

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

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Geibel Gator Newsletter

Be sure to follow us on
Facebook and Instagram to
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/
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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)

LIVE THE LITURGY – INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God does not set things in motion or create something and then step back to attend to other matters. When God creates, God remains connected. God's continued and constant presence is necessary for everything we see to exist. Without God, life as we know it would cease. God's imperishable spirit is in all things! Being the author of love, God cannot despise or hate Himself. Therefore, God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. How can God be repulsed by the image of Himself reflected in a human soul? Jesus goes to the homes of sinners. His very presence there is enough to change even the most conflicted and self-serving of hearts. The soul who realizes its utter dependency upon God is a soul who knows salvation. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We find what our selfishness lost. ©LPi



Fr. John Moineau; Our Geibel Catholic School Family; Theresa Partridge, A.H., Msgr Paul Fitzmaurice, 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

Important Upcoming Dates

October 28th– Halloween Trick or Treating

October 31st– NO SCHOOL

November 1st– All Saints Mass– FORMAL ATTIRE

10th/11th/12th Grades to PSU Fayette Eberly Campus for Shakespeare Festival

November 4th– Senior Class Retreat

November 10th– Discover Geibel Day 9am to 1pm– NO SCHOOL

November 11th– Parent Teacher Conferences– NO SCHOOL

November 18th– Dress Down Day \$3

November 22nd– Spirit Wear

November 23rd– Alice Training– Early Dismissal

November 24th thru November 28th– Thanksgiving Break– NO SCHOOL

Sports for the week of 10/30/22:

Open Gym for Girls Basketball Monday and Wednesday

Cheerleading– Practice Thursday

Prayer of the week: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Praying for the Souls in Purgatory— Praying for the souls in Purgatory is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. These souls long for God but they need to be purified of their sins before they can enter Heaven. It is us, those on earth, who can pray for these souls. The dead need our prayers. It does not matter when a person died, recently or long ago in the past. Our prayers always help the dead.

As Catholics, we believe in the Communion Saints – those in Heaven, those in Purgatory, and those on Earth. All three groups are connected. The ones on earth have a responsibility and an obligation to pray for one another and for those in Purgatory. The Saints in Heaven are role models and intercessors for those on earth.

First Quarter Report Cards

Starting this year, Document Delivery of your child's report card is mandatory. The steps to having that happen are VERY EASY. The attachment, within the newsletter, will walk you through the process. One part of this process is to set up a password so that only you can see the grades. **You would only need to put in a password IF** you have other people who have access to your email and you prefer they do not see the grades. If you can avoid setting up a password, it is highly recommended since most people do not have others sharing your email. Your password for Power School is different from Document Delivery so that tends to confuse people. It is better just to have the one password for Power School. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Instructions below the updated School Calendar page

Halloween Costume Day/Trick or Treat

Friday, October 28th – Students can wear appropriate costumes (nothing that would imitate weapons or inappropriate props and only costume clothing that is school appropriate). They will Trick or Treat thru the upstairs teacher classrooms at end of day.

LAST CALL!! Halloween Candy Gram

Candy sales are extended thru ALL lunches on Friday, October 28th!! Be sure to send to your favorite ghouls and werewolves!! They will be delivered during Ninth Period on Friday, October 28 Cost is \$2 a candy gram.

All Saints Day Mass

Geibel Catholic will celebrate All Saints Day on Tuesday, November 1st at 1:45 pm in the school gym. Please remember that it is a formal attire day.

Discover Geibel Catholic Day

We will be hosting Discover Geibel Catholic on Thursday, November 10th. If you would kindly help us to spread the word, we would greatly appreciate it! There is a flyer included in this Newsletter with all of the details and how to register.

Mary Kay Fundraiser

The Music Department is participating in a Mary Kay Fundraiser, now until November 9th. Orders will be shipped to the customer or if you prefer, to the student on Friday, December 2nd. For more information, please see the flyer in the following pages

Service Hour Opportunities:

Mount Pleasant Churches: Visitation Church– We are in need of some volunteers for the Visitation Christian Mothers Spaghetti Dinner. Help is needed to bring food and drinks, clear tables, and re-set places for guests. If you are available Saturday evening, please reach out to me asap. Hours of service are 4 PM to 7:30 PM. You can cover the full time, or take a shift. Please contact: Christy Cabaniss: 724-547-1911 or CCabaniss@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Connellsville Churches: St. Rita Church: 2022-23 Pancake and Sausage Breakfasts at Saint Rita Church in Connellsville, sponsored by the Saint Rita Holy Name Men's Society. As a reminder, each breakfast begins at 7AM and ends at 11:30AM, however volunteers are welcome to help out any time between 6:30 AM and 12:30 PM (8:30-10:30 are our busiest times when we have the most need). Any volunteers you can steer our way are greatly appreciated! **Dates: Sunday, September 18, 2022; Sunday, October 16, 2022; Sunday, January 15, 2023; Sunday, February 19, 2023; Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Updated School Calendar is on the last page of the Newsletter



2022 DISCOVER GEIBEL DAY!



WHEN:

Thursday, November 10, 2022
9:00 am - 1 pm

GRADES:

6th– 8th

WHERE:

Geibel Catholic Junior Senior High
School

FEATURING

- Continental Breakfast
- Gift Bags for All Students
- Music Dept. Demonstration
- Class Presentations
- Meet the teachers
- Tuition Raffles
- Lunch Buffet

WWW.GEIBELCATHOLIC.ORG

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:

Call 724-628-5600

or email-

tzyka@geibelcatholic.org

We can't wait to meet you!







Saint Vincent DePaul

Thanksgiving Food Drive-

The Connellsville Chapter of Saint Vincent DePaul will be running a Thanksgiving Food Drive from now until November 11th. There will be boxes in the Main Lobby to deposit all donations. Their goal is to make about 30 baskets for those who are not as fortunate to provide the supplies for a Thanksgiving Meal. Your help in showing how Geibel Catholic shows up for our community, is greatly appreciated. Here is the list of items they are asking for:



**Canned yams or sweet potatoes,
Stove Top boxed stuffing,
Noodles,
JelloDry Ice Tea or Lemonade Mix,
Canned Cranberry Sauce,
Canned Fruit, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Jar of Chicken or Turkey Gravy**



Holiday Gift Guide

Get your shopping done and support your school!!

Order online at www.marykay.com/nholonich
in comments section please note GCHS AND STUDENT NAME
ex:GCHS Giana Holonich

Something for everyone on your list!



Thank you for participating in this fundraiser to benefit Geibel Catholic High School Music Department!

30% of all money raised (not including tax/shipping) will be donated to GCHS.

The student who raises the most money wins a \$100 AMAZON Gift Card.

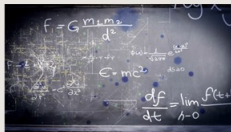
The 2nd place student wins \$50 AMAZON Gift Card.
ALL students who participate will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 AMAZON Gift Card AND \$25 DQ Gift Card.

Orders are due with payment November 9th, 2022.

Orders will be shipped to the customers OR for those who prefer will be delivered to the school Friday December 2, 2022



**GEIBEL
CATHOLIC**
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



JOIN MATH LEAGUE!!!

- Do you like to do math for fun?
- Want to show off your awesome skills?
- Pump up your college resume/application?
- Win a scholarship?

Where: Room 209

When: Once a Month During 1st and 2nd Period

Why: Because Math Rules!

How: RSVP @ <https://forms.office.com/r/pT1LffPTMV>

Geibel Catholic French Club Coat Drive

Please donate
A New or Unused Coat
to Help the Less Fortunate to Keep
Them Warm

When: November 1st thru December 1st
Drop Off: Geibel Catholic or by
contacting Mr. Hall;
jhall@geibelcatholic.org

Go Gators Go!!



Congratulations to Maia Stevenson on being crowned Homecoming Queen 2022! The rest of the Homecoming Court is: Seniors: Emily Manack, Abby Karas, Jillian Balena, Gracie Rodriguez; Underclassman: Mazzy Tomallo, Tessa O'Neil, and Sophia Albert



Congratulations to Emma Larkin on making States next month, for Cross Country! Emma has been on fire this Cross Country season! Go Gators Go!!



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3	Hopie Haring Eden Christian Academy	20:37.75
4	Alexis Abbott Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh	20:43.93
5	Cyd Kennard Winchester Thurston	20:58.63
6	Emma Larkin Geibel Catholic	21:28.21
7	Rhyley Bendel Shady Side Academy	21:30.41
8	Anastasia Georgagis California Area High School	21:37.64
9	Brooke Missinger Riverside (?)	21:38.34

Congratulations to Jillian Balena for being chosen as this the week of October 20th's Teen of the Week. She was chosen for her strong leadership qualities, work ethic and volunteering activities. We are so proud of you, Jillian!

TEEN OF THE WEEK Balena represents essence of Geibel

By MARY PICKELS

Jillian Goldsmith-Balena, 17, is tackling her senior year with gusto, much as she has her entire high school career.

She is involved with student council at Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, her

school's musicals, is a student ambassador and Eucharistic minister.

She also has volunteered with her former elementary school, Conn-Area Catholic School, and with numerous charitable endeavors.

Jillian's strong contributions to See TEEN on Page A11



Jillian Balena

Congratulations to Geibel Catholic Sophomore Autumn Bartos who has coached and mentored the St. John the Evangelist School's JVV Cross Country team to a third place team trophy at the Diocese of Greensburg CYO Cross Country Championship. This is St. John's Cross Country Team's very first championship trophy. Congratulations Autumn on all of your hard work, dedication, and success!



Geibel musical students (from left) Jillian Balena, Gracie Rodriguez, Abby Karas and Emily Manack are with school musical director Nick Bell as he announces "Peter Pan" as the spring musical.

ROXANNE ABRAMOWITZ | The Daily Courier
Director Nick Bell is preparing for his 24th musical production at Geibel Catholic High School — "Peter Pan."

The musical will be staged 7 p.m. March 24 and 25 and 2 p.m. March 26 at the State Theatre Center for the Arts in Uniontown.



TENTATIVE 2022 -2023 School Calendar

August 22	Teacher Clerical Day
August 23	Teacher In-Service
August 24	First day of school
September 5	Labor Day – No School
September 9	Back to School Mass
September 23	Gator Walk
September 27	Back to School Night/Meet the Teachers
September 28	ACT 80 Day <small>No School for 5 students</small>
September 30	Homecoming Dance
October 1	Homecoming Soccer Game
October 7	Faculty Retreat – No School for Students
October 12	PSAT
October 27	Quarter 1 Ends
October 31	No School - All Hallows Eve
November 1	All Saints Day Mass
November 10	Discover Geibel Day
November 11	Parents Teacher Conferences <small>ACT 80 Day No School for 5 students</small>
November 23	11 AM Dismissal
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass
December 9	Junior High Christmas Dance
December 17	Christmas Dance
December 18	*Christmas Concert
December 21	11AM Dismissal
December 22	Christmas Vacation Begins
January 3	Classes Resume
January 9-11	Mid-Term Exams
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed
January 17	Clerical Day – No School for Students
January 19	Second Semester Begins
January 31	Open House
January 29 – February 4	Catholic Schools Week
February 2	Ring Ceremony
February 17	ACT 80 <small>No School for Students</small>
February 20	Presidents Day School Closed
February 22	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 6-10	Foreign Language Week
March 9	Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions
March 23	Quarter 3 Ends
March 24	Teacher In-Service <small>No School for Students</small>
March 24-26	Spring Musical
April 5	11 AM Dismissal
April 6	Holy Thursday- School Closed
April 7	Good Friday – School Closed
April 10	Easter Monday – School Closed
April 13	NHS/NJHS Inductions
April 24-28	IOWA Exams
May 9-11	Senior Finals
May 5/6	Prom
May 17	Senior Farewell Mass, Breakfast, Baccalaureate/Graduation Practice, and Awards Ceremony
May 18	Feast of the Ascension Mass
May 22	Baccalaureate Mass/Graduation (11 AM Dismissal)
May 24-26	11 AM Dismissals
May 24-30	Finals, Grades 7-11
May 29	Memorial Day School Closed
June 1	Last Day of School 11:00 AM Dismissal
June 2, 5	Teacher In-Service <small>No School for Students</small>

School Hours: 7:30 AM - 2:28 PM

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	Teacher In-Service- No School for Students
	Last Day of School
	Early Dismissal
	Act 80 Day- No School for Students

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JUNE 2023

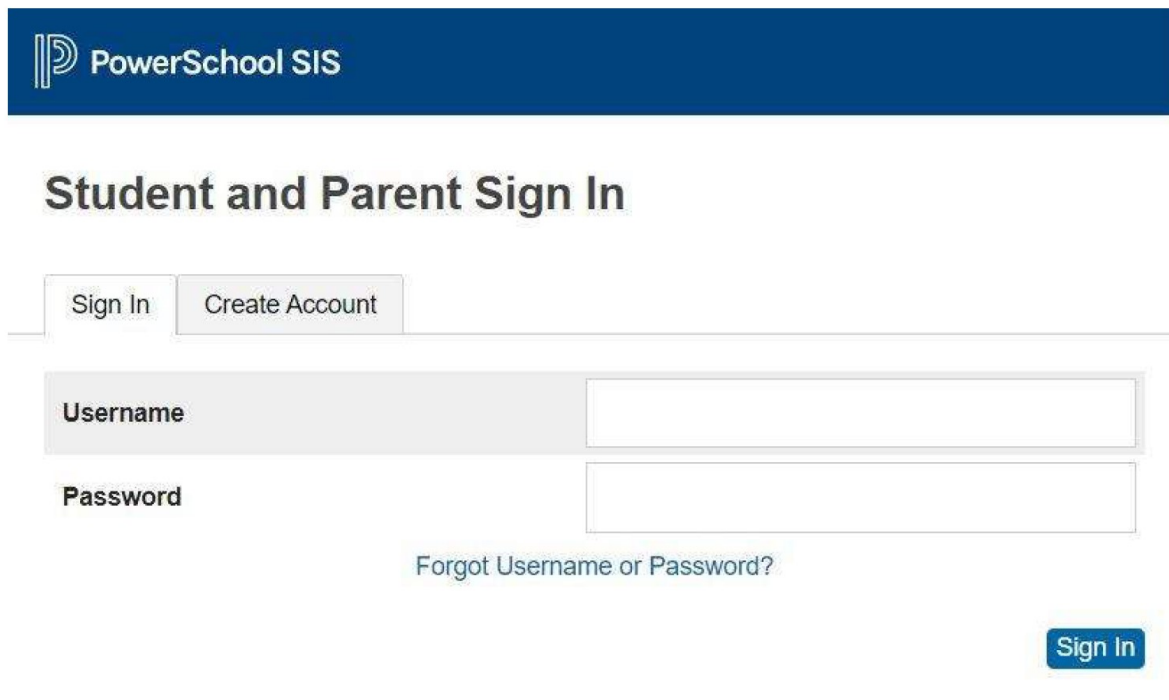
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IMPORTANT! You must Opt-in to receive your students report for the 2022-2023 school year. Physical report cards will no longer be sent home. Thank you!

Parent Opt In for PowerSchool Digital Document Delivery.

The Diocese of Greensburg is now offering Digital Document Delivery of your student's report cards. Please follow the steps below to opt in for this new convenient service.

1. Log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account at <https://powerschool.dioceseofgreensburg.org>



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS login interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header is a white section titled "Student and Parent Sign In". There are two tabs: "Sign In" (selected) and "Create Account". Below the tabs are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". To the right of the "Password" field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". At the bottom right of the sign-in area is a blue "Sign In" button.

2. Click on Email Notification in the left hand navigation menu



3. Select the Document Delivery tab
 - a. Check the Opt-In box
 - b. Enter the email address where you would like to receive your report cards. You can enter more than one address separated by commas (,)
 - c. Enter a password. You will be prompted to enter this password when you get the report card in order to view it. **If you do not set a PDF password anyone with access to the document email that is sent will be able to view the report card.**
 - d. Click Submit

General Notifications **Document Delivery**

Document Delivery Preferences

Opt-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Verify Password*	<input type="password"/>

Submit

*Note: Optional. The PDF Password is used to password protect any documents that are sent by your school via this service. You will be required to enter this password to open your document if a password has been entered.

Note: If you have multiple students linked to your account you must go through this process for each student individually. Click on your next student's name and repeat the steps in this guide again for them.

You are now eligible to receive report cards electronically.