



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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“Made for Greatness”

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



THE EMERSON EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD. MR. DAVE SCHAUER was presented with a crystal apple and framed certificate from Emerson this week in recognition of his leadership and love of learning. We are very proud of him and the applause from the student body was a testament that he makes a difference. Another great reason Gibault should be your school of choice!

THANKSGIVING-GIBAULT ALUM Thanksgiving lunch on Tuesday November 26 for 10:45 to 12:20 **on us!** Please sit with our students and make their hair stand up with your stories of life at Gibault. This is a great chance to connect former and current students, hear about mutual experiences, and learn how Gibault helped shape life paths. Your participation not only shows your school spirit but also helps build lasting connections between current students and our alumni community.

THANKSGIVING MASS MONDAY WITH BISHOP MICHAEL MCGOVERN is on Monday at 9:28. All are invited! Let us give thanks! Students – don't forget to wear your Oxfords.

Turkey tail mushrooms from Carlyle Lake





GATEWAY ARCH ENGINEERING COMPETITION From Tony Gilpin of the National Park Service:

On Saturday, November 16, the Gateway Arch National Park Engineering Contest held its final on the campus of Washington University in the McKelvey School of Engineering. This contest is in its eighth year and takes two months, is exceedingly difficult, and is a unique program where aspiring engineers are tasked with a real-world problem the park would like addressed. This year the challenge was to design a pedestrian bridge that would connect the park's north overlook to the historic 150-year-old Eads Bridge.

Gibault Catholic High School is one of three schools that have been to all our contests. The other two are Christian Brothers College High School (CBC) and Saint Louis University High School (SLUH). Gibault is the only school that competes from Illinois, and this year there were twelve teams that started and nine were at the final - as three teams withdrew due to the difficulties of the contest. Just showing up is a victory. The contest is open to all schools but generally speaking, only the large schools and districts can pull this off - it takes two months - and is very difficult. Many schools tell us they do not believe they could effectively compete. Other schools this year were: CBC, SLUH, Parkway Central, St. Joseph's Academy, two teams from The Kirkwood district (St. Louis CAPS) and two teams from the Parkway district (Spark!) and these last four teams are all-star teams composed of students from different schools and are very difficult to beat. (They won this year.)

Gibault always does a great job. None of the St. Louis students know where it is and are beginning to suspect that the school may only materialize for this contest (actually, that is what I tell them!) and Gibault's well-earned reputation is that it is a small school, somewhere in the area across the river, and one always has to think they are a serious threat to win this competition, as they have come in second many times and won in 2022. This year, Gibault had two students on the **All-Tournament Team (Mia Petruso and Michael Wessel)** and the Judges pick these students, and only 13 students made it this year. (Ryan Biffar, Owen Haney, and Brady Moore rounded out our team.)

Arron Martel always does an excellent job of getting his team to compete year in and year out, and we always look forward in seeing the Gibault students in their distinctive white uniforms. Most teams bring 10 to 16 students to a team, but Gibault strikes fear into the hearts of the other competitors with its handful of students. And I am not exaggerating - we break the teams into groups into three different rooms for their PowerPoint presentations, and the other teams do not want to be in the room with the Hawks! I think this is very cool - and I founded this competition, and love how it has grown,

and I love the rivalries, and it cannot be a serious affair without rivalries. CBC arrives, sits at their table and combs through all the Executive Summaries until they find Gibault's - They read it first, and then turn to the others!

Again, hats off to Arron Martel's Gibault Engineering Hawks. Some of the judges are beginning to ask if we shouldn't have a division for smaller schools - and I always say, no, no, and three times no! The only small school in this competition is Gibault! Its strength is its size - and they punch way above their weight with their 171 students, and that is why they are so feared. As the founder of this competition, I am grateful to Arron, the students, and the school, for always being so tenacious. I am very proud of Martel's Hawks!



Dr. David M. Conner Science Quiz Show Brady Moore and Darrin Kunkleemann competed Sunday at Governor French Academy in Belleville for the 44th annual Southern Illinois competition. Brady finished third and Darrin also received a cash prize. (And we did beat Governor French.)

Mrs. Knittig's Literature class recently finished reading the novel, *Truly Devious*. Assignment: create a blurb of praise for the front/back cover of this novel. Here are the top 5. See if you agree that Karina Jerkatis #4 was the top faculty vote getter.

1. *Truly Devious* is a thrilling story with a gripping mystery that intrigues readers and keeps them on the edge of their seats. It perfectly blends the past and present to create a captivating plot that baffles and excites the audience.
2. A captivating storyline with an inexperienced young detective working to solve riveting mysteries with some riddles in between.
3. Mystifying secrets unfold as pages turn - laced with characters as vibrant and sharp as the clues concealed. Dark academia meets murder mystery in this chilling tale where trust is a luxury nobody can afford.
4. *Truly Devious* captures the gripping story of an aspiring and inquisitive young detective vying for the chance to uncover the infamous murders of Ellingham Academy; however, she may be a little too eager...
5. Replete with perplexing backstories and intricate plot lines, *Truly Devious* plunges readers into the deep secrets that Ellingham Academy conceals. Stories from the past and present weave together to create a thrilling mystery that will leave readers yearning for more.



Claire Kessler has really captured a young Pope St. John Paul II in her painting! Credit him with the downfall of communist regimes in many of his travels!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK Emma Lubenkov for her interpretation of “Cozy”.



ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES A SCHOOL CAN PROVIDE ITS STUDENTS ARE FIELD TRIPS. Mrs. LeSaulnier took 24 art students to the St. Louis Art Museum on Tuesday!

BRAIN BALANCE Schools don't always teach the way we learn. Sometimes we have to do an “end around” and find out how we learn and then apply that regimen to the classroom. Brain Balance has a great reputation in changing lives by overcoming learning struggles. We have some paper copies of their brochure here in Mrs. Kueker's office. Mrs. Kueker used to work there and knows the value!
<https://www.brainbalancecenters.com>

Mark your calendars! Please see the attached flyers for the TEC and Quest Retreats and upcoming ICC Youth events.



GIBAULT SENIOR PROJECT MISSION TRIP We have 11 Seniors and 8 parent chaperons going to the Dominican Republic for two weeks in late February/early March 2025. We will partner with Blue Missions, a non-profit clean water charity dedicated to ending the global water crisis by connecting communities to clean water and improved sanitation. This takes a lot of fundraising since we will also be providing the materials for the project. Donations are appreciated and there will be a parish request from the pulpit in the next months. For now, the next big event is tomorrow night's Trivia Night in the Fr. Edwin Hustedde Gym. Hope you can make it!

BOOSTER CLUB Gibault's Booster Club is looking for a few more chairpersons or officers to join their group! If you've ever worn the jersey or cheered on a Hawk, they want you to join! Are you interested? Stop by for the next meeting on December 5th at 6:30 in the Innovation Commons.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME Mark your calendars! There's an exciting event coming up. The Alumni Basketball Game is January 11, 2025, at 7:45 p.m. in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium. Make a night out of it. Watch the varsity basketball game at 6:15, the Alumni game follows. A reception will be held afterwards in the gym lobby. Interested in participating? Contact Dennis Rueter to register by January 6, 2025 – drhawks@charter.net

PLACEMENT TEST Do you have an eighth grader planning to attend Gibault next year? Make sure you're getting your Future Hawk signed up for the placement test December 7, 2024, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The placement test is to assess a student's current knowledge and skills in order to place them in the most appropriate classes. This ensures that students are enrolled in courses that match their abilities, allowing them to learn effectively and progress at the right pace.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-52414519-freshman>

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Magical Breakfast with Santa






**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**\$15 AGES 6+
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-  Digital photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus
-  Enjoy games, music, crafts, & more

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RAFFLEMANIA



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2025 Raffle-Mania

Tickets \$25 each with 10 grand prizes

It's time for the best Christmas gifts of the year - Raffle-Mania tickets!

Raffle-Mania is the only fundraiser required for all students at Gibault Catholic High School, and **each student** must sell **10 tickets***. Our goal this year is to sell \$50,000 of tickets. The tickets are \$25 each and can be sold through January 31st. The holidays are a great time to ask your relatives and friends to take a chance to win great prizes AND help your school. All tickets turned in by December 1st will have a chance at an early bird bonus drawing of \$250!

Tickets are only available online! Tickets can be purchased at <https://givebutter.com/rafflemania> which can be shared on social media. Buyers will have a space to designate a student/parent name. Please make sure buyers are entering a student or parent name, so that each student's progress can be tracked. Buyers can use credit cards, Venmo, Paypal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or even checks!



GRAND PRIZES of \$5000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250, and 6 @ \$100

Prizes will be drawn on February 3rd

STUDENT INCENTIVES:

1. Dress down days:

- 25% of our goal by December 2nd, dress down on December 6th.
- 50% of our goal by December 16th, dress down on December 20th.
- 75% of our goal January 13th, dress down on January 17th.
- Meet or exceed our goal by February 1st, a week of dress down days TBD.

2. Top Seller: Sell the most raffle tickets and receive **\$100!**

Any questions? Contact Katie Robben at 618-939-3883 or krobben@gibalthawks.com

*unsold tickets will be invoiced to your account

CALENDAR

11/23 – Trivia Night for Mission Trip, 6pm - 11pm in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium. Walk-ins welcome.

11/25 – Thanksgiving Mass with the Bishop, 9:28 - 10:28 in the Auditorium.

12/04 – Mass with Fr. Jack at 9:28 in the auditorium

12/09 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass with Fr. Pat McDevitt, newly appointed Chancellor of the Diocese, 9:28 a.m. All are welcome!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on even Wednesdays during Club time.



XLT Adoration Please join us in at Sts. Peter and Paul Church for our next XLT Adoration on Wednesday December 18 from 7 – 8 pm. It will be a great addition to your Advent prayer and preparations for celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord. This form of Adoration includes contemporary Christian music, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession in church, reading and reflection on the Eucharist, a brief period of quiet Adoration, and Benediction.

THE SPORTING NEWS... The new seasons are here!

JV BASKETBALL COACH Welcome Tim Parks to the Gibault coaching staff! We are excited to welcome Tim Parks to our team as the JV Girls Basketball coach! Tim graduated from Mascoutah High School in 2015. He went on to play college basketball at Illinois College, where he graduated in 2019 with a degree in accounting. Welcome to the team, Tim!

NFL Week 6?? Or 7?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO MRS. DAWN GROHMANN! Turning 600 months old is a reminder to be grateful for what has been and hopeful in all that will be. God has blessed the Gibault Community with Mrs. Grohmann and she is the heart of the school and everyone's Mom! And you don't look a month over 600 Dawn! God bless you!

PRAYER LIST: Let us pray for world peace and the understanding that working together and getting along with each other at home can ripple out to the world...We pray to the Lord.

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

As Jesus drew near Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

Woe to Mother's with babes----cannibalism----Mosada Complex

Foreshadowing---AD69-70 The Second Diaspora-first was during the Babylonian exile—continues today. Why?

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The last Sunday of the Church year is here. Next week starts Advent and a new Church year. The concept of a "king" was originally a selection by the people of someone who would take care of the tribe including the least amongst them. This concept surely fits our Lord Jesus who spent most of his time with the common folk and the physically and spiritually needy. John's Gospel has Pilate

grilling Jesus over the concept of a king. Come to your parish community this weekend and end the year on the right foot!

Have a great weekend!

Sarah Lanham

Principal

Gibault Catholic High School

How does Thanksgiving always end? With a g. At my house it is, "Gee, I'm full!"