
STATE Qualifier



Alex Sweeney
Golf **STATE** Qualifier

Your example teaches us to take care of each other and our community





Once a Hawk, Always a Hawk!



Share your joy! Contact Andrea: abiske@gibaulthawks.com



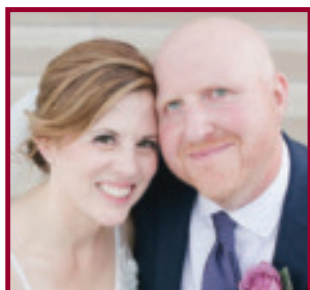
J.V.'s is now listed as a City of Waterloo historic landmark. It is owned by Alumni **Jeff Vogt ('75)** and wife Denise.



Class of 1974 Reunion



Varsity Baseball Coach **Andy Skaer** was recognized as the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Area Coach of the Year in Class 1A.



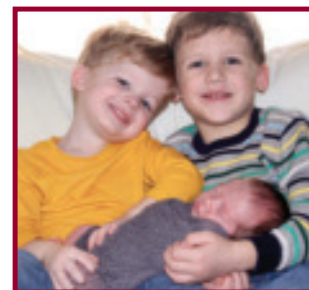
Jeremy Nagle ('99) married Dacia Meyer in July.



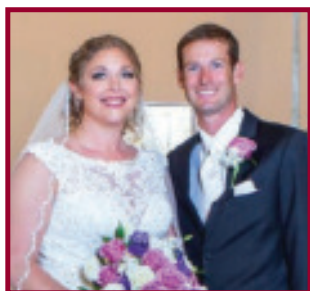
Dennis Rueter Court Dedication

Coach Dennis Rueter was celebrated for his storied legacy at Gibault when the court in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gym was named in his honor. Mr. Rueter is in his 40th year at Gibault, having served in many roles as assistant principal, athletic director, coach, and teacher. Coach Rueter has **730+** career victories!

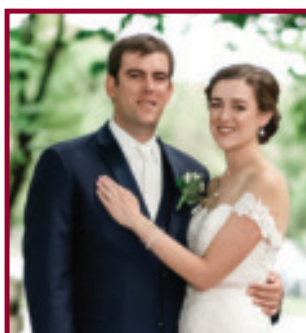
THANK YOU to all of the donors who made this possible!



Eric ('03) and Lauren (Kleinschmidt '04) Darr welcomed their 3rd son Vance Gabriel in January. Vance is held by siblings Everett and Brooks.



Dr. Amanda Hart ('99) married Anthony Teufel in September.



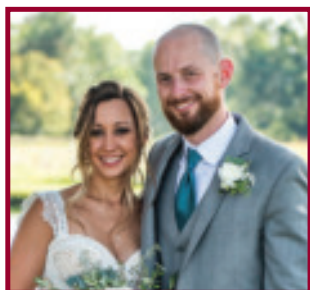
Christopher Kuester ('10) married Kate Peacock in August.



Varsity soccer coach **Darryn Haudrich ('02)** and his wife Anne welcomed Henry Michael in December.

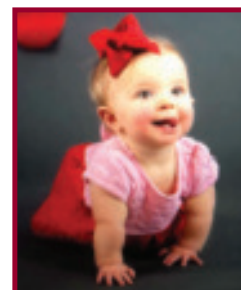


Remember these guys?



Christopher Monterusso ('00) married Heather Elsheimer in Oklahoma in September.

Ashley (Johnson '12) and Colin Juengling ('12) welcomed Lillian Grace in March. Aunt **Hannah ('20)** and Grandma (former GCHS teacher) **Heather Johnson** are so in love!





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to join us!**

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any questions! (618) 939-3883

We need golfers and sponsors!
Take a Friday off to play golf and
support some great kids!



Summer Classic at Annbriar
Friday, June 19



Oktoberfest Auction
Saturday, October 24



Rummage Sale
Fall 2020



Spring Musical
April 15-19



Spring Concert and
Art Show May 3



Graduation
May 18

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help us update their contact information: abiske@gibaulthawks.com**

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