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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**September 27, 2024**

**“Made for Greatness”**

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



**What happens when 340 hands visit 6 different sites**, serve others and pay attention to the world around us? Stewardship! Our SERVICE DAY exceeded our expectations for its first attempt at sharing time and talent. Thanks to Mrs. Michelle Miskell for her leadership and our faculty and staff for the guidance. “How do I make this broom or shovel work?” was a learning experience in itself.

**ENCHANTED MASQUERADE** Our biggest fundraiser of the year is our annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 26 in the Fr. Edwin Hustedde Gymnasium. We need donations large and small and GUESTS. See the flyer below. Bring Grandma and Grandpa and all the local politicians so we can have a huge event!

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** will hold **OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6.** Friends of Gibault and prospective parents are especially invited. We want to show off and grow. Enlarging our enrollment lowers out cost per pupil and helps us keep tuition down and grow our academics and staff. If you know someone who might be interested, please see the flyer below.

**ALUMNI We will have an alumni feature wall!** Please send a current picture, graduation year, and 3-4 sentences on how Gibault impacted your life to Klair Krebel, Social Media Director, at [kkrebel@gibalthawks.com](mailto:kkrebel@gibalthawks.com) by October 3. (Take note of alum Zack Gillan below.) We would love to have all our alumni staff participate as well as everyone else! We are hoping this wall will show how truly awesome Gibault and its family/community is to our prospective families and students. The dream and vision of Fr. Ed Hustedde continues.



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR

# OPEN HOUSE <sup>20</sup>24

OCTOBER 6, 2024  
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES



SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR NOW



CURRENT FRIENDS OF GCHS

ALL FRIENDS, CURRENT AND PAST FAMILIES, AND ALUMNI ARE WELCOME

- Guided Tours
- Student Wellness Presentation
- And MORE!

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**ACADEMICS:** We score as many or more points in academic contests (math-the arts-engineering-scholar bowl) as we do on the court on in the field. Please honor your children and **encourage them to get involved** with academic competitions.

**AT THE SWIC MATH CONTEST THIS WEEK:** We sent 6 sophomores and 6 juniors. Sophomore Nolan Snell placed 1<sup>st</sup> for sophomores, Sophomore Kole Schilling was 1<sup>st</sup> testing as a junior, Paul Ott placed 4<sup>th</sup> for juniors, and Juniors testing as Seniors had Gabby Vause placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and Avery Herrmann 1<sup>st</sup>. Paul, Kole and Danny Kinsey also earned 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team competition. Congrats to our mathletes and Coach Andy Skaer! We are so busy here it is hard to send a full team.

**GATEWAY ARCH ENGINEERING COMPETITION** The project is a connector from the Arch grounds to the Eads Bridge. Dealing with the National Park Service, city of St. Louis, Amtrak, rail lines, Eads Bridge commission, and archaeological perspective will be a real-world challenge! Thanks Team, Mr. Arron Martel, and Mrs. Andrea Biske!

**SCHOLAR PRACTICE FOR THE COMING HI-Q TOURNAMENT** has started. All experience levels are welcome! Thanks to Mr. O'Brien for sponsoring and also leading the way for the game of kings, **CHESS CLUB!**

**NEXT THURSDAY IS THE ANNUAL ART FIELD TRIP TO STEELEVILLE HS** where we compete against area schools in a chalk contest. 18 students will compete. Thanks to Mrs. LeSaulnier!

**OUR FRESHMAN** gathered this week along with Althoff and Mater Dei for Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral with Bishop Michael McGovern. Bishop McGovern's best friends are his high school classmates from St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. He knows the value of friendship and high school. Thanks Mrs. Miskell and Mrs. Noles!

**WAHOO MR. DAVE SCHAUER! St. Clement Community Foundation** has approved a grant for Health Education for Gibault Catholic High School in the amount of **\$1000**. Check presentation will be at a luncheon in his honor on Wednesday, November 13 at 12:00 in the Red Bud Regional Hospital Auditorium. Writing grants is like taking pictures. You write a thousand to get one and then the others come easier! Thank you, Mr. Schauer, for growing Gibault!

**CSMA FUND FOR MINISTRY AWARD** Gibault is receiving a \$400 grant on October 16 for our auditorium chapel thanks to Mrs. Miskell's efforts.

**WEEKLY GRADE CHECKS 99.978% of our grades were above 70 last week!** Mrs. Pam Kueker, our Student Success Coordinator, is working hard in plugging in tutors from the National Honor Society and making suggestions to get to an A++++. **Khan Academy is a free app** that can teach you almost anything. Hearing a solution a different way is often the best way to learn. Thanks for a great job on this!

**HOMECOMING DANCE TICKETS:** See Mrs. Kovarik. Price goes up next week from \$15 to \$20. Save! Dance request forms are due Oct. 7. **HOMECOMING DANCE** Friday, Oct. 11, 7:00 to 10:00.

**SPIRIT WEEK** Sept. 30-Oct. 4 Watch the themes and let's do some bonding and have fun this week. We work hard, we play hard, and we pray hard!

# SPIRIT WEEK



## MONDAY, SEPT. 30

Theme: Sports

FR - Soccer    SO - Golf  
JR - Baseball    SR - Basketball

## TUESDAY, OCT. 1 (V-BALL)

Theme: Types

FR - Nerds    SO - Preppy  
JR - Jocks    SR - Emo

## WEDNESDAY, OCT 2 (MASS)

Made for Greatness Shirts

## THURSDAY, OCT. 3

Theme: Holidays

FR - St. Pat's    SO - Christmas  
JR - Valentine's    SR - 4th of July

## FRIDAY, OCT. 4 (FALL FEST)

Theme: Class Colors

FR - Yellow    SO - Red  
JR - Light Blue    SR - Hot Pink

## FRIDAY, OCT. 11

Homecoming Dance

"Golden Glamor"  
7:00 - 10:00

**Riley Brown is a commercial pilot and flight instructor.** 80% of aviation accidents can be attributed to these five hazardous attitudes:

1. Anti-authority
2. Invulnerability
3. Macho
4. Impulsivity
5. Resignation

**Zack Gillan** Gibault grad, teaches Kindergarten at Sister Thea Bowman School in East St. Louis. He wrote the front cover of the Immaculate Conception Parish bulletin this past weekend. If we are ever looking to support a noble cause with a personal touch, this would be the one. The cover is below.

We are proud of Zack. It would be great to support him!

In the Catholic Church we make our money the old fashioned way. We beg for it! Help Sr. Thea School out:



**Immaculate Conception**  
A Full Stewardship Parish - Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupon, IL.  
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 | 618-281-5105 | Fax 281-6848

September 22, 2024      Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time      www.icc-columbia-il.us

Hello! My name is Zack Gillan, and I am the Kindergarten teacher at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School in East St. Louis. As one of many other ICS alumni, I was very fortunate in being able to attend Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Schools' Advent Prayer Service through my years. Seeing how dedicated the students and staff were to giving praise to God's good Name is something I will not soon forget.

Our mission at Sister Thea Bowman is to "prepare grades K-8 students through holistic learning, academic excellence, personal empowerment, and a deepening faith in Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition." Through a well-planned curriculum, Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School succeeds in having 100% of graduates attend high school, and 95% of graduates attending or have attended college. Our school does a fantastic job at getting students to the next steps in their lives through Access Academy. Access not only offers high school tuition scholarships, work-study scholarships, and post-secondary preparation (ACT preparation), but also offers counseling and enrichment in such a crucial part of the student's life.

I could say so much more about what makes Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School such a special place, but as Fr. Carl would say, our school truly keeps the Main Thing, the Main Thing. Through all the success of Sister Thea, Jesus Christ remains the backbone, heart, and soul of our school.

Please, consider helping out by donating to Sister Thea Bowman. When donating, you would not just be helping our school, but you would be helping every single student in it get the education they deserve.

Thank you, and God bless you,  
Zack Gillan  
Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND IN THE TRADITION OF CATHOLICISM AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF MARY IMMACULATE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, WORSHIPPING WITH GENERATIONS OF BELIEVERS AND SERVING GOD IN ALL PEOPLE.

**THE GIBALT MEN'S CLUB Contact Don Francescon: 636-725-5721** to get involved with the Waterloo Pumpkinfest. We need many volunteers to work this October 12th event. Please consider helping for a couple of hours or so on Saturday 10/12. The day begins at 7:00 am for set-up. We begin to clean up by 5:00pm. Most of the men in the Club have "graduated out" of Gibault with their children. **WE NEED CURRENT DADS** to help out and keep our cost down. Helping at just one event a year would be huge. Roll up your sleeves and meet some new friends! Get this one on your calendar and call Don!

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES** The FCA is going to have our first meeting of the year on Sunday at 1:00 at Lakeview Memorial Park. How about Kan jam tournament? Thanks Coach Andy Skaer!

**GIBAULT CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

**LADY HAWKS GOLF**

**LADY HAWKS VOLLEYBALL**

**LADY HAWKS TENNIS** Although the Tennis Hawks lost to the Alton Redbirds 7-2 yesterday, Clara Willson and Myra Coats contributed to the Hawks' two wins. Clara won her Singles 1 match 8-6, improving her individual singles record to 4-3. Doubles 1 partners, Clara and Myra, also won 8-6, improving their personal doubles record to 5-2. Overall, the Hawks' team record is 4-3. Thanks to Coach Joan Tepen!

**MEN'S SOCCER** We beat Granite City 3-2 last night. Two goals by Michael Wessel and one by Ryan Biffar. Two assists went to Ryan Biffar and another to Michael. Coach Nordike called it a great game and a great team win!

**SPP YOUTH MINISTRY Presents:**

This a race like no other,  
this is Ss. Peter and Paul's  
"Amazing Race!"

**THE AMAZING  
RACE**

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 6  
6-8 P.M.**

High School Teens are invited to join us for the most daring competition ever attempted. Students will select a team member, bound by friendship, and faith and race around campus and downtown Waterloo. The Youth have no idea where they're going, what challenges they will encounter or how the journey will affect their lives, but the team that reaches the finish line first wins.

The race begins at 6pm behind  
Ss. Peter and Paul's Youth House (222 West Mill Street).  
All are welcome

**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, that God's touch from prayer will support her and her family...We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for Adam, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Theresa's in Belleville... We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for Jacob Nelson who is still suffering from the recent tragic accident September 1<sup>st</sup>...We pray to the Lord.

**OUR CONDOLENCES** to former GCHS Development Director Sev Kovarik on the loss of her mother **Sevim Aykent**. She was Nana to our Mrs. Hailey Kovarik. Allahu Akbar!

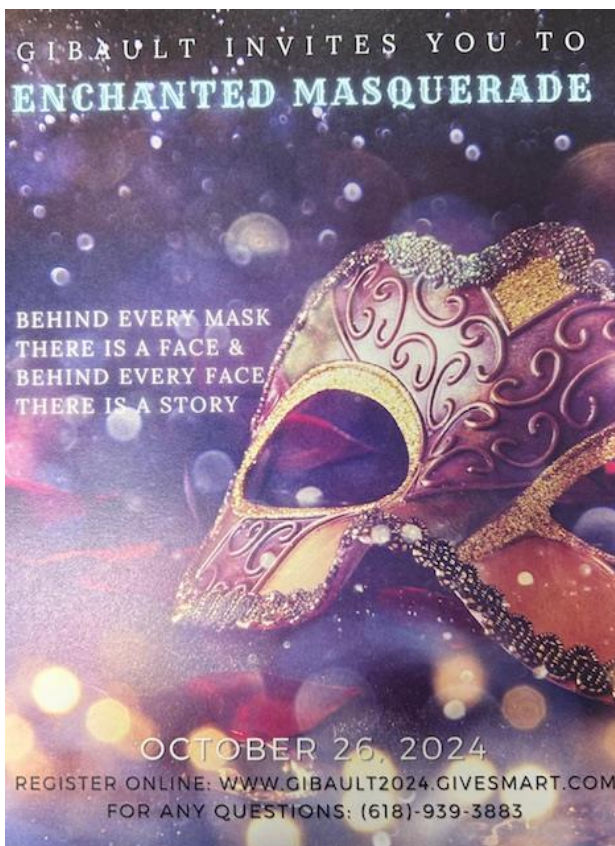
**THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE** A House Divided This Sunday in Mark's Gospel:

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.  
**For whoever is not against us is for us.**  
Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

We are reminded to do good deeds in the name of Jesus. It is part of our evangelistic ministry. Spread the Word and come and hear your pastor Break open the Word for you!

Have a great weekend!

**Sarah Lanham**  
Principal  
Gibault Catholic High School



*Enchanted Masquerade*  
*Gibault Oktoberfest*

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

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<i>\$70</i> Dinner Ticket		<i>\$60</i> Early Bird Dinner Ticket
INCLUDES DINNER LIVE AUCTION & OPEN BAR		ONLINE PURCHASE ONLY PRIOR TO SEPT 21, 2024

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<i>Join Us</i> 5:00 MASS 6:00 JAZZ BAND & STARTERS 7:00 DINNER 8:30 LIVE AUCTION	<i>Raffle Tickets</i> AVAILABLE ONLINE OR THROUGH THE GIBAULT OFFICE  \$1,000 CASH (1 WINNER - ONLY 75 SOLD)  DESIGNER PURSES  HOMETOWN NIGHTS (GIFTCARD RAFFLE)
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## Gospel

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus,

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.

Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

**Please share the following graphic with any prospective families. Gibault is a wonderful place, and we would love to expand our family!**





## CONSIDER GIBAULT

Our goal at Gibault Catholic High School is to provide a faith-based education that will prepare your student for college and life after graduation. We strive to produce socially responsible and intellectually competent individuals who have an everlasting relationship with God. Our unique schedule, smaller class sizes, competitive sports, extracurricular activities, and fine arts all offer your child the ability to have a well-rounded high school experience.



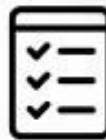
## DID YOU KNOW?

- Gibault Catholic offers college credits through St. Louis University so that students can graduate from college early and be more prepared
- Gibault Catholic graduates were awarded 4.8 million dollars in college scholarships last year
- Our religious curriculum extends beyond the classroom with Mass, retreats, daily prayers, Adoration, service, and many other worship opportunities
- Gibault Catholic offers tuition assistance, for those who qualify, making an education here more affordable
- Our current students' favorite things about Gibault Catholic are our flexible schedule, patios, and that the people here are welcoming and kind



### 12:1 student ratio

With an average classroom size of 11 students, we offer more teacher attention for better learning.



### Modular Schedule

Our unique college prep schedule offers flexibility and teaches time management.



### Shadow or Tour

Come check us out! Shadow a Hawk for a day and see classes in action or take a family tour of campus and meet with Admissions Coordinator to learn more about Gibault Catholic.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?



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