



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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“BE THE LIGHT!”

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Friend, and Alumni of Gibault Catholic High School,



## IHSA CLASS 1A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPION GIBAULT HAWKS!

Thanks for all your support for this memorable season! We have had so much good press and the IHSA appreciated the national press and shout-outs we received as well! They treated us like royalty in turn with excellent support for our players for lodging, meals, and practice sessions. And hundreds of thousands viewed *“the shot seen round the world”* against Illini Bluffs! Our two parades and assembly were so well attended. The Team, Coaches, Cheerleaders, Sr. Kathleen Murray, Super Fans and fans won it, but it is our success story! Mr. Rueter gets his due, but in all humility, passed all credit to the team winning it for the team! He also reminded them there will be bigger highlights in their lives!



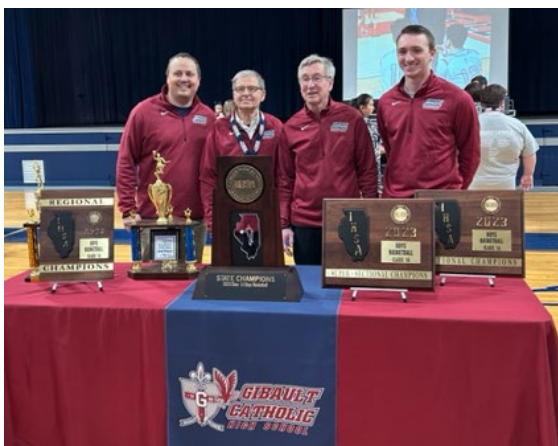
**AND DENNIS RUETER SHOOK HIS HEAD AND SAID...** *"We didn't play very well"...* After our one point loss to start the season, after most of our wins and losses, but on March 11, he looked out at a great season and a great team and he said "God is Good!" We earned this State Title Championship after battling 1A, 2A, and 3A opponents over the season to become the first basketball state champ in Monroe County history. The tournament OT and buzzer-beater shot really made it special for us. And as Mr. Rueter said, the 618 area code plays tough basketball. Evidence this year is 4 state champs besides the Gibault Catholic Hawks. The Lady Panthers of O'Fallon, the Lady Knights of Mater Dei, and the Lady Rockets of Okawville! And add in a third place by the East. St. Louis Flyers!







Sr. Kathleen stepping up to tell the Team and Gibault we are “blest and a blessing!” Every team needs a Sr. Kathleen!



And so many folks to thank for the years it took the team to get to this opportunity. All their grade school and high school coaches, including Hall of Famer Dennis Rueter, Terry Soucek, Tim Augustine, Trevor Davis, our Athletic Director Jim Montgomery, Assistant Athletic Director Marie Davis, Abby Levin, Amanda Collins, The Rockin' Hawk Band, and Scott Ruppel, Statistician Julie Hanvey, MC and scoreboard official Andy Skaer, Todd Biske for streaming and broadcasting many of our games, our drivers Steve Bergheger, Kevin Henke, Mike Goodsell, and Don Polacek, financial

fees by supportive parents, all the practices in case we got a chance (Johnny Wooden), and our Good God to Whom we give the glory!

### **Behind the scenes support for the Assembly and special help:**

Elizabeth Hess	Desiree Frasure	Steve Bergheger	Andy Skaer	Annie Alvarez
Julie Hanvey	Chris Wessel	Katie Zeidler	Haley Kovarik	Kelly Day
Greg Lane	Mike Goodsell	Becky Ramlose	Angie and Kevin Cartee	
Mike Kovarik	The Gibault Sound Squad		Dieterich Bank for a team meal	

### **Two parades**

Waterloo Mayor Tom Smith  
Waterloo PD Chief Jeff Prosise and Officers  
Waterloo FD Chief Aaron Shive and Firefighters  
Monroe County Sheriff Neal Rohlfing and Officers  
Columbia PD Chief Jason Donjon and Officers  
Menard Auto Sales: Rodney, Riley, & Austin Menard (all GCHS alumni) for hitching the Band Wagon  
Darren Hess for chauffeuring the Team and Cheerleaders

**Parade watchers:** hundreds and hundreds

**For streaming the games** Happy Hour                      Pair of Dice                      SPPCS

**Marquees:** The whole town POSTED! Banks, businesses all over town and up and down Route 3. FaceBook and Twitter blown up and even the old Principal's email! Amazing support and *"hope does not disappoint!"*

So many people made this post-season possible. If I have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional; it was out an overwhelming amount of support shown by the community.

**Donut Day:** Thanks to Dawn Grohmann for coordinating the "I bet you can't eat just one" championship celebration on Wednesday. We won the bet. Donuts are like rules. The hole is where discretion lies. We used discretion and only ate one!



### **Taste of the Region:**

Students: Need service hours? Set-up help needed Friday from 4-6 pm and the night of the event from 3-9 pm.

Over 20 vendors already! Come tickle your pallet and the joy of fellowship!

Blessings on our sponsors---what a night awaits us!





**GOOD NEWS FROM THE ART DU JOUR CONTEST!** There were 8 schools participating, and over 70 works of art in the contest. We won in every category we had pieces in, which is awesome. We were one ribbon away from sweeping the Painting category! Thanks Art Teacher Mrs. Liz LeSaulnier! Come see these works of Art at our Spring Concert and Art Fair on May 7!

The following students ribboned:

Painting	1 <sup>st</sup> Kyra Newton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sydney Wahle	4 <sup>th</sup> Regan Gerteisen	5 <sup>th</sup> Abby Grohmann
Ceramics/3D Art	3 <sup>rd</sup> Maria Biske			
Mixed Media	1 <sup>st</sup> Gabi Coats	3 <sup>rd</sup> Claire Barbour		
Honorable Mention	Isabella Purcell			

**People's Choice Award** (all of the students voted on their favorite piece)  
**Kyra Newton** for her large Angel Painting!



If you want something done, call the Gibault Tech Crew. Our Innovations Commons Project is flying along now that the Seniors are back from their Senior Project! Mr. Henke built us a 6 X 6 table for our C-N-C machine, the 3D printers are up and running, rendering servers are under construction, 5 eSports gaming and video production machines are working, faculty computers restored, and I am so proud of what our students can do when we turn them loose and trust them! They also chair the Sound Squad for our assemblies and troubleshoot technology around school. They make a huge difference for us and will help change the world for the better! Thanks Mr. Martell and the Tech Crew!



**MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE DEBATE TEAM!** Brock Murphy represented the Gibault Hawks Debate Team over the weekend at the JVN State Debate tournament at Palatine High School. Brock advanced to the Final Four of the tournament and finished higher than any Illinois participant south of Chicago! Congratulations, Brock!

Due to several conflicts, we will move **AWARDS NIGHT to Thursday, May 18.** The afternoon awards will be on that day, as well. Mrs. Joan Tepen is our hero for this celebration! Mark your calendar now please.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY CLUB** Movie Night tomorrow night at 6:30! Pizza and viewing ***Breakthrough***, the true and miraculous story of survival that happened a few years ago in the St. Louis area. Check with Mrs. Miskell for details.

**The City of Waterloo Emergency Response Team** (Chris Frank) will be doing an on-site practice on our campus on Holy Thursday, April 6. They will not need interior access and will work off the back lot. So if you see a lot of action that day, don't call it in!

**CYBER BULLYING/SECURITY ETC. AND FYI:** Our students will view the Diocesan training on cyber bullying from Catholic Mutual Insurance and moving forward, we will be addressing other social media and relationship areas where we need to grow. In addition, our security door technology will be upgraded in the next few weeks. New security cards will need to be issued to faculty and staff and coaches. Vigilance is our friend!

Push the **FINISH STRONG** agenda for your daughter or son and challenge them to have the best quarter of the year. 43 days left.

**If you have a Gibault Junior in your house**, be sure and ask how much they loved their retreat. So often we don't take the time to have real conversation with our kids. Set the phone down and talk highlights and lowlights and some of the deep thoughts they had about their God. My prayer is they came home ready to be the Class of 2024 and lead Gibault Catholic closer to the Gospels and to new heights. Thanks to Mr. Ruppel for leading the way!

### **SPRING SPORTS ARE SPRUNG!**

First win bragging rights go to our Lady Hawks soccer team with an exciting 1-0 OT win vs. Roxanna at Triad last night! Good going Girls!

Softball lost its first game to Valmeyer 14-3 but looked good overall.

Baseball lost to Granite City (9 times our size) 11-8 so we will be having a great season.

Track starts today at Dupon and Boys' Volleyball next week.

It does not matter where you start in a season but where you end. Ask the Hawks' Basketball Team who started 0-1!

eSports lost 13-3 last night. Initial season for us but we are on it!



**Welcome back to Gibault 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Aubrie Miskell** after her successful completion of Officer Training School in Louisiana. She will continue her post at Scott AFB working in Human Resources. It is good to have some brass on staff here!

**We bought a used Dodge Grand Caravan** mini-van this week so the fleet is back to 6. Need one more later to bring us up to what we need. Trade-ins reduced our cost to ~\$3500.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HELP NEEDED:** Gibault Catholic High School, in partnership with Educatius Group, welcomes international high school students to the school and community every year. Students come from all over the world and take classes alongside their American peers, while living with loving host families. Educatius provides the host family a monthly stipend of \$450 per month. **If you become a host family and have a child who attends Gibault, you will also receive \$1000.00 off the cost of your tuition.**

Educatius is currently looking for families for the 2023-2024 school year! Host Families come in many different shapes and sizes - young couples with small children, single persons, one parent families, empty nesters, etc. The one characteristic all host families share is a big heart!

An International Coordinator will provide support to the student, host family and school throughout the duration of the academic school year. There is also 24/7 national support. Students come with their own spending money for; school lunches, fees, personal items, and activities they wish to be involved with.

This is a perfect time to complete your online application and secure your student placement for Fall 2023.

Please contact Regional Manager, Maribeth Arnone at (617) 515-6361 or [maribeth.arnone@educatius.org](mailto:maribeth.arnone@educatius.org) for more information about this amazing opportunity.

**MONROE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE** On Friday, March 24, we will hold a “live-line demonstration” assembly starting at 2:00PM in our gymnasium. I have experienced this presentation and it is excellent. I lost my Confirmation Sponsor Uncle Urban Schmidt to a downed wire on his farm in New Hanover in 1965. We also had a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at ICS tragically connect with a downed line years back. He survived but at a tremendous price. Our many hunters need to be extra cautious hunting after storms. Parents are welcome.



**Papa John's pizza day on April 28th! More info coming.**

**EMPOWER ILLINOIS** Go to your Illinois State tax return. See how much the .0495 cost you. Circle it. Go to Empower Illinois and see how you can zero this tax out on your return by making a donation to Gibault for scholarships. A bi-partisan group of legislators allocated \$100,000,000 a year for this program. To date, only \$75,000,000 a year has been achieved. Last year the Diocese of Belleville only received \$1,200,000. Please help boost this up and have some say so over your taxes. i.e. donate \$1000 to Empower Region V Gibault and get a \$750 tax credit!

**CHECK YOUR STATE TAXES!** If you had to pay anything, you could zero it out with only a 25% cost. If you are an occasional Gibault donor, give this way and reduce your taxes through **Empower Illinois**. I was embarrassed to find out at the last principal's meeting that only 4 of the principals participated. I wasn't embarrassed for me. Year 4 is this year. A little goes a long way!

We need some volunteers to help promote this. **Please call 618-939-3883** and help us grow our share to benefit our students. In the end, this helps us keep our tuition costs down too so all benefit! If you are a recipient, this is your chance to pay it forward now! Call us please!

## **Prayer of St. Patrick**

I arise today through the strength of heaven  
Light of sun, radiance of moon                      Splendour of fire, speed of lightning  
Swiftness of wind, depth of the sea                      Stability of earth, firmness of rock

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me  
God's eye to look before me                      God's wisdom to guide me  
God's way to lie before me                      God's shield to protect me

From all who shall wish me ill                      Afar and a-near  
Alone and in a multitude                      Against every cruel, merciless power  
That may oppose my body and soul

Christ with me, Christ before me                      Christ behind me, Christ in me  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me                      Christ on my right, Christ on my left  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down                      Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me      I Arise today. Amen.

**OUR CONDOLENCES:** Please remember Alma Sanchez and her family on the loss of her grandfather Antonio Sanchez who was laid to rest this week. Alma is an international student from Spain. God's peace be with them!

Our Condolences: to the family of Ronnie Karcher, 50, son of Deacon Ron and Judy Karcher of Millstadt. Deacon Ron was a mentor to this Principal and Ronnie was a diligent worker at Schnucks in Columbia. God's peace to him and his family.

**PRAYER LIST:** Dave Brauer, Keith Jackson, Seth Watters, Julie Doerr, DeLayne Doerr and all who are suffering from major health issues...We pray to the Lord.

## **THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: Jn 9: Excerpt**

*As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,  
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"  
Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned;  
it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.  
We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.  
Night is coming when no one can work.  
While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."  
When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,*



*and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.*

Such a reading. Such dissent from the Pharisees who were blind and they remind us how close-minded we are in our human nature. We always know best. We have to be told twice or three times and we still don't believe. What about the clay and the spittle? We come from dust and contain particles of the Creation in us. The spittle reminds us of Mom's special cleaning solution from our childhood that could remove anything from our face. "**Be the light**" is our school theme this year. Jesus lives on in us for we are the LIGHT. We tell his story. We follow Him. Come hear the rest of the story at Mass this weekend. The old excuse "I don't go to Church. It's full of hypocrites" reminds us there is always room for one more." Be the light!

**Sunday is also the Feast of St. Joseph.** What a guy! He wasn't the first man to raise someone else's child and won't be the last. He was kind of invisible in Scripture except for responding to dreams, losing a kid, and being a tradesman to probably make Jesus lower to middle class. Joseph is so much like us and such a great model. Patron of fathers. Patron of workers. St. Joseph, pray for us!



Mike Kish  
Principal  
Gibault Catholic High School

Ps A letter was read to the Seniors today and will be mailed to parents along with graduation information. Watch you mail please. Very important! Thanks to Mrs. Mackin for her dedicated work on making graduation special!



Glow Volleyball – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba729a0facf8-jrhigh#/>



Diocese of Belleville  
Office of Human Resources

Thursday, March 16, 2023

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE MESSENGER**

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (20-25 hours per week) Administrative Assistant for its bi-monthly newspaper, The Messenger. This position is responsible for maintaining subscriptions, including a subscription database, generating reports, answering incoming calls and routing accordingly, placing editorial copy on stock pages in the newspaper and retaining historical copies of the newspaper. The administrative assistant plays a key role to ensure all aspects of generating a newspaper are completed. This position works closely with the editor in scheduling and dispersing email traffic to parishes.

Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, Associate's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years' experience in a related role of providing administrative/clerical support. Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite preferred but not required, and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure.

To apply send cover letter with résumé to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org). Application deadline: March 31, 2023.

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