



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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October 11, 2024

“Made for Greatness”

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



Thanks to James McFarland for taking this great picture for us!

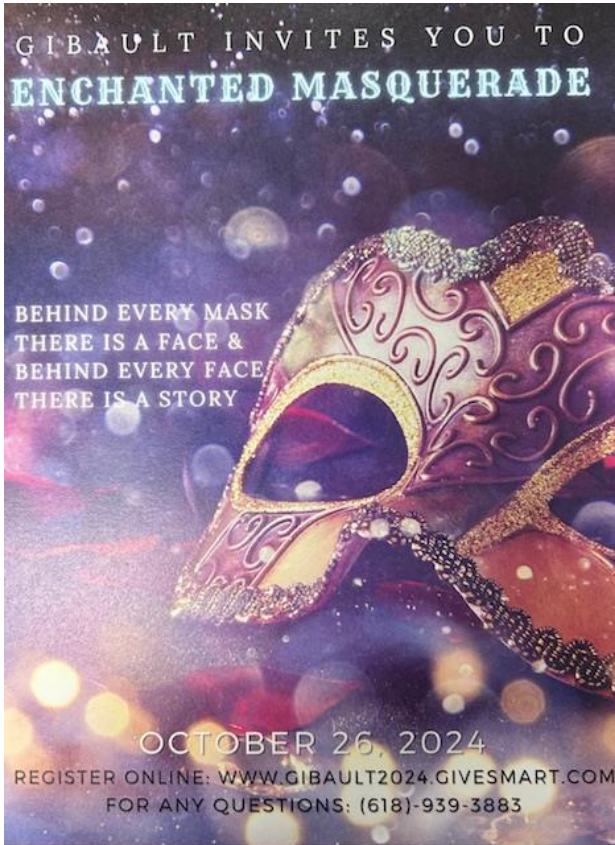
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Getting ready for this event was a labor of joy. If you couldn't make it, call us for the “nickel tour” and we'll let you know why your daughter or son should be at Gibault Catholic High School. Set up a Shadow Visit too. We are a school built on the foundation of Fr. Ed Hustedde's vision that students can be trusted, can “own their education”, and can feel the impact of God in their lives. Thanks to our Faculty and Staff and Student Council tour guides for going the extra mile to make this day special.

PRO-LIFE MASS Come and join us Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church for the Pro-Life Mass with Celebrant Bishop Michael McGovern. Then head over to the Oerter Field for the Soccer Regional – Gibault vs Valmeyer!

SHADOW VISITS HAVE STARTED. What a great way to do your parental homework! Benefits are finding the right fit for your child's strengths, interests, personality and bringing their greatness out, setting priorities, doing research, seeing the school with their own eyes, keeping an open mind, asking the hard questions, connecting for admissions and student success coaching, and giving your student a voice. Come and take a look and learn Gibault Catholic High School is the place to be!

ENCHANTED MASQUERADE Saturday, October 26 in the Fr. Edwin Hustedde Gymnasium. We are about ready to go to press on our booklet so please get your donations and ads in. The success of this night keeps our momentum going towards being a school focused on the future that constantly

“sets the standard, improves every day, and has fun!” Mass starts at 5:00 in the auditorium with Bishop McGovern. Bring Grandma and Grandpa and all the local politicians so we can have a huge event! Check us out online and if you can't be here, get someone to do your bidding. Thanks to all who are working so hard for our success! <https://gibault2024.givesmart.com>



Enchanted Masquerade
Gibault Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
501 COLUMBIA AVENUE | WATERLOO, IL 62298

\$70
Dinner Ticket
INCLUDES DINNER
LIVE AUCTION & OPEN
BAR



\$60
Early Bird
Dinner Ticket
ONLINE PURCHASE
ONLY
PRIOR TO SEPT 21, 2024

Join Us
5:00 MASS
6:00 JAZZ BAND
& STARTERS
7:00 DINNER
8:30 LIVE AUCTION

Raffle Tickets
AVAILABLE ONLINE
OR
THROUGH THE
GIBAULT OFFICE

\$1,000 CASH
(1 WINNER - ONLY 75
SOLD)

DESIGNER PURSES
HOMETOWN NIGHTS
(GIFTCARD RAFFLE)



WWW.GIBAULT2024.GIVESMART.COM

ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

SECOND SWIC MATH CONTEST October 7, Another tremendous showing. Once again, it's the size of the fight in the dog! Congratulations to Coach Skaer and TEAM! Notice our students competing up!

Freshman- Evan Niebruegge-2nd and AJ Braun-4th
Sophomores-Cole Frierdich 1st (as a Freshman) and Danny Kinsey 3rd
Juniors-Nolan Snell-3rd (as a Sophomore) and Kole Schilling-4th (as a Sophomore)
Senior-Annika Fabie-3rd (as a Junior) and Will Schmoll 4th (as a Sophomore)
Team of AJ Braun, Will Schmoll, Danny Kinsey, and Kole Schilling-2nd.

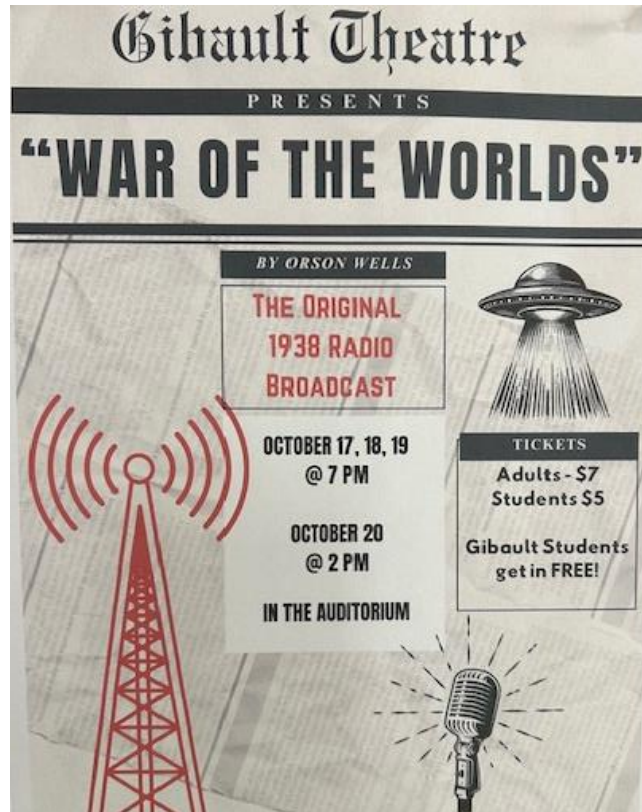
ART FIELD TRIP Chalk Walk at Steeleville High School: **We did even better than we thought!** We took third, fourth, and fifth out of 44 teams instead of 36 teams from schools all over Monroe & Randolph counties. Way to go TEAM and Mrs. LeSaulnier!

Ms. Ziedler's FFA students are actively engaged in real world learning. Check them out!

<https://secure.smores.com/n/4uq89>

GIBAULT'S DRAMA DEPARTMENT is a key component of growing students. Please come and step back in time while enjoying our **FALL PLAY "WAR OF THE WORLDS"** Orson Welles shocked the world with this radio play. Thursday 10/17– Saturday October 19 at 7 pm. Sunday 10/20 matinee

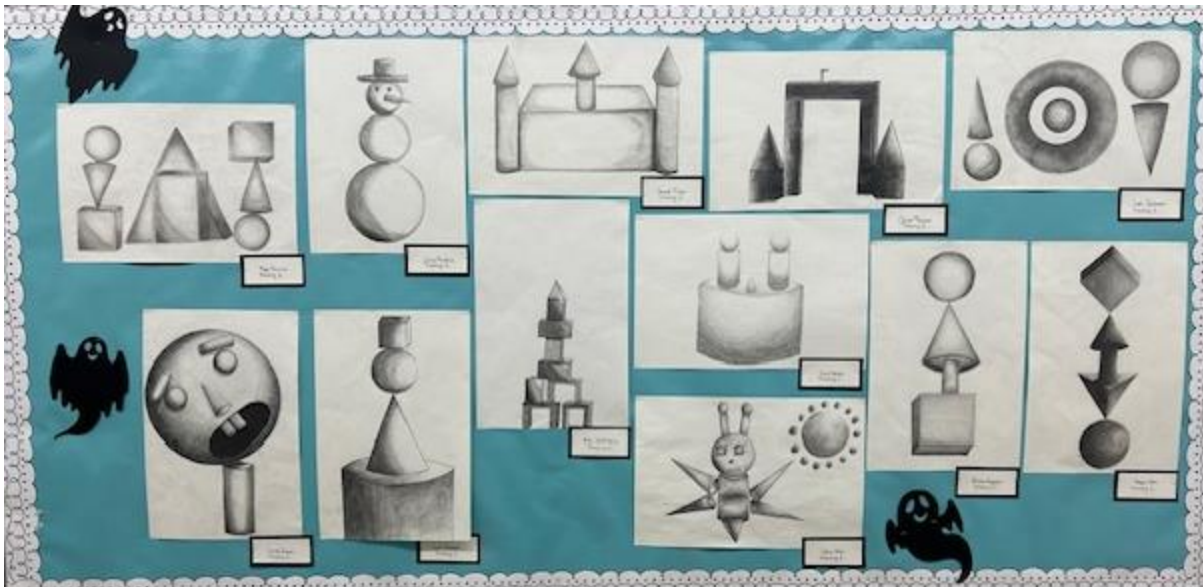
at 2 pm. Adults \$7, Students \$5, Gibault students get in free and sometimes even some extra credit for this learning experience! Thanks to our cast and Mrs. LeSaulnier! "The sky is falling!"



THE MONROE COUNTY START-UP GROUP presented to the juniors this week. Students apply to participate. Priscilla Wilkinson, moderator, and the Columbia High School Start-Up group presented with members of the Board of Directors on hand. Real world opportunity here! Encourage your junior to participate. Two testimonials were made by graduates of the program who are now successfully employed in their Start-Up idea!



Mrs. Knittig's Young Adult Literature Class welcomed real life Detective Luke Moravec (Gibault Alum 2010) of the Columbia Police Department to speak with the class as a resource. Mrs. Knittig's class is currently reading *Truly Devious*, a novel that follows a teenage girl and her love for true crime and solving mysteries. Detective Moravec spoke to the class about the steps to becoming a detective, what his day-to-day looks like, and even went through some case studies with the class of actual crimes he has solved. He invited the students to discuss what they would do next with the evidence given! Thank you so much to Columbia PD and Officer Moravec!



Our Freshmen are shaping up!

NO SCHOOL TEACHES THE WAY EVERY STUDENT LEARNS. The goal of every school should be to find a way to help students crack the code of how they learn, how to study, and how to stay organized. One of the biggest stigmas in life that needs to be solved is knowing when to reach out for help or for finding another way to learn. Mrs. Pam Kueker is doing a great job connecting with our students. The same goes for counseling which is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all need it. There is no weakness in seeking help for our bodies so why should there be for our spirits?

WANT TO BE A BETTER STUDENT/PARENT? LIMIT SOCIAL MEDIA. Don't cancel it. There are so many positive experiences, if done in a Christian way. Yet it can jack with social, emotional, and cognitive skills that are still developing in many of us. Social development is impaired by lessening meaningful relationships, isolation and loneliness, disrupted sleep from staying up playing games far into the night, decreased focus, inappropriate and dangerous content, and cyber bullying which is the bane of many. It is here to stay. Will it won us or will we own it? Healthy boundaries are the wise decision. According to a research study performed this year by Yale Medicine, teens age 12-15 who spend more than 3 hours a day on social media are facing twice the risk of having negative mental health outcomes, including symptoms of depression and anxiety. Setting ground rules and keeping the conversation going is essential say Yale experts.

CALENDAR

Oct. 11 Fri. No School – Teacher Institute/Homecoming Dance from 7:00-10:00

Oct. 14 Mon. No School – Indigenous People/Columbus Day

Oct. 16 Wed. Picture Day & Scooters Post Prom Fundraiser

Oct. 17-20 Fri. – Sun. Fall Play

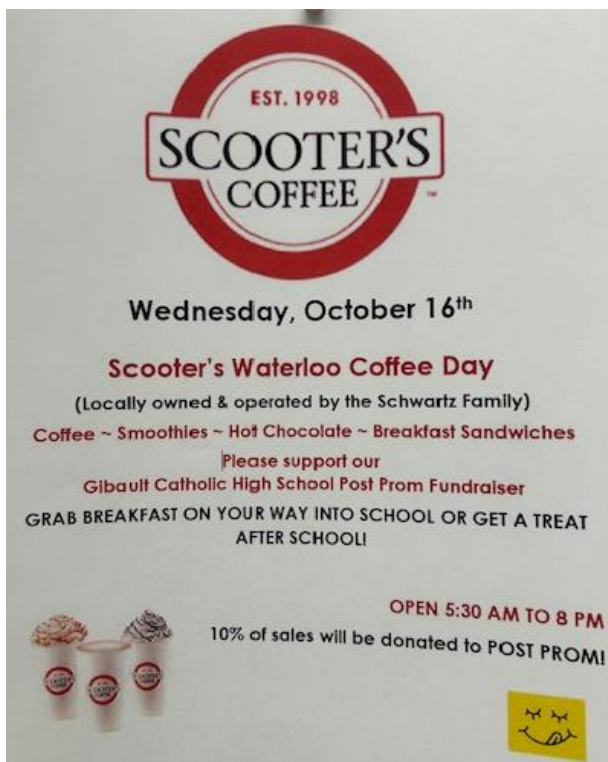
Oct. 23 / 12:30PM Wed. National Test Day – Early Dismissal (We will start school at 7:55 instead of 8:30 to get tests going and completed in a timely manner.)

Oct. 23 / 3 – 8PM Wed. Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 24 / 5 – 8PM Thurs. E-Learning Day/Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8PM

Oct. 25 Fri. No School

Oct. 26 Sat. Oktoberfest



Post Prom Thanks to Kim and Kevin Schwartz for our next fundraiser at Scooter's on October 16! Dress Down! Here is what we have made so far: September 9 - \$199, October 7 - \$226 Post Prom's goal is over \$10,000 for the very special night. Thanks to Sue Braun and committee for their leadership and all who are supporting this event!

Post Prom Dress Down Days

November 4th
December 2nd
January 6th
February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th
May 5th

PICTURE DAY October 16, you're never fully dressed without a smile! Students are not expected to wear their uniforms on this day. Seniors do have a particular dress code since their picture will be taken for the class collage. Gentlemen will need to have a button-down shirt with tie and ladies must have a shirt that covers their shoulders. No specifics for seniors regarding their bottoms. All students will need to follow all the dress-down rules for picture day.

THE GIBAULT MEN'S CLUB Contact Don Francescon 636-725-5721 about the Waterloo Pumpkinfest. We need help during rush hour of 11:00-2:00.

PARENT STUDENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE ON THE HORIZON Here is the link to schedule a time: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040D4AAEA72DA5F94-52005351-parent>

THE SPORTING NEWS...

NFL Fundraiser 1st round winners: High Score (tie) \$150 Stephanie Biffar, \$150 Pamela Kueker 3rd Highest Score, \$60 Gigi Stowe and Lowest Score: \$40 Nan & Terry Synder. Congratulations to all the winners!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TENNIS HAWKS- Congratulations to the Tennis Hawks who defeated East Alton/Wood River earlier this wee, 5-4. The following Singles players won their matches: Clara Willson, Kaila Jerkatis, Anastasia Melvin, Anna Willson. Doubles partners, Sophie Winkeler and Kaila Jerkatis, also won their match. The tennis team improved their record to 6-4.

LADY HAWKS VOLLEYBALL Our Lady Hawks had a great Dig Pink Night this week! There was great matches that accorded, lots of Hawk support, and a great fan show up all for a great cause! Thanks to all who put in time and effort to organize the event!

MEN'S SOCCER Congratulations to the Hawks on their win over Piasa with a score of 10-3. This week. Goals by: Grady Frierdich had 2, Brady Moore, Mike Wessel had 2; Ryan Biffar; Phil Steibel; Drew Hagedorn had 2 and John Bollone.



The **Monroe County Health Department** will offer flu vaccinations starting immediately.

Walk-in 2024 Flu CLINIC DATES:

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 3 pm to 6 pm

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3 pm to 6 pm

All clinics will be held at Monroe County Health Department

1315 Jamie Lane Waterloo, IL 62298

- If you cannot attend the walk-in clinic dates, please schedule an appointment by calling [618.939.3871](tel:618.939.3871) ext. 210
- Consent forms may be printed from: Monroecountyhealth.org
[Flu Clinics – Monroe County Health Department](#)
Or completed onsite at time of visit.
- Please be sure to use correct form for age (Child form ages 6mo through 18yrs).
- Parent or guardian must sign child's form.
- Fees and payment information may be found at: [Flu Clinics – Monroe County Health Department](#)

GENE GILBRETH will be laid to rest today. He was 98. Gene was of the greatest generation, serving in the military during WW II and Korea. Most of his children are Gibault graduates and we are proud of his daughter Susie Hayden who teaches for us. May he rest in peace and his large family be consoled by how much they are following in his footsteps as active members of their parishes.

PRAYER LIST: Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Let us pray for all who are suffering from major health issues of mind and body...We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for Jozie, a 7 year old from Freeburg, and Adam, an 8th grader from St. Theresa's in Belleville, and Jacob Nelson who is still suffering from the recent tragic accident...that God's touch from prayer will support her and her family...We pray to the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE Mark's Gospel talks to us about disassociating ourselves from money. Money isn't everything but it calms our nerves. Still the pursuit of money for money's sake can destroy our relationships with each other and God. Jesus comment about the "Eye of the Needle" was a reference to the camel gate in Jerusalem. 12 major gates coming into the city. The camel gate was locked at night but it was a French door kind of gate. The camel could still come in, on its knees, through 1/4th of the gate. It was possible, just not easy. God wants all of us. Time. Talent. Treasure. Seek the greater good and life gets more enjoyable!

Have a great long weekend!

Sarah Lanham

Principal

Gibault Catholic High School