

**"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/  
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

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

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

**February 20th**– No School

**February 21st**– Math League: Period 1 & 2

**February 22nd**– Ash Wednesday Mass (Formal Wear)

## Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

## Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention:

For Parishes: We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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)

# 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.**



## A message from WAOB:

Good morning! I wanted to let you know that the first psalm recording from one of your Geibel students has been posted to our website and YouTube and podcast channels. I included the link below. Please share it with your student and the rest of your faculty and staff at the school. Thank you so much for allowing your students to volunteer for this project for WAOB Audio Theatre. It is because of people like you that we were able to finish this important work. God bless [https://youtu.be/1bYSY\\_RsOOs](https://youtu.be/1bYSY_RsOOs)

## 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. Upon completion of the reregistration, please send the \$50 reregistration fee to the Main Office. Checks can be made payable to Geibel Catholic.

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.

## Hospitality Helpers Needed!

Hospitality Helpers are needed to assist at special liturgies that the Bishop will be hosting throughout the Liturgical Year. Bishop Kulick is looking for students of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg to assist with welcoming parishioners, distribution of worship aids, and directing visitors to the bathrooms during his liturgies at Blessed Sacrament and Christ our Shepherd Center. If you or your family are interested in helping to serve our faith community during these special events, please send us an email for more details to:

[cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org)



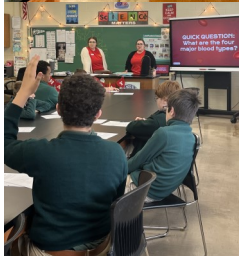
# Go Gators Go!!



On February 7th, Mrs. Cline's seventh grade Life Science class took part in a blood typing lab with Seton Hill seniors, Allie Sheffler and Sarah Semekoski. Geibel Catholic is thrilled to be part of Seton Hill's Future Scholars Program. The program is sponsored by Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Amalene Cooper-Morgan, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Sarah Joiner, and Assistant Professor of Biology, Dr. Donna Haworth-Brown. The program offers STEM lessons to community schools.

Mrs. Cline provided the Seton Hill seniors with topics that are relevant to the course of study in her classes. Working with Mrs. Cline and Seton Hill professors, Allie and Sarah came to Geibel to present their engaging science lessons on Tuesday.

Currently, the seventh graders are learning about the Circulatory System and had a wonderful lab learning about blood typing. They had a fun experiment figuring out the blood type of an accident victim and then determining which of his friends could donate blood to him.



On February 7th, Mrs. Cline's eighth grade Physical Science class took part in a chemistry lesson that ended with a colorful "explosion". The lab was presented by Seton Hill seniors, Allie Sheffler and Sarah Semekoski who are part of Seton Hill's Future Scholars Program. The program was started by Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Amalene Cooper-Morgan in the Fall of 2021. Geibel Catholic is thrilled to join the program for the Spring of 2023.

During the experiment, the students learned the importance of a catalyst in chemistry and the difference between endothermic and exothermic reactions. They had a great time making an "explosion" and feeling the heat that it generated.



## Geibel Catholic is

## Mad about Science

*Best Wishes!*

Geibel Catholic sends our good wishes and prayers to Claire Schuerholtz, Emma Larkin, Riley Zimmerman, Maia Stevenson, Abby Karas, Katelyn Bennett, and Mazzy Tomallo

as they compete this Saturday, February 11th in the Region 8 PJAS competition at Penn West-California University.

The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) was founded in 1934 and gives students the opportunity to expand their scientific research and public presentation skills while utilizing the scientific method.

Each participant develops independent research projects that they present to a panel of judges at the regional competition. Judges are industrial scientists, engineers, college professors, and STEM high school teachers.

Students who receive first place awards at their regional meet are eligible to compete against all first-place winners from across the state at Penn State University in May.



Troy Hoffer, Riley Knizner, Khalia Zylka, and Mason Sweeney and their sponsor, Mrs. Cline have been busy preparing for the 2023 Western Pennsylvania Science Bowl Middle School Competition on Saturday, March 4th. They will have questions in the areas of math, earth science, physical science, life science, and energy. Geibel is proud to be one of the schools selected for this competition that is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.

# Summer Camp Opportunities

## Registration open for Saint Vincent's Challenge Program

Registration for the 2023 edition of Saint Vincent College's Challenge Program, a STEM-based academic summer program for students from PreK to grade 12, is open.

The Program, run through the College's Education Department, part of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, is again able to offer all program options this summer.

The Challenge Program is currently offering an early registration incentive.

Those who enter the code WINTER BLITZ at checkout will receive a discount off of the normal cost of registration. This discount is available now through Feb. 28.

The theme for the 2023 Challenge Program is "Wizard College 2023," and interested participants can choose from a variety of Apprentice Wizard overnight program immersions for grades 5-12, high school overnight immersion programs for grades 9-12 and middle school over-

night programs for grades 5-8.

Additionally, younger children can participate in the Fledgling Wizards program for preschool and kindergarten-aged students and Neophyte Wizards day program for grades 1-4.

The Apprentice Wizard programs are scheduled for June 18 through 23, 2023.

The Fledgling day program is offered from June 19 through 23, from 9 a.m. – noon, while the Neophyte Day program is being offered on the same days, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All Apprentice Wizard overnight students are housed in the Rooney Hall residence hall, and on-campus meals are provided to both the day and overnight attendees by Parkhurst Dining Service.

The Apprentice Wizard overnight program, open to students entering grades 5-12, offers the opportunity to choose two immersion experiences to participate in throughout the week: a three-hour morning and a three-

hour afternoon experience that culminates with a final project, event or challenge.

Some immersions will be on-campus and others in the local area off-campus. Course instructors will encourage full participation, collaboration and authentic learning while offering project-based experiences to encourage students to deepen their understanding. Evenings will be full of planned fun and entertainment.

The Neophyte Wizards program allows students in grades 1-4 the opportunity to participate in academically and creatively theme-based experiences, led by certified elementary teachers. These interactive courses happen in a half-day offering.

During the other half of the day, the children will be involved in an immersion experience, with guest presenters, planned events and group opportunities. A counselor will remain all day with the group of children to help them throughout their experience.

Students will be provided with lunch and a snack each day.

Preschool and kindergarten students are invited to take part in the half-day Fledgling Wizards program (9 a.m. – noon), which will feature multiple learning experiences with magical missions incorporated throughout. Each class is taught by a certified teacher and counselors will be on hand.

Students will participate in activities and lessons both inside and outside and will be provided a snack each day.

All Challenge Program instructors are certified teachers who are either Saint Vincent College alumni or current graduate students. All program counselors are undergraduate majors in the College's Department of Education training to become teachers.

Counselors and instructors undergo thorough training to ensure the enjoyment and safety of the children.

The Challenge Program has been held at Saint Vincent Col-

lege since 1982 and is currently under the leadership of Dr. Kathleen Beining, Assistant Professor of Education and Director of PreK-12th grade education programs at SVC. The program regularly attracts students from across the U.S., with recent participants hailing from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, Delaware, New York, Michigan, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, Illinois, New Mexico, Colorado and Mexico.

Complete information on the 2023 SVC Challenge Program, including pricing and immersion course offerings, can be found at [www.stvincentchallenge.org](http://www.stvincentchallenge.org).

Parents of children who wish to attend and who may have a special need or concern are asked to contact Beining at [kathleen.beining@stvincent.edu](mailto:kathleen.beining@stvincent.edu) or 724-805-2981. In the past, the program has been able to address a variety of concerns to enable many students to attend.

## Registration opens for Waynesburg's annual CSI Camp

Waynesburg University's Department of Chemistry and Forensic Science will host its annual Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Camp June 12-16.

Registration is open to high school students entering their junior and senior years or spring 2023 high school graduates.

CSI Camp provides students with a hands-on look into the fields of forensic science and criminal justice. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in activities that include DNA profiling, crime scene processing, fingerprinting and surveillance.

Camp registration is \$500, which includes

activity materials, housing, instruction and meals. There is a non-refundable, \$100 deposit required for registration. To register, visit [waynesburg.edu/csi-camp](http://waynesburg.edu/csi-camp). Space is limited.

Students interested in attending also can apply for a scholarship to help cover the cost of registration. The deadline to

apply for a scholarship is April 10.

A preliminary schedule of CSI Camp activities is available at [waynesburg.edu/csi-camp](http://waynesburg.edu/csi-camp).

Questions may be directed to Isaiah Skeete, admissions counselor, at 724-852-3216 or [isaiah.skeete@waynesburg.edu](mailto:isaiah.skeete@waynesburg.edu).

### Forensic Science Camp Opportunities:

Here are the two links for forensic science camps. Both will likely fill quickly. WVU has to be paid in full to reserve the spot. There is a Day-Camp option (for those who can commute) and On-Board option (for those who want to stay on campus all week). WVU is offering the camp twice this summer.

Waynesburg only requires a deposit, with the remaining balance due by the beginning of June.

WVU <https://forensics.wvu.edu/summer-camp> Waynesburg <https://www.waynesburg.edu/csi-camp>

If you know of any summer opportunities to volunteer or camps that students may be interested in, please send them in to: [cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org)



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BALL AND AUCTION

*Saturday, April 22, 2023*

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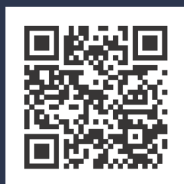
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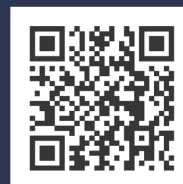
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# Class of 2023 Important Information

## 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

[jlsmith@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:jlsmith@geibelcatholic.org)

## 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



*Tickets go on sale, Wednesday, February 22nd!!*

# **Geibel Catholic Proudly Presents**

## **"PETER PAN"**

**March 25th at 7pm  
March 26th at 2pm**

**at the State Theatre Center for the Arts  
Uniontown, PA**

**All tickets are \$15/each**

**They can be purchased by calling the  
Theatre at (724)439-1360,  
the Theatre Box Office or  
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<https://statetheatre.info/>**