

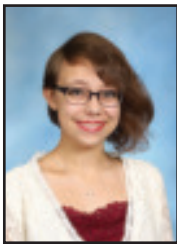
# NewsLink

# GIBAULT

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Your support of academics pays off!

### National Merit Commended Scholars



Elena



Andrew

**Elena Biske** and **Andrew Unverferth** placed among the top 50,000 scorers of 1.6 million+ students nationwide who entered the 2018 national competition. National Merit Scholarship Corporation 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."

### Illinois State Scholars



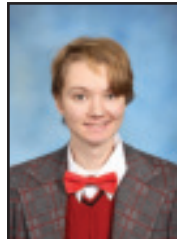
Joseph



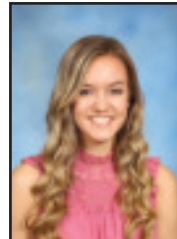
Andy



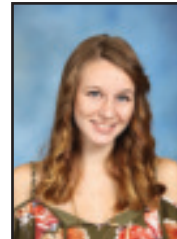
Robert



Sam



Sophia



Gabriella

Area Schools	% of IL Scholars
Belleville West	9.8
Columbia	13.9
Freeburg	14.8
<b>Gibault Catholic</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Red Bud	13.8
Sparta	7.8
Valmeyer	14.3
Waterloo	16.3

Gibault Catholic is proud to celebrate the academic achievement and recognition of our **eight** seniors who have been named as 2018 Illinois State Scholars: **Elena Biske** (Columbia), **Joseph Busch** (Waterloo), **Andy Loless** (Columbia), **Robert Lugge** (Belleville), **Sam Mueller** (Waterloo), **Sophia Purcell** (Waterloo), **Gabriella Southworth** (Waterloo) and **Andrew Unverferth** (Red Bud).

IL State Scholars are selected based on exemplary ACT scores and class rank, and represent the *top ten percent of all high school seniors* from 765 schools across the state.

**Gibault** continues to outperform state (21.4) and national (21.0) ACT averages. **The ACT average of our current Illinois State Scholars is 29.75!**



# Gratitude from Principal Hart



## *You make it possible!*

Choosing a Catholic school education means making a financial sacrifice for many families. And for some families, Gibault is out of reach without scholarship and financial aid opportunities. Fortunately, we have never turned any student away because of financial need. And that is not possible without you.

With your help our students are thriving! As you can see on the first page of our newsletter, our academics are second to none, leading the metro-east with the highest percentage of Illinois State Scholars once again. Our boys' soccer team finished 2nd in the state despite competing in a division with schools having five times our number of students! A group of our seniors spent two weeks in Peru on their service project, working with the poor and with orphans needing a ray of hope. Academically, athletically, spiritually – our students experience it all and I know they will make the world a better place. Your generosity is key to making it all happen.

Are you a Gibault graduate or friend interested in donating? There are many ways to donate. You can sponsor a student by starting or supporting a scholarship, donate directly to the Hustedde Scholarship Fund, or donate to our Annual Fund, the backbone of all our fundraising efforts. Over half of our students receive financial help and they need your support.

I'm proud of what's going on at Gibault. Through the generosity of donors, not only a Catholic education, but one with uncommon opportunities is feasible for all students. As always, I welcome your input as we continue in our commitment to excellence.

Please consider a donation today. Contact myself or our Development Director, Andrea Biske.

Blessings,

## *Did you know you can donate online?*

Simply go to [www.gibalthawks.com](http://www.gibalthawks.com) and click the DONATE button in the upper right corner to give a gift using PayPal or a credit card.

You can even make it a monthly gift!

***Thank you for your generosity!***



**Fr. Ed Hustedde at the GCHS groundbreaking**



# Every gift makes a difference



## ***What do you remember about high school?***

Did you walk the halls of Gibault Catholic High School? Or did you call it Gibault or Sts. Peter and Paul? Do you remember the challenging classes? The fun that you had on a team or at an event? Maybe you think of the friends you made or the teachers who believed in you. Are your memories of Gibault instead as a parent, grandparent, or friend? Whatever the memory, our Gibault Catholic experience has been key in developing us into the people that we are today.



Your connection to Gibault is unique to your experience, and that's what makes you an important part of our GCHS history. We are all connected by this amazing community that has cared for students for over 50 years, and continues to help students develop and shape the world.

The Gibault Catholic High School **Annual Fund** enhances every part of what our students experience. Thank you if you have supported our annual fund already this year. If you haven't had an opportunity yet, would you consider a gift to continue this amazing history?

There is a **\$2,557 per student gap** between the actual cost to educate a student and tuition. Your gift, of any amount, helps to bridge that gap. Our students are creating their rich history as they grow together, and your gift helps to maintain the uniquely caring community that is important to us all.



## ***Can you help?***

Every gift pays it forward in the dividends and the opportunities that a Gibault education provides. At Gibault Catholic High School, we strive to provide the quality education and experiences that stay with our students long after they graduate and can carry with them throughout their lives. With your support, students at GCHS will continue to experience amazing things every day.

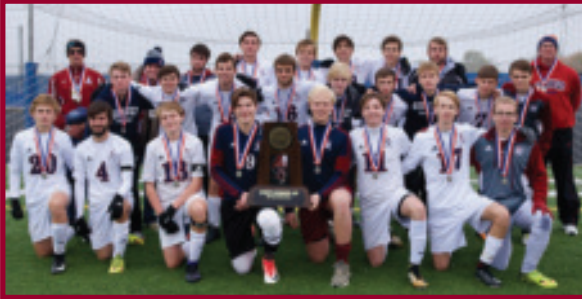


Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and generous support of Gibault Catholic High School. Your donation matters.

## ***Will you help us shape the future?***



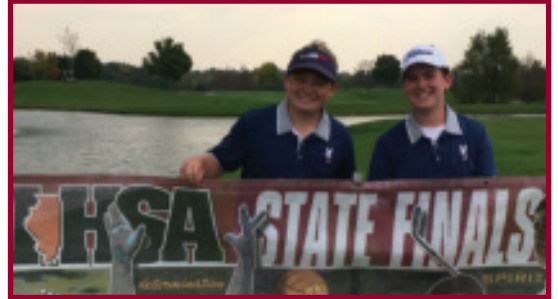
# Your support provides amazing opportunities to succeed!



Varsity Soccer Class 2A  
State Runner - Up



Brooke Biffar  
Cross Country  
State Qualifier



Zach Heet and Lucas Herrmann  
State Golf Qualifiers



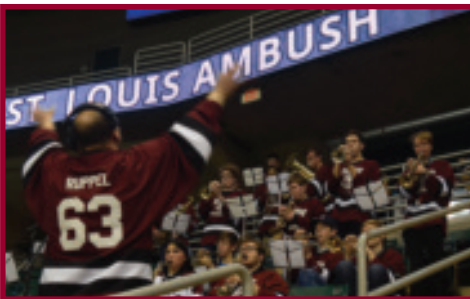
Washington D.C.  
March for Life 2018



Max Kostelac  
State Swim Qualifier



WYSE Team: Regional Champ  
and heading to State



GCHS Pep Band played at a  
St. Louis Ambush Game



Hawkappellas sang at  
an Ambush Game



Math Team swept at SWIC &  
heading to State competition

## We will miss you, Mr. Gregson!



"It was 25 years ago I accepted a job at one of the best high schools I have ever known – Gibault Catholic High School. I always said that it would take a unique opportunity for me to leave this incredible place. I believe that such an opportunity has been bestowed upon me. I have accepted the position of Principal at St. John Neumann Catholic School in Maryville starting next school year. Gibault will always have a place in my heart. I became a teacher to make a difference in the lives of students, I have come to realize that this works both ways – the students at Gibault have made a *difference in my life.*"

God Bless! ~**David Gregson ('84)**



# Once a Hawk, Always a Hawk!



## Love our family...



**Joe ('03) & Lisa Bohn** welcomed Madison Linda on Nov. 19



**Laura (Reinhold '97) & Brad Kretzer** welcomed Kane Otto on Sept. 25

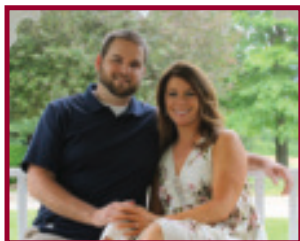


**Christine (Valentine '03) & Doug Rogers** baptized Wesley Francis on Jan. 11



In January, **Mary ('88) Vogt-Shields** donated a life saving kidney to her nephew Avery.

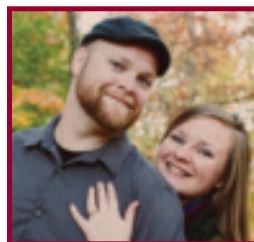
## Love our alumni...



**Jill Puckett ('96) & Brad Weier** are planning a late June wedding.



**Brad ('04) & Jennifer Nobbe** welcomed Clare Marie on June 15

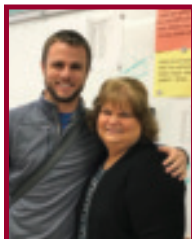


**Joe Glessner ('07) & Sarah Bjorling** are planning an October wedding in Peoria.

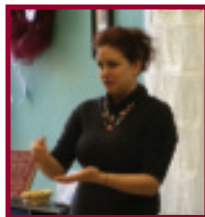


In January, flight attendant **Holly Rick ('82)** married pilot Gene Peterson on board Delta's historic final 747 passenger flight.

## Love our school!



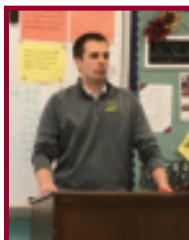
**Jeffrey Harrison ('08)**, COO of RoverTown, (left) and **Jared Nobbe ('01)**, of Wm. Nobbe, & Co. (right) both stopped by this semester to speak to Mrs. Zinck's marketing class.



**Stephanie Kreher ('09)**, was promoted to Regional Banking Center Manager for Midland State Bank, and stopped by to speak to Mrs. Zinck's Personal Finance class.



**Duane Mollet ('88)** was promoted in February to Executive Director in Human Resources at JPMorganChase & Co. and lives in the Chicago area



**Elyse (Mohme '01) Hunter** was inducted into University of Central Missouri's Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a 2-time volleyball All-American, a 3-time All-Region and 3-time All-MIAA selection. She is 2nd all-time at UCM with 661 points in a single season, in UCM's top-5 in total kills with 1,660, and her 93 career matches with double-digit kills is 3rd all-time. Elyse & husband Trent also welcomed baby Hollee on February 27.



**Are we missing your news? Contact Andrea: abiske@ gibaulthawks.com**

*Please Pray...*



Our sympathies to the families of...

**Jennifer (Greer '00) Charleton**, on her passing on December 31, 2017

**Justin Koppes**, on his passing March 3, 2018



# Your support teaches service to our community and world!



## Save the date and join the fun!



Summer Classic at Annbriar  
Friday, June 15, 2018



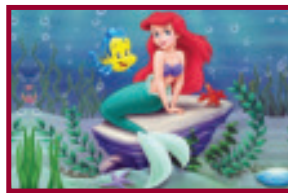
Oktoberfest Auction  
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018



Taste of the Region  
Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019



Rummage Sale  
April 21



The Little Mermaid  
April 26-29



Spring Concert and  
Art Show May 6



Graduation  
May 21

**Parents:** If your son or daughter has established a permanent address, please help us update their contact information: [abiske@gibalthawks.com](mailto:abiske@gibalthawks.com)

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