



If angels could be jealous of men,  
they would be so for one reason:  
Holy Communion.  
-St. Maximilian Kolbe

**"The higher we go,  
the better we shall hear  
the voice of Christ."**

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

## **Geibel Gator Newsletter**

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keep up to date on all  
Geibel Catholic happenings!



### **Calendars:**

The School Academic Calendar can  
be found by clicking on the below  
link:

[https://www.geibelcatholic.org/  
resources/Documents/  
Calendars/2022-23%20Color%  
20School%20Calendar%  
20Revised.pdf](https://www.geibelcatholic.org/resources/Documents/Calendars/2022-23%20Color%20School%20Calendar%20Revised.pdf)

The Athletic Calendar can be found  
by clicking on the below link:

[https://www.geibelcatholic.org/  
Lists/AthleticsCalendar/  
calendar.aspx](https://www.geibelcatholic.org/Lists/AthleticsCalendar/calendar.aspx)

## Important Upcoming Dates

**January 27th**– Dress Down Day- \$3 if you did not pay for the bundle

**January 28th-29th**– CSW Mass Speeches at local Churches

**January 30th thru February 3**– Catholic Schools Week

**February 2nd**– CSW Mass/Ring Ceremony, 1pm Gym

**February 6th-10th**– Activity Week

**February 16th**– Open House for Prospective Students 6-8pm

**February 17th**– No School/ACT 8o Day

**February 20th**– No School

## Sports for the week of 1/29/23:

**CYO Basketball, 6:00pm:** 2/4/23 vs MOS

**Girls Basketball, 7pm:** 2/2/23 vs Mapletown

**Boys Basketball, 5:30pm JV, 7pm Varsity:** 2/3/23 vs Mapletown

## Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

## Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention:

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Fr. John Moineau; Msgr Paul Fitzmaurice, Our Geibel Catholic School Family; Mr. Procko & family, ACM, SE, the men and women serving our country; the Priests and Bishop of our Diocese. Have a prayer request? Call the Office, 724-628-5600 or email, [cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org)

## Junior Class Ring Ceremony:

It is tradition at Geibel Catholic that the Junior Class holds a Ring Ceremony, which stemmed from the time when nearly every student would purchase a class ring. Over time, the preference to purchase a class ring has shifted, and not all students desire to buy one. However, the Ring Ceremony also serves as a "rite of passage" to the Junior Class as the future leaders of the school. For that reason, we want to continue the tradition at Geibel Catholic to help celebrate the Junior Class's accomplishments and what lies ahead. The Ring Ceremony will take place on Thursday, February 2, 2022 at 1pm in Geibel Catholic's Gym. Families of our Junior Class are invited and highly encouraged to attend! **\*\*If you are a parent of a Junior Student, please check your emails for more information.**

## Upcoming College Visits

The following dates are for college visits. These schools will be coming to us to share during periods two, three and four.

1/30 – Mt. Aloysius snow date

2/6 – Seton Hill University

2/13 – St. Francis University

3/13 – Duquesne

3/20 – WVU

## 2023-2024 Registration is now open

Re-enrollment for current students for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year is now open. We will again be utilizing FinalForms for all enrollment and Technology forms for the upcoming school year. We are asking that you have re-enrollment completed by February 15th, to reserve your student's spot. After February 15th, we will open enrollment to new enrolling students.

To complete re-enrollment, please use the below link:

<https://dioceseofgreensburg-pa.finalforms.com/parents/login>

If you have any questions or need help, please contact Mrs. Hernandez at [cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org) or by calling the office at 724-628-5600.

## FACTS Financial Aid Information:

NEW THIS YEAR! Families who want to apply for financial aid for their students for the 2023-24 school year will only be required to use their 2021 tax returns and not their 2022 tax returns. Returning families will already have the 2021 tax returns on file with FACTS so no new uploads for those documents are needed! W-2s are not needed. (If there is a scenario where a using the 2022 tax return is beneficial to the family, the 2022 tax return can be uploaded once the forms are ready and FACTS will recalculate need.) The financial aid application for 23-24 school year must be completed.

# Yearbook 2023

**Don't forget to use the QR Code below for all of your dance & sport pictures!! Submissions will be used in the yearbook.**



**GEIBEL**  
**CATHOLIC**  
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS 7-12 GRADE

611 E. Crawford Avenue  
Connellsville, PA 15425

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**GeibelCatholic.org**

*Save the Date for Geibel Catholic's*

*Black & White*

BALL AND AUCTION

*Saturday, April 22, 2023*

*Aaron's Building  
Connellsville, PA 15425*

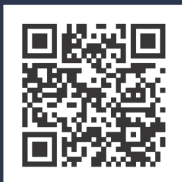
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# Class of 2023 Important Information

## **Below are Senior scholarship opportunities:**

1. Knights of Columbus Catholic School Student Grant Program: Jan 31

<https://kofcpennsylvania.org/catholic-school-grant>

2. McDonald's HACER Scholarship: Feb 6

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer/eligibility-and-requirements.html>

3. Foot Locker Scholar Athletes: Jan 31

<https://www.footlockerscholarathletes.com/>

4. PACAC Scholarship: Feb 1

<https://pacac.memberclicks.net/scholarship>

5. Berkshire Hathaway Scholarship: March 1

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>

6. Daughters of the American Revolution: Feb 15

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>

7. General Braddock's Fish Club Scholarship: April 30

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>

8. CWCC Scholarship: March 13

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>

9. Mid Penn Bank's Anna Woodside Scholarship: March 27

<https://midpennbank.com/about-us/events/>

10. Mon Medical Center Foundation Health Career Scholarship: April 1

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>

11. Connellsville Hospital Club Scholarship: March 16

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx>

12. CFFC Scholarship: Opening Feb 1, Closes April 30

<https://www.cffayettepa.org/for-scholarships/>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great day!

Ms. Smith

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## **Senior Graduation Attire Announcement**

Graduation is coming! While May seems to be quite far away right now, the time between now and then will pass quickly. Information regarding the specifics and schedules for the end-of-the-year Senior events will be distributed in a few weeks. In preparation for these events, I am publishing the dress attire expectations, so that students and families can plan accordingly.

### **Senior Events Attire**

Girls:

- White or cream-colored dress, or skirt/pants and blouse
- Dress/skirt of modest length and modest neckline
- The straps of the tops must be at least one inch wide. Dresses with spaghetti straps should be covered at all times with a sweater or jacket.

Dress shoes or dress sandals with back strap. No flip-flops or athletic shoes. ***You will be standing and walking in these shoes for some time – make sure that they are sensible and comfortable. Dress shoes should not have a heel greater than 2.5 inches. Choose your shoes carefully!***

Boys:

- Suit or sport jacket, dress pants, dress shirt/tie, dress shoes/socks.
- No sandals, athletic shoes, or flip-flops.

Well-groomed facial hair

Administration reserves the privilege to veto attire that does not adhere to these expectations. If you have any questions concerning the attire expectations, please let me know.

Prayers for a successful semester,

Mrs. Harner

# Class of 2023 Important Information



January 28th - February 3rd

**1/28 Saturday and 1/29 Sunday - Celebrating with Our Parishes**

- Geibel Catholic Students will speak at local parish masses – Thank you, Parishes, for your prayers and support!

**1/30 Monday - Celebrating Our Students** (Activity Day Schedule)

- **Dress Down Day (free)**
- Students will receive a special treat at lunch
- Carnation orders for Valentine's Day will take place during lunch periods - \$2 per carnation order
- Student Beach Volleyball Tournament in gymnasium – 1:45

**1/31 Tuesday - Celebrating Our Teachers**

- Faculty and staff treated to a special lunch
- Send positive vibes to teachers in their boxes (outside of main office)

**2/1 Wednesday - Celebrating Our Community**

- **Dress Down Day** - Dress down for all students of a **minimum of \$5** – all proceeds collected will go to care package items for residents of Mt. Macrina Manor. **Please consider giving generously!**
- Bus drivers will receive special recognition with a morning treat
- Expressions of appreciation will be delivered to our local First Responders

**2/2 Thursday - Celebrating Our Faith** (Mass Day Schedule with omission of 9<sup>th</sup> period)

- **Formal Uniform Dress** - Wear Geibel Catholic formal wear
  - Juniors and Seniors may dress up in appropriate attire for Junior Ring Ceremony
- **Mass at 1:00 in gymnasium with Bishop Kulick**
  - Junior Class Ring Ceremony

**2/3 Friday - Celebrating Vocations** (Activity Day Schedule)

- **Geibel Catholic Spirit Wear Day**
- Religion classes will write notes of encouragement to Diocesan seminarians throughout the week
- Lunch for local parish priests
- Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of throats – about 1:00
- Student Basketball skill competition versus local parish priests – 1:45

Listen on WMBS during this week for commercials done by our Geibel Catholic Students!