

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

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Geibel Gator Newsletter



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>

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

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/Lists/AthleticsCalendar/calendar.aspx>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Fr. John Moineau; Our Geibel Catholic School Family; A.K., A.K., 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

September 2nd– FinalForms needs to be completed. If FinalForms are not completed by this date, your child may not be able to attend school. Senior Parking forms need to be completed in FinalForms, copy of their drivers license and \$30 payment due or no parking pass will be distributed and parking privileges will be suspended until completed

September 5th– Labor Day/No School

September 8th and 9th– Onedrive Training for New Students

September 9th– Back To School Mass (Formal Attire)- Geibel Catholic Gym

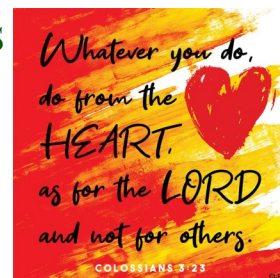
September 14th– Jostens Meeting for Seniors

September 16th– Dress Down Day– \$1 to participate

September 23rd– Gator Walk/Fall Pep Rally

September 27th– Meet the Teachers Night/FAFSA Night 6pm

September 29th– Spirit Wear Day





Gator of the Month:

This school year, we are introducing a new GATOR of the month initiative. Each month, the teachers and students will be asked to submit the names of students, one from each grade level, that exhibits all of the characteristic qualities of the following five categories– **G: Generous; A: Academic; T: Tenacious; O: Organized; R: Respectful**. We know all of our students are capable of achieving all of the five characteristics that make up our wonderful Geibel Catholic Gator School Community. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces on the wall! In the mean time, be sure to stop by and learn something new or interesting about our wonderful Teachers and Administration. Go Gators Go!!

Health Science as a Career Day is held at Waynesburg University on Thursday October 6 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. It is a hands-on program for prospective students to learn about our four-year Bachelor of Science programs in Nursing and/or Health & Exercise Science. The event is open to Junior and Senior student. It is a free event and lunch will be provided. The link to register is <https://enroll.waynesburg.edu/register/?id=a5cd878f-1783-40a7-a8a6-89cda5ad57ff>.

Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors:

Ms. Smith recently email the Class of 2023 with a list of current scholarship opportunities. They can also be found at the link below: <https://www.geibelcatholic.org/academics/Pages/Opportunities.aspx> If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Smith, jlsmith@geibelcatholic.org

Dismissal from Away Sports Games/Matches/Scrimmages:

Parents are permitted to take their children home following Away Games/Matches/Scrimmages, so long as the Coach is presented with a written note saying they are taking their child. Students are not permitted to go with another student or sibling.

Sport Picture Schedule:

Gerard Photography is schedule to take pictures of the following sports over the next week. If your child is participating in one of these sports, please be sure to return the picture order form on the day of pictures. Order forms will be distributed on Friday, September 2nd. Any questions, please contact Mr. Solan at gerard@zoominternet.net

Golf: Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 8th during Golf

Volleyball: Wednesday, September 7th at 4pm in Geibel Catholic Gym

CYO Cross Country: Thursday, September 8th at 3:15 in the field behind school

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please see the following Cell phone/Electronic device policy and violation description from the 2022-2023 handbook:

Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school; however, cell phones should remain silent and out of view during class. Apart from academic purposes required by the teacher, cell phones are not permitted to be used during class. The school is not responsible for cell phone loss, damage, or misuse by another person using a cell phone without the owner's permission.

The use of any blue tooth device or headphones – including Air Pods – is allowable prior to morning prayer, at lunch, and upon dismissal. Use at any other time will be handled in the same manner as cell phone violations. Repeated violations of these policies may result in the loss of electronic privileges in the building.

Personal Electronic Devices Violations Consequences:

1. Warning to put away
2. Take electronic device to administration and student retrieve at the end of the day.
3. Take electronic device to administration. Parent must pick up from administration. Disciplinary action will be enforced.
4. Take electronic device to administration. Parent must pick up from administration and a meeting with administration will take place. Disciplinary action will be enforced.

Loss of privilege to possess personal electronic devices. Disciplinary action will be enforced.

In an emergency, parents should call the school office to contact their son or daughter. Please note that by attempting to contact your son/daughter on their cell phone, you are putting them in a position of violating the discipline code and they will have to face the necessary consequences.

Students who have their phones out during class, are using them to cheat, or are otherwise using phones in a manner contrary to academic integrity or the handbook guidelines will face appropriate disciplinary action. ALL final disciplinary interpretations and decisions are the prerogative of the Administration of Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Greensburg.

Mr. Fetter and Mrs. McWilliams gathered all students on the first day of school to discuss various policies, and the cell phone/electronic device policy was included in the discussion.

It is Geibel Catholic's desire to provide your student the best possible education. We are appreciative of your support.



On Monday, September 19, our diocese will be attending the 2nd annual PA March for Life in Harrisburg to take a public stand for life from conception to natural death. To make the march as accessible as possible, we shall be sending five buses with 14 different stops around the diocese. Hopefully this will make it available for anyone who wants to attend.

This year, the event takes on further meaning because of the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court case that puts the issue of abortion back into the hearts and minds of voters and elected officials. This makes our state march all the more relevant and necessary. I ask that you promote this march in your bulletins and by other means where able. For more details, see our diocesan pro-life webpage. <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ministries/Pages/Pro-Life-Ministry-and-Advocacy.aspx>

You are also welcome to join us yourselves for the march. Last year we had a marvelous event that included a rally, a march around the Capitol building, and an opportunity to meet with many of our local representatives at a reception in the Capitol. This year's trip will also include participation in Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, just two blocks away from the Capitol. Please contact Chrissy at 724-552-2581 or [ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cocerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to reserve a seat on one of our buses.

Buses and Stops

Bus 1: Christ the King Parish, Leechburg and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell.

Bus 2: Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City and St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon.

Bus 3: St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg and Holy Cross, Youngwood.

Bus 4: St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown, St. Rita Parish, Connellsville and St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant.

Bus 5: Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana and SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville.

God bless. Fr. Dan Carr; Director of Pro-Life Activities

GATOR WALK 2022

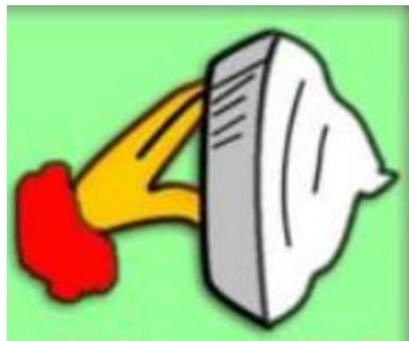
Friday, September 23rd

Picnic Lunch Served

The Kona Ice truck is coming ...



PIE THE PRINCIPAL!



The class whose students turn in all of their Gator Walk fliers first automatically gets to throw a pie at Mr. Fetter for free. One pie per student! The rest of the students will have the chance to purchase a pie to throw at Mr. Fetter at the following prices.

1 Pie = \$5

3 Pies= \$10

Sundae Toppings available to add to the pies for \$1 per topping!

The Math Lab is OPEN Providing Auxiliary Support Services

The Math Lab is a resource provided to Geibel Catholic Jr./Sr. high school students by Catapult Learning. The following services are funded through the federal EANS (Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools) program and allocated by the Intermediate Unit 1. The IU contracts with Catapult Learning to provide a certified teacher to the school for auxiliary instructional time, at no cost to the students.

Open Monday through Thursday, periods 2 – 9, the Math Lab, adjacent to the gymnasium in room 113, offers homework support, test preparation, and supplemental instruction in all areas of Mathematics from Prealgebra through Calculus. Assistance and resources are also available to prepare for SAT/ACT exams or other math placement tests. Students may come to the lab on their own volition from their study halls, or may be referred by their math teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator. Additional times can always be arranged upon request. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Audrey Bisignani, the math lab instructor, at asbisignani@geibelcatholic.org.



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Snacks available for sale in the Main Office:

This year, we have a little cart in the Main Office with snacks for purchase. If your child gets hungry, they are more than welcome. Items will be no more than \$2 and are cash only.

This appeared in the Daily Courier on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Geibel golfers seek growth

By JASON BLACK

Prior to the start of the high school golf season, Geibel had designs on fielding a boys team and a girls team. However, with relatively low numbers and an overall lack of experience on the girls side, the school combined the players into a co-ed squad that will compete as a boys team this year.

"We talked about consolidating our teams to be more competitive and we came up with a decision that we think is best for the players and the school," Geibel coach Brian Konieczny said.

Brian Konieczny noted that by consolidating the teams, it lifts the pressure off of some of the newer players, allowing them to just focus on developing their fundamentals and learning the game.

While the Gators will have a lot of players in the early stages of development, the team does have some highly competitive golfers as well.

Senior Evan Bower is at the top of the list. He will play out of the first position in the lineup.

"Evan is a very good player," Brian Konieczny said. "He played in a lot of tournaments over the summer and his game has gotten better."

Brian Konieczny noted that Bower's offseason play has allowed him to be more relaxed on the course, which should help him with his overall score.

Playing in the second position will be Claire Konieczny. The senior has qualified for the state tournament on the girls side several times, and she will be looking for



The senior members of the Geibel golf team are (from left) Chloe Pletcher, Claire Konieczny and Evan Bower.

another big season.

"She is looking forward to the competition," Brian Konieczny said of his daughter. "She is sad we don't have a girls team this year, but she is committed to playing (on the co-ed team) and I think she can make a difference."

Freshman Seth Dolan is making an impact right away. He has found himself in the Geibel starting five early on and will look to stay there throughout the season.

Freshmen Cru Kazmierczak and Aiden Holt are also playing in top five roles, as is junior Luke Shumar.

The Gators feature depth with a 12-player roster.

Also looking to make valuable contributions throughout the season will be sophomore Michael Miller and freshman Zander Zimmerman.

Senior Chloe Pletcher, sophomores Sarah Konieczny and Sophia Albert and freshman Olivia Pletcher are females that are a big part of the co-ed team who will be looking to make strides throughout the season.

The Gators are competing in Section 8 (2A) with Belle Vernon, Charleroi, Elizabeth Forward, Frazier, Uniontown and Yough.

Geibel will play its home matches at Pleasant Valley Golf Club.

Brian Konieczny, who will

be assisted by Nick Bell, will be working throughout the season to make sure his experienced players continue to compete a high level while his newer players develop their skills for future seasons.

"I'm looking forward to teaching the kids the game," Brian Konieczny said. "We want to be as competitive as possible and we want to build for next year."

Geibel's next match is a section match on Tuesday against Frazier at Linden Hall.

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