



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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**December 6, 2022**

**“Made for Greatness”**

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

**FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT**

Fr. Jack Tierney blessed our Advent Wreath this week and reminded us to always turn to the Light. Jesus is the light of the world. May we see Him in each other as we prepare for the commemoration of His birth. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was available during the day and there was great participation. The Sacraments help us see the Light!



Photo by Jai Lavington

**THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS** We traveled the hallways today to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ended in the gym with Jolly Old St. Nicholas complete with cookies and hot chocolate from the Gibault Women’s Club. Saints set good example and remind us to seek the Light!

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST** is this Saturday at 8:30 am. The absolute best way to keep our costs down is to keep our enrollment UP! Please help us spread the good news that is Gibault Catholic High School. I asked a transfer student today, “What’s better in school this year than last year?” Their answer: “Lunch, the people, and the modular schedule.” There are many more reasons to make Gibault your high school!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Tis the Season to feature our Band, Jazz Band, Chorus, Hawkapellas and some of Mr. Ruppel’s jokes to get us in the Christmas spirit. Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Fr. Edwin Hustedde Gymnasium. Come catch the spirit! Thanks Mr. Ruppel, Bands, Chorus, and Hawkapellas!

**ST. PAUL SAID, “STAY OUT OF THE COURTS, THEY’RE FOR THE HEATHENS.”** Well, Mrs. Knittig’s English I class read “*The People vs. Rainsford*” and enacted out a trial. In the morning class, Mr. Rainsford was ruled not guilty with great closings by Xandric and Cassidy! In the afternoon class, AJ’s cross was outstanding with great closings by Andrew LeSaulnier and Clare Schuchardt. Guilty! The cool part was 61 students and staff crammed into the court-classroom from across grade levels in the peanut gallery. Thanks, Mrs. Knittig for bringing it to life!

**Four Freshman** competed in the **AG COMMUNICATION** at Freeburg this week. Students heard from a local salesman in a “press conference” where they took several notes. They took those notes and created different designs in their practicums. Those practicums included a Magazine Design, Social Media Plan, Opinionated Writing, and Video commercial. The varsity team consisted of Kylie Edwin, Catie Altes, Maggie Altes, and Cassidy Gregson. We are very proud of them for stepping up and helping us field a team. When you are a small school, opportunities abound! FFA offers so much real-world application!



**INTRO TO AG CLASS** Students started floral design this week and completed a short unit. Within Intro to Ag, students go over little units of all components of agriculture. Students were able to complete a circular Christmas arrangement. They had to use the elements and principles of design to complete their arrangements. This is Bloom's taxonomy at its best – Knowledge-Comprehension-Application-Synthesis-Evaluation. Thanks Ms. Katie Ziedler!

*Mr. Kish was telling his wife Jeanne about the school Mass Wednesday and mentioned that senior Alexa Crowe sang the psalm. Immediately their “Alexa” came on playing some Sheryl Crow!*

**FAFSA & FINANCIAL AID MEETING** Join us Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30pm in the Innovation Commons for a FAFSA & Financial Aid meeting with Christine Green, a representative from SWIC's Financial Aid office. It's a 30 - 45 minute presentation that covers topics such as types of financial aid, how to complete the FAFSA, and what steps to take after submitting it. While the presentation is not specific to SWIC, it provides valuable information on resources for private scholarships and key steps in the financial aid process for any institution. Please RSVP by December 10:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ikWTj9F5F1>

**GIBAULT WEAR** Crafted in the Loo is selling Gibault wear and it's on SALE! From ugly Christmas sweaters to spirit wear...don't miss out on the awesome designs and amazing deals!  
<https://bit.ly/Loo-GCHS>

**BASEBALL WINTER CAMP** The 5-8 grade baseball camp is December 26-28 from 9:00-11:30am in the Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium. Use the link: <https://igfn.us/form/A6ySXg> or text “gibaultbaseball” to 41444 to register today! Please register your player by December 7, 2024, to ensure their T-shirt order. Late entries are still accepted.

**SOFTBALL WINTER CAMP** The 5-8 grade softball winter camp will take place December 26-28 from 1:00-3:30pm in the Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium. Use the link: <https://igfn.us/form/SBiBWQ> or text

“gibaultsoftball” to 41444 to register today! Please register your player by December 8, 2024, to ensure their T-shirt order. Late entries are still accepted.

**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 their next meeting on January 9th at 6:30pm 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](mailto:drhawks@charter.net)

## **RAFFLEMANIA**



**Gibault Catholic High School**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **STUDENT INCENTIVES:**

#### **1. Dress down days:**

- 25% of our goal by December 2<sup>nd</sup>, dress down on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 50% of our goal by December 20<sup>th</sup>, dress down January 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>
- 75% of our goal January 13<sup>th</sup>, dress down on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Meet or exceed our goal by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:krobben@gibalthawks.com)

\*unsold tickets will be invoiced to your account

## **2024 GIBAULT CANDY CANE CLASSIC** December 16, 17, 18, and 21, 2024

**Pool A:** Red Bud, New Athens, Columbia

**Pool B:** MEL, Riverview Gardens, Gibault

**December 16, 2024, 6:00pm** New Athens vs Columbia, **7:30pm** Gibault vs Riverview Gardens

**December 17, 2024, 6:00pm** Red Bud vs New Athens, **7:30pm** Gibault vs Metro East Lutheran

**December 18, 2024, 6:00pm** Riverview Gardens vs MEL, **7:30pm** Columbia vs Red Bud

**December 21, 2024, 10:00am** Pool A 3rd place team vs Pool B 3rd place team, **11:30am** - Pool A 2nd place team vs Pool B 2nd place team, **1:00pm** - Pool A 1st place team vs Pool B 1st place team

**TEDDY BEAR TOSS** On December 20<sup>th</sup>, you can throw new and tagged stuffed animals on the court for donation to St. Louis Children's Hospital sponsored by our HOPE FOR TOMORROW Club. There is a box in the front office for collection or your homeroom or Mrs. LeSaulnier's room if you can't make the game. Thanks for the comfort for children in need.

**HAWK BOWLING TEAM** We opened against Granit City and the Boys JV rolled our first win of the season. Boys and Girls Varsity fell short. The next night against Granite we missed our groove again on their plastic/wood lanes. We'll get on a roll soon!

**CAMPUS MINISTRY CLUB** will journey to the Way of Lights Monday evening, leaving at 6:00. See Mrs. Miskell to sign up. The students will have attended the Holy Day Mass that morning.

**GIBAULT MEN'S CLUB** We will not have a December meeting but will once again celebrate our Gibault Christmas party on Thursday December 19 at Tequila's Mexican Restaurant 835 N Market Street Waterloo. It's a great time for us and our wives/significant others to gather for the holidays. We will be in the lower level and the evening will begin at 6:00pm. Buffet style dinner will begin at 6:30. There will be a cash bar available. **PLEASE RSVP by Friday December 6. That's today! Text Don!** He must submit the number of guests TODAY. You can email - don.francescon@bjc.org or simply text him at 636-725-7521. He hopes to see you at the Christmas party 12/19!

**GIBAULT WOMEN'S CLUB** Breakfast with Santa needs set up help after school Friday, December 6 from 3:00-6:00 and Sunday, December 8 from 8:00-1:00. Students will receive **DOUBLE** service hours on Sunday! Students, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A823ABFFC61-53463748-volunteers>

They are also in need of some donated breakfast items! Bakers, cooks, or shoppers – please consider! To sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A823ABFFC61-53532812-food>

Thanks for bringing the joy! Elf us out, would'ya? (What's the difference between John Deere and reindeer? The horsepower.)

**SPPCS COOKIE WALK** Cookie Walk is next Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am-noon in the SPPCS cafeteria. All are welcome to walk through the large assortment of homemade cookies and holiday treats!

## **CALENDAR**

**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! Students, please wear your Oxfords!

**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.

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DONALD ARMBRECHT** who passed away on November 23. Many of his children and grandchildren attended Gibault and we are grateful for the memorials to Gibault Catholic High School in his memory. May he rest in peace and his family find the joy in a life well lived.

**A prayer for the first week of Advent**

Lord of all,

you are a God of plenty, a Lord who provides for us in our need.

As I begin these early days of Advent help me to believe that you know what I need.

Give me the courage to listen to your voice and the freedom to open my heart to the graces you are offering me to place my trust in you.

Amen

—via *Creighton University*

**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.

**READINGS DURING ADVENT** call us to Light, to be child-like, not childish, to prepare, to understand our heritage, and to come to know “God with us!”

**IN THIS WEEKEND’S SCRIPTURE FROM LUKE 3** John the baptizer starts the public announcement that the Messiah is here.

**John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,  
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:**

***A voice of one crying out in the desert:***

***“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.***

***Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.***

***The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”***

Have a great weekend!

**Sarah Lanham**

Principal

Gibault Catholic High School