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Geibel Catholic's Mission

The mission of Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School is to achieve and sustain excellence in faith formation, academics and service.

GEIBEL CATHOLIC CALENDAR

[HTTP://GEIBELCATHOLIC.WPENGINE.COM
/SCHOOL-CALENDAR/?MCAT=7](http://geibeltatholic.wpengine.com/school-calendar/?MCAT=7)

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

[HTTPS://WWW.GEIBELCATHOLIC.ORG/
LISTS/ATHLETICCALENDAR/
CALENDAR.ASPX](https://www.geibeltatholic.org/lists/athleticcalendar/calendar.aspx)



“THE HIGHER WE GO,
THE MORE WE CAN HEAR THE VOICE
OF CHRIST”
– BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

We would like to welcome new and returning Geibel Catholic families to the 2023-2024 school year. It's hard to believe the new school year is fast approaching and before we know it, the students will be filling the classrooms and halls with their presence once again. In anticipation of the new year and to ensure that our families are able to prepare, we are sending out this special edition newsletter, with hopefully all of your beginning of the year questions answered. Of course, if you should want to know something not covered in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Main Office by phone, 724-628-5600, or email, cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org

Financial Aid:

FACTS forms should be completed as soon as possible. If you need assistance or have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Zylka at tzylka@geibelcatholic.org

School/Classroom Supply Donations:

At Geibel Catholic, we are very grateful for our teachers who give so much. Often times, family members will ask what they can do for our teachers in return. We have asked them, and what they would like most are items that will help to facilitate safety and learning (especially in Science labs) for their students in the classrooms!

If you are out shopping and come across the following items, please put them in a bag labeled Supply Donations and drop them off in the Main Office. Your support of Geibel Catholic is greatly appreciated!

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| Kleenex | Lysol Wipes | Popsicle Sticks |
| Glue Sticks | Play Dough | Jolly Ranchers |
| Sprinkles | Corn syrup | Aluminum foil |
| Canned icing | Vegetable oil | Dawn Dish Soap |
| Paper towels | Food coloring | Newspapers |
| Dry Erase Markers | Plastic Baggies- quart & gallon | |
| Tape- Duct, masking, & clear | Old Towels/Rags | |

First Days of School:

Wednesday, August 23rd - Only Grades 7 - 8 - 9 will report to school for a full day of instruction

Thursday, August 24th - Only Grade 10 - 11 - 12 will report to school for a full day of instruction

Friday, August 25th - All students in grades 7 through 12 will report to school for a full day of instruction (and School Pictures- Formal Wear Day)

Picture Day- Friday, August 25th:

Picture day is Friday, August 25th (the third day of school). This is a "Formal Wear" day which means all students should wear a button-down oxford style shirt and boys should also wear school approved neckties. This will also be the last opportunity for Seniors to have their Senior Pictures taken for the yearbook. Be sure to bring your smile!

Students' Class Schedules

Schedules will be released during the week of August 14th. New students may pick up their schedules during Back to School Information night, August Date TBD. If you have any questions or would prefer to have it emailed to you, please contact Ms. Smith at jlsmith@geibelcatholic.org

Sports Registration & Physicals:

All PIAA and CYO Registration and Physical forms for Fall Sports **MUST** be turned into the Main Office by **Monday, August 14th**. If they are not in, then your child will not be able to begin practices. The forms can be found at: <https://www.geibelcatholic.org/athletics-overview/>

FinalForms:

FinalForms is the platform that Geibel Catholic is continuing to use this school year for all of the beginning of the year forms that are typically sent home during the first week of school. This will also be the area in which you are able to update any general contact, medical, and emergency contact information. If you are a new family to Geibel Catholic, please go in and register your child. There will be no paper forms sent home this year. If you need assistance with anything, please give us a call at the Main Office or email Mrs. Hernandez at cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org

FinalForms Link: If you are registering a new student be sure to click on "Login" and then select "Never logged in"; If you are a returning student's family and do not remember your password, click on "forgot password."

<https://dioceseofgreensburg-pa.finalforms.com/parents/login>

**FinalForms registration must be completed by
Friday, September 1st.**

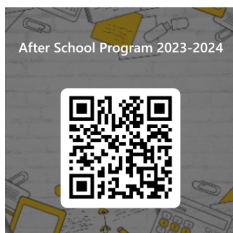


School Lunch:

Geibel Catholic school lunch is \$4.25/day. Students can reload their lunch accounts by dropping a check (made out to Geibel Catholic), money order, or cash in an envelope with their name and grade, in the Main Office. A la carte items are available for purchase during lunch at an added cost to the daily lunch price.

Before and After School:

Geibel Catholic's school day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 2:27 pm. Students are able to enter the building as early as 7:00 am. No students should be dropped off prior to that time. All students that are staying after due to an activity or sport are asked to sign up in the Main Office in the morning with the name of the activity that they will be staying for. Students who neglect to sign up for afterschool will be dismissed at the end of the school day (2:27pm) using their usual method of transportation. Signing in online for the After School Program, can be found at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/FPy2fgPe1Q> or by scanning the QR Code



Parking Pass:

If your child is driving to school, the driving form on FinalForms must be filled out. The student needs to stop by the Main Office with their drivers license and payment in the first week of school to receive their parking pass.

Homerooms:

The morning routine will look differently this year:

- Students will report directly to the gymnasium upon initial arrival at school (by 7:30am)
- A bell will ring at 7:33am to dismiss students to their assigned homerooms.
- A bell will ring at 7:35am to indicate start of morning prayer and announcements as students are in their homerooms (will take back packs to homerooms)
- A bell will ring to indicate movement to first period classes at 7:40am (before first period, students will stop at locker to put backpacks in their lockers)

Late Work :

- Any work that is not turned in on time will be marked with a zero and "missing" in Power School
- Teachers will communicate their missing work/late work policies to the students for each class.

Back Packs/Book Bags

Students will be able to take their backpacks to homeroom in the morning and to the last period of the day but will be required to leave them in the locker for the rest of the day. This is a safety measure that will be enforced this year.

Activity Periods:

Activity periods will happen at the end of the day every Wednesday (when another activity, such as Mass or a ceremony, is not taking place on a Wednesday) throughout the school year starting in October.

College in High School (CHS) Classes

CHS classes are expected to be registered and paid for in accordance with the deadline of the partnering college. Failure to do so will result in the weight of the CHS course to go from a 5.0 credit course to a 4.0 credit course. Students will still be required to adhere to the expectations of the CHS course.

Cell Phones:

- Cell phones along with Air Pods will be required to be placed into cell phone boxes at the start of class.
- Should students need to use their cell phone in class for any reason, they must receive permission from the teacher.
- Students are permitted to use their own purchased cell phone box, but it must be placed on the desk in the classroom during class.
- Cell phones will be permitted to be used appropriately in the morning while in the gym before the homeroom bell and during lunch time.
- The full cell phone policy can be found in the handbook, which is currently being updated.

Hall Passes:

- Students may go to other teachers during study halls.
- The student must email both teachers (study hall and destination teachers) for permission. The destination teacher must email back before the student is granted permission from the study hall teacher to leave.
- Students may go to the Guidance Department or Administration during study halls but must also email for permission.
- Students must first check in with the next period teacher between classes before using the restroom or getting a snack in the office or will risk being marked late.

School Uniforms:

BOYS:

- Navy or Khaki pleated or flat front “**Docker’s Style**” slacks w/belt loops. Joggers and cargo pants are not an approved style of pants for school.
- Belt – leather, black, dark brown, or navy-blue belt (no designs) must be worn with slacks White or green knit polo shirt, short or long sleeve, with school monogram. Please note that shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- White or green oxford shirt, short or long sleeve, with school monogram. (Students MUST have an oxford shirt, as they are required for Liturgy and formal attire days.) Please note that shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Tie – A tie is REQUIRED for Liturgy and formal attire days.
- V-neck pullover or sweater vest, white or green, all with school monogram. Approved green quarter zip or fleece, both with school monogram may be worn. (Hoodies and sweatshirts are NOT permitted.)
- If undershirts are worn, they MUST be plain white
- Socks must be worn. Crew socks in a design of student choice. Socks must be appropriate and in compliance with the mission of the school. No show socks are not permitted.

Shoes must be traditional solid colored dress shoes in the following colors: black, brown, Navy blue, tan, white, gray. Loafers, boat shoes, and oxfords are permitted but must be of solid color. Shoes must be low heeled, closed toe with a closed back. Not permitted are shoes with patterns or designs, boots, flip flops, sandals, Crocs, or athletic shoes of any kind.

GIRLS:

- Navy/green plaid skirt or solid navy skirt. Skirts MUST be within three inches of the top of the knee and not rolled to alter length.
- Navy or Khaki “Docker’s Style” slacks w/belt loops. (Sweatpants, yoga pants, and leggings are not permitted.)
- Belt – leather, black, dark brown, or navy-blue belt (no designs) must be worn with slacks
- White or green knit polo shirt, short or long sleeve, with school monogram
- White or green oxford shirt, short or long sleeve, with school monogram. (Students MUST have an oxford shirt, as they are required for Liturgy and formal attire days.)
- V-neck cardigan, V-neck pull-on sweater (white or green), both with school monogram. Approved green quarter zip or fleece, both with school monogram may be worn.

(Hoodies and sweatshirts are NOT permitted)

- If undershirts are worn, they MUST be plain white.
- Socks must be worn. Knee socks or crew socks in a design of student choice. Socks must be appropriate and in compliance with the mission of the school. No show socks are not permitted.
- Tights (not pantyhose) in black, white, or navy are permitted. No patterns or designs.

Shoes must be traditional solid colored dress shoes in the following colors: black, brown, Navy blue, tan, white, gray. Loafers, boat shoes, and oxfords are permitted but must be of solid color. Shoes must be low heeled, closed toe with a CLOSED BACK. Not permitted are shoes with patterns or designs, boots, flip flops, sandals, slipper-style, Crocs, or athletic shoes (i.e., any shoes with laces that are supposed to tie) of any kind.

FORMAL UNIFORM:

BOYS: OXFORD SHIRT, KHAKI/NAVY BLUE SLACKS, BELT, TIE, GREEN/WHITE SWEATER/SWEATER VEST.

GIRLS: OXFORD SHIRT, PLAID SKIRT/KHAKI OR NAVY-BLUE SLACKS WITH BELT, GREEN/WHITE SWEATER/SWEATER VEST.

GROOMING:

BOYS:

Hair must be neat, clean, and moderate in length, not to exceed the bottom of the collar and out of the eyes. No extreme styles or unnatural colors. No hairstyles involving designs or architecture.

Facial Hair must be trimmed and neat.

Jewelry Piercing in ears only. No visible body piercings other than earrings. Chains and necklaces must be worn inside the shirt collar. No excessive jewelry.

Tattoos No visible tattoos are permitted. Students who have tattoos must have them covered at all times.

GIRLS:

Hair must be neat and clean. No extreme styles or unnatural colors. No hairstyles involving designs or architecture.

Make-up must be tasteful and appropriate.

Jewelry Piercing in ears only. No visible body piercings other than earrings. Chains and necklaces must be worn inside the shirt collar. No excessive jewelry.

Tattoos No visible tattoos are permitted. Students who have tattoos must have them covered at all times.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child(ren) leaves for school dressed in appropriate school attire.