



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

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Geibel Gator Newsletter

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Geibel Catholic happenings!



Calendars:

The School Academic Calendar can
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link:

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week



Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God. Walking around believing that our glass is only half full leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied. We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they take another step or venture off on another journey, they bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They are most keenly aware that all would cease to be without God. ©LPi



Fr. John Moineau; Our Geibel Catholic School Family; A.K., A.K., K.G., E.F., Theresa Partridge, J.D. 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 7th– No School/Faculty Retreat

October 10th– Dress Down Day– \$3 (unless paid for the bundle on 9/16/22)

October 12th– PSAT– 7th/8th Grade Schoology Work from Home

October 13th-17th– Land's End Uniform Discount– See Flyer in Newsletter

October 14th– 10th Grade Retreat

October 18th– FAFSA Completion Night 5pm-7pm (Cafeteria)– Must register with Ms. Smith

October 21st– 9th Grade Retreat

Sports for the week of 10/9/22:

CYO Cross Country– 10/9 Championship at St. Vincent College

Girls Volleyball– 10/11 vs Frazier 6pm

10/13 at Mapletown 6pm

Football: 10/14/22 vs Greensburg Salem HS 7pm (Southmoreland)

Soccer: 10/10/22 vs East Allegheny Jr/Sr HS 7pm (Southmoreland)

10/12/22 at Mount Pleasant Jr/Sr HS 7:30pm

Upcoming College Visits:

October 14: Penn State Fayette–Gwen Shoaf (Period 2-4 Mr. Anderson; Lunch)

October 20: Seton Hill (Lunch)

Prayer of the week:

In honor of October being the Month of the Holy Rosary:

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Middle States Accreditation–

We are proud to announce that the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg has obtained Middle States Accreditation. Please see the letter, included in our Newsletter, which gives further detail on this accomplishment.

Monday, 10/10 – October Dress Down Day

Monday, October 10th, will be our second dress down day of the year. Please ensure that your attire is school appropriate. If you did not turn in your donations from the last dress down day, then they need to be turned in by Friday, October 6th, to be eligible to participate. If you sent in \$25 in September, you are covered for the entire year. If you opted to pay for each day individually, Monday, October 10th, will be \$3 to be able to participate. If you forget your money, do not worry. It can be turned into the Main Office prior to the next dress down day. This month's dress down day will benefit the Sophomore Class.

Wednesday, 10/12 – PSAT Test Day-

PSAT test day is next Wednesday, October 12. Only 9,10,11th grade students will be in the building for testing. Grade 9 will take the PSAT 8/9 and grades 10 and 11 will take the PSAT NMSQT. The PSAT NMSQT is a slightly longer test. Students will check-in upon their arrival and go straight to their testing rooms. Prays and the Pledge will be said over the intercom before the start of testing.

9th Grade Room: Stevenson 204

10th Grade Room: Swan 209

11th Grade Room: Cline 208

7/8 will stay at home and work on assignments posted to Schoology in the following subject areas: Religion, math, science, social studies, ELA

12th grade will work on college preparation – be it the Common App, FAFSA, or college tours

Friday 10/14 – Sophomore Class retreat -

Our Sophomore Class is the next class to attend a class retreat. On Friday, October 14th, when they will head to St. Vincent College to enjoy a day of spiritual renewal. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Vittorio will be chaperones.

Senior Nights/Special Events:

Let's celebrate each other! To help build the comradery of the Geibel Catholic Community, we want to know about Senior Nights or any other special recognitions during sporting or any other events that our students are participating in. Please let us know by emailing Ms. Smith at jlsmith@geibelcatholic.org or Mrs. Hernandez at cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org. We look forward to including this in future newsletters!

Spanish Class Preparing to Celebrate El Día De Los Muertos

We will be celebrating The Day of the Dead on November 1st and 2nd. All this month of October we will decorate the classroom, make flowers, paint skulls, color skeletons, make piñatas, and set up an altar to commemorate this important holiday. We are kindly asking for your support. You can bring your donations to the office and give it to Mrs. Hernandez.

These are some of the supplies we need: **1.** Tissue Paper: Different colors **2.** Streamers: Different colors **3.** Sharpies (markers): Fine Point Different colors **4.** Crayons/Color Pencils/ Markers **5.** Monetary Donations

Muchas Gracias



All Souls Day Commemoration:

Each year during the month of November, we especially commemorate the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us to their eternal rest. Our student body will hold Mass on Tuesday, November 1st at 1:45 pm in Geibel Catholic's Gymnasium. To honor and commemorate our dearly departed loved ones, we will be "lighting" a candle in their honor, during this Mass. We are asking the students to please send in the names of their loved ones, to Mrs. Hernandez, by Monday, October 24th. Please be sure to include the student's name, grade and names of loved ones. We are only able to fit up to eight names per candle.

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Names of Loved Ones: _____

The entire Church throughout the world gathers to pray for the souls of the faithful departed

**Please help us in congratulating our 2022-2023
Student Council, Class Presidents and
Class Representatives**
**They are the eyes, ears, and voices of the Geibel Catholic
Student Body**

Pictured (Left to Right)

Top Row: Student Council President: Emily Manack; Vice President: Maia Stevenson;
Treasurer: Abby Karas; Secretary: Angela Henry

Middle Row: 11th Grade Class Rep: Victoria Brown; President: Tommy Kolencik; 12th
Grade President: Evan Bower; Class Rep: Jillian Goldsmith-Balena

Bottom Row: 9th Grade Class President: Mazzy Tomallo; Class Rep: Jenna Buchheit;
10th Grade Class President: Sophia Albert; Class Rep: Maia Bukovac



October's GATOR Students of the Month:

7th Grade: Mia Pascoe

8th Grade: Khalia Zylka

9th Grade: Riley Zimmerman

10th Grade: Maia Bukovac

11th Grade: Lila Lancaster

12th Grade: Maia Stevenson

They have been recognized for their generosity, academic efforts, tenacity, organization, and respect by teachers, faculty, staff, administration, and classmates! In short, they have really started this year off on a great foot, and it has not gone unnoticed!

Go Gators Go!!

Congratulations to Claire Konieczny for placing Second during the WPIAL Semi Finals on Tuesday, October 4th. She will now go on to States on Monday, October 17th. Go Gators!



Geibel Catholic Cross Country: Emma Larkin finished second with a PR of 20:48 at Brownsville on Tuesday, October 4th, against Brownsville, GCC, and South Park. Go Gators!

The Senior class sending Amanda Hoffer off right, for her Senior Night with Southmoreland Soccer. Go Gators!



CYO Cross Country: Two top ten finishers and personal course bests for all five Geibel Gators. One final meet next week at St. Vincent for the CYO Championship. Go Gators!



GEIBEL CATHOLIC

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CONNELLVILLE ♦ PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Geibel Catholic School Family,

The schools in the Diocese of Greensburg have again received Middle States accreditation. Accreditation is a self-evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The standards examine schools and school systems to provide a more complete measure of a school's performance and chart a strategic and realistic course for continuous school improvement. This is the second time the schools in the diocese have gone through accreditation as a school system.

The process of accreditations takes close to two years to complete. It is a thorough and time-consuming process with the end result being a set of goals and action steps that all schools throughout the Diocese of Greensburg will take to make the diocesan schools better for all the students and families they serve.

From this accreditation process, the schools will work on the curricular areas of math and religion. Additionally, there will be focus on the development of the induction/mentoring program for new teachers from a one-year to a three-year program.

The Middle States team was impressed with all the schools throughout the Diocese of Greensburg on the quality of their academic program, their dedication to service, and the variety of religious activities in which the schools participate.

We are grateful for all of those in our community who volunteered on committees, completed surveys, and spoke with the Middle States team. We look forward to continuing these partnerships as we work together to help our students thrive in our diocesan schools.



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