

**"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
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)

Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to “compete well for the faith.” These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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 23rd– Gator Walk– All mailers must be turned in to participate

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

September 28th– No School

September 29th– Spirit Wear Day

September 30th– 11th Grade Retreat

October 4th– Food donations for Fayette Friends of Animals

October 5th– All Schools Mass at Blessed Sacrament 10am

October 6th– Math Lab Closed

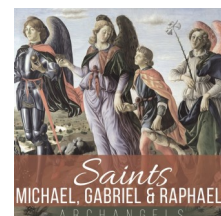
October 7th– School Closed/Faculty Retreat

Sports for the week of 9/25/22:

Girls Volleyball– Home versus California at 6pm

Girls Volleyball– at Avella 6pm

Prayer of the week: In honor of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael's feast day on Thursday, September 29; *Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*



Gator Walk: Mailers due by Friday, September 23rd

The Annual Gator Walk will be held on Friday, September 23rd. In order for students to be eligible to participate, they will need to turn in the 10 mailers that were sent home on Friday, September 2nd. All 10 mailers need to be addressed to someone that you think would help our school out by making a donation. Our overall school goal is \$12,000! The individual student goal is \$100 and if they reach it, they are given a week of dress down, October 24th thru October 28th. Thank you very much for your support of our school! **Donations needed for Gator Walk: We are in need of cases of water for Gator Walk. If you are able to assist us with this donation, please bring them to the Main Office by Friday, September 23rd. Thank you very much for all of your support!**

Tuesday 9/27 - Back-to-School Night - Open House 6:00p - 7:30p

We are looking forward to welcoming Geibel Catholic parents and students to our Back-to-School Night Open House which will be held this coming Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. You are welcome to stop by Geibel Catholic and make your way around the school to meet your child's teachers and see their classrooms. They will be happy to share information about the curriculum, expectations, or any other general information regarding the class.

Also, there will be an information session regarding FAFSA being held in the cafeteria from 6:00pm - 7:00pm (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form completed by current and prospective college students to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.) Additionally, you can stop by the gymnasium to cheer on our girls' volleyball team as they take on California in a match that starts at 6:00 pm! Go Gators!

We look forward to seeing you! (Please understand that due to the public nature of the Open House night, it is not a time to conference about your child. Conferences will be held in November or parents are welcome to set up a scheduled time with teachers between now and then to discuss any concerns.)

Wednesday 9/28 -

There will be **no school** for students on Wednesday, September 28 as all faculty and staff will be attending a CPR/AED training. The school will be closed for the day, including the offices. If you need to reach out to the school, please do so by email.

Thursday 9/29 - Geibel Catholic Spirit Wear Day -

All Geibel Catholic students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to take part in our first Geibel Catholic Spirit Wear Day of the year! Please find your favorite Geibel Catholic gear to wear with appropriate dress down bottoms for a no-cost day to promote school spirit!

Nothing that says "Geibel Catholic" on it? No worries! Find your favorite green shirt to get in the Gator Spirit! (Note: you must wear something that would indicate Gator spirit to be considered as appropriately participating.)

Friday 9/30 - Junior Class retreat -

Our Junior Class will kick off the series of upcoming class retreats for the year on Friday, September 30, when they will head to St. Vincent College to enjoy a day of spiritual renewal. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Yankovich 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!

Newsletter submissions due by Wednesday's at 12pm. Please send them into Mrs. Hernandez at cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org



Congratulations to Jeffery and Kaiden on their victory with Southmoreland, last Friday! Ms. Smith made sure to send them out right with munchies and hydration.

Go Gators Go!!



Congratulations to Mason Speeney who came in 4th and Kade Yoders who came in 6th, during CYO Cross Country on Sunday, September 18th. Geibel Catholic placed third overall! Go! Gators!



Submitted
The members of the girls All-FCCA team are (front, from left) Geibel's Claire Konieczny, Albert Gallatin's Mikayla Hammond and Connellsville's Gabby Miller; back row, Connellsville's Patton Uery, Frazier's Kacie Lombard and Connellsville's Elle Crislig.

Congratulations to Geibel Catholic's Claire Konieczny who won Fayette County Coach's Association (FCCA) championship title on Friday, September 16th, held at Duck Hollow Golf Club with a round of 78! Go Gators!



Thank you Mrs. Harner for the beautiful Gator Cup! It is a wonderful addition to our Gator Walk Festivities!



Be sure to check out Footloose at The Geyer Theatre, this weekend. Our very own Gracie Rodriguez will be starting in it! Go cheer her on!



WISHLIST

Pet Donation Drive:

St. Francis was known for his love of nature and animals. There are many stories about Saint Francis and his preaching to animals. It is said that one day he was talking to some birds when they began to sing together. Then they flew into the sky and formed the sign of a cross. In honor of his feast day on Tuesday, October 4th, we will be hosting a Pet Donation Drive from now until then.

We will provide all donations to Fayette Friends of Animals. They were kind enough to supply us with a list of items that they are either in need of or could utilize in their facilities.

Each class will have a box in the Main Lobby, in front of the trophy case, that will be labeled. The first class to fill their box, will receive a Ice Cream Sunday Social during Activity Period on Monday, October 17th.



MONETARY DONATIONS

Basic Supplies

bleach	brooms	copy paper (white)
Fabuloso cleaner (lemon scent only)	gloves	liquid laundry detergent
long handled brushes	mops	Odoban cleaner
Rescue cleaner	paper towels	plastic totes (large w/ lids)
squeegees (floor)	stamps	39 gallon trash bags

GIFT CARDS:

Gas cards Home Depot Lowes Tractor Supply Walmart



Pet items

fish oil

Friskies-canned cat food

Friskies-dry food

Pedigree canned dog food

Purina Pro Plan-shredded chicken & rice
no scent kitty litter (clumping)

Tractor Supply-horse bedding pellet cat litter-green bag

223 Searights Herbert Road
P.O. Box 1282, Uniontown, PA 15401

Phone: 724.245.7815

fayettefriendsofanimals.net

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Geibel Junior-Senior High School

2022 PSAT Exams Information Sheet

Location: Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Time: Testing will begin after morning prayer.

Registration: Bring payment of \$15 (cash and checks are acceptable-please make checks payable to Geibel Catholic) in an envelope to guidance by Tuesday, October 11, 2022. PLEASE, put your name and grade on the envelope.

-STUDENT GUIDE FOR PSAT 8/9: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-8-9-student-guide.pdf>

-STUDENT GUIDE FOR PSAT NMSQT: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf>

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

Two #2 pencils-NO mechanical pencils are allowed!!
Acceptable Calculator (see page 36 of Student Guide) <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests/test-day-checklist/approved-calculators>

WHY TAKE THE TEST?

Get feedback on your academic skills
Learn what skills you need to work on before you take the SAT
Practice for the SAT-through Khan Academy
Enter scholarship competitions NMSQT (Juniors)

RESULTS:

You will receive your scores online in December.
Access to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn what your scores mean.

THINGS TO KNOW PRIOR TO TEST DAY:

Test Format: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing-has two sections: Reading Test is 60 minutes, and the Writing and Language Test is 35 minutes. Math no-calculator portion is 25 minutes and calculator portion is 45 minutes.

You do not lose points if you omit a question; and you no longer lose points for incorrect answers.

Questions in each section become increasingly more difficult.

Get a good night's sleep before the test and eat a nutritious breakfast!