Geibel Gator Newsletter

Issue #125

June 22, 2026

Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 2:00pm

Phone: 724-628-5600
Email: info@geibelcatholic.org

The School will be closed the week of June 29th.

Jump to the Sports Corner

Jump to Volunteering

Jump to Upcoming Events

Land's End Coupon

CALENDAR – Please find the tentative 2026-2027 school year calendar here.

Frequently Asked Questions for the Beginning of the Year Communications from the School:

First Day of School: When is the first day of school?

Geibel Catholic starts school with a staggered start date. This means that grades 7, 8, 9 begin on Wednesday, August 19th (while grades 10, 11, 12 will stay home). Grades 10, 11, 12 begin on Thursday, August 20th (while grades 7, 8, 9 will stay home). Doors to the school open at 7:00am & the first bell rings at 7:30am.

Dress attire for these days is the regular school uniform: Geibel Catholic Polo & uniform bottoms.

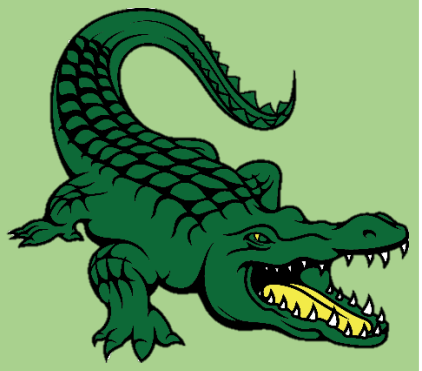
On Friday, August 21st, all students in grades 7 through 12 will be in attendance, and we will have our Back to School Mass. *Dress attire for Friday is Formal Wear (see below for information on formal wear).* There are no dress shorts permitted on Formal Wear Days.

Schedules: How will my student know what his/her class schedule will be?

Please be on the lookout for student schedule information by mid-August.

Picture Day: When is Picture Day?

Picture day for the 2026-2027 school year will be August 25th for grades 7-10, and August 26th for grades 11 & 12. Dress for grades 7-11 will be formal attire. Seniors – please look for an email from Mrs. Harner regarding the guidelines for your pictures.



Lunch

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Communication

Financial Aid

Forms

Lunch: How do we add lunch money onto our child's lunch account?

To add lunch money onto your child's lunch account, please send in a check, money order, or cash in an envelope labeled with their name & "lunch money." The student can then drop it off in the Main Office at the beginning of the day. If they forget to turn it in, they can always give it to Miss Lynda during lunch.

Bus Schedules: How do I find out my child's bus schedule?

Geibel Catholic will communicate with all bus companies the students who will need bus transportation. Please give them some patience as they work to map out the routes that their drivers will need to travel. If you do not hear from your bus company by Monday, August 17th, you can call your home public school district's transportation department. If you are a returning student and your method of transportation needs have changed or you have moved, please contact Geibel Catholic to let us know of the changes.

How do communications from the school go out?

Currently, Geibel Catholic utilizes SchoolMessenger to send all communications. These communications come in the form of emails, text messages, or phone calls. Emails come labeled from different sources, but one email address: noreply@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Please be sure to check your spam & ensure that you do not have the email address blocked. Text Messages come from "67587" Phone calls come from our main number: 724-628-5600. If for some reason you are not receiving emails, please contact Mrs. Lora Speeney – Lspeeney@geibelcatholic.org

Tuition Questions: Who do I talk to about Financial Aid & Billing Questions?

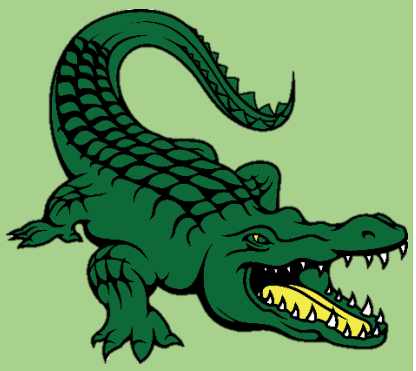
Mrs. Zylka is our Business Manager & handles all FACTS, Financial Aid, & billing questions. If you need help with any of those items, please email her at tzylka@geibelcatholic.org

You can also find your payment plan on https://online.factsmgt.com/signin.aspx

If you have any balance from the year prior, you will not see your new payment plan & will need to contact Mrs. Zylka.

Beginning of the Year Forms: When do we do all the beginning of the year forms to ensure that our information is up to date?

All beginning of year forms will be available in PowerSchool. When these are ready, we will alert you to log in for completion. If you have any questions, please contact Geibel Catholic's main office.



Boys Uniforms

Uniforms:

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School is committed to the affirmation of the self-worth of each person. We believe that the style of dress influences the students' self-concept, so a dress code has been instituted. Enrollment at Geibel Catholic signifies the intent of each student to abide by the standards set forth.

Required School Uniform Uniforms are an integral part of our culture at Geibel Catholic. All students are expected to take pride in their appearance and to dress and groom in a manner that will not disrupt the instructional climate. To maintain an orderly and safe environment, and to promote an appreciation of the importance of appropriate attire in the workplace, students are expected to dress according to the following guidelines.

The Geibel Catholic regulation uniform is as follows:

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. (Navy or Khaki shorts may be worn in warmer months as permitted by administration.)

• 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.

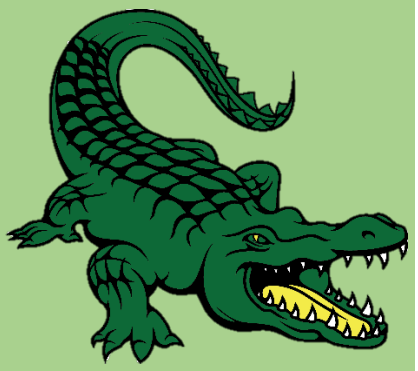
• Tie – A tie is REQUIRED for Liturgy and formal attire days.

• 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, close-toed with a closed back. *Not permitted are shoes with patterns or designs, boots, flip flops, sandals, Crocs, or athletic shoes* (i.e., any shoes with laces that are supposed to tie and have purpose of athletic activity) *of any kind*.



Girls Uniforms

Formal Uniforms

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.) (Navy or Khaki shorts may be worn in warmer months as permitted by administration.) ***Please note** that all girls should have one pair of school pants for days that pants are required.

• 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. Black, tight leggings are permitted underneath skirts.

• 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, close-toed with a closed back. *Not permitted are shoes with patterns or designs, boots, flip flops, sandals, Crocs, or athletic shoes* (i.e., any shoes with laces that are supposed to tie and have purpose of athletic activity) *of any kind*.

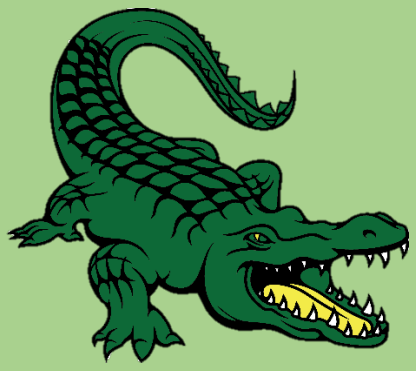
Formal Uniform:

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.

Link to Land's End Uniforms:

Lands' End: Geibel Catholic Preferred School Number: 900196882



Spirit Wear

After School

Absent/Tardy

Service Hours

Spirit Wear: What are Spirit Wear Days & how can we get Spirit Wear?

Spirit Wear days happen periodically throughout the school year & allow the students to dress comfortably (within dress code) while showing their school spirit. They are welcome to wear clothing that represents Geibel Catholic (wording or design) or by wearing green. Students are also allowed to wear their regular uniform, if that is how they feel the most comfortable.

We do have some attire in the Main Office for purchase. We accept cash or check. You may also find pieces at Martin's Grocery Store.

After-school: Can my child stay after dismissal?

Our after-school is for students who are staying for school-related activities that have a start time between 2:30pm-4:30pm. (It is not after-school day care.) If your child's school activity starts after 4:30pm, please bring him/her back at the time of practice/the event, as there is no adult supervision after 4:30pm. Students must indicate if they are going to Dairy Queen after school & must be back at school by 3:15pm. All students must sign up daily to stay after school.

Absent/Tardy: What do I do when my child is absent/tardy?

We have an online absent/tardy form that you can use to notify the school of your child's absence/tardy. https://www.geibelcatholic.org/student-absences/

Please be sure to still refer the Student-Parent Handbook for all policies related to absences/tardies. Doctor's notes are required for any absence over three days that have not been previously submitted for vacation/administration approval.

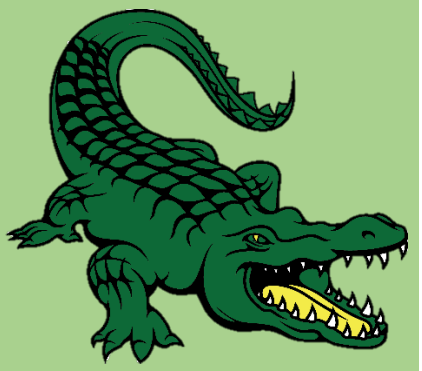
Service Hours: What are service hours & how do we submit them?

All students attending Geibel Catholic are required to perform a minimum of 24 service hours each school year. Service that is performed during the months of June 2026 - May 2027 counts towards the 26/27 school year. Students that are a part of NHS/NJHS are required to perform a minimum of 36 service hours each school year, starting the year after induction. This is all inclusive of, not in addition to, the required service hours for Geibel Catholic. Service hours opportunities are available throughout the school year and are communicated by email, newsletter, and announcements at school. Ms. Smith sends out opportunities to the students as well. We strongly recommend working on your service hours during the summer, as there are more opportunities. This year, all student service hours can be recorded by using the hard copy form, which will be collected by the religion teacher towards the end of each grading period. To access the form and further information, please use this link:

Service Hours Log for 2026-27

Please keep a copy of service hours for your personal record, as well.

Go to the Volunteer Page



Dress Down Days

Raise Right

School Supplies

Sacramental Prep

Dress Down Days: When do Dress Down Days happen & how does my child participate in them?

Dress Down Days typically happen once a month. Students are also allowed to wear their regular uniform, if that is how they feel the most comfortable. The cost of dressing down is $3 per day or a one-payment bundle of $25 for the entire year that is collected on the first dress down day. The bundle package will cover a majority of the DDD. The only exceptions to the bundle package are when we hold donation DDDs for different charities or collections. Dress down days are announced in school & shared in the newsletter. We ask that you ensure that your child adheres to the dress code or they will run the risk of losing their dress down privileges.

Programs to help with tuition cost: Does the school participate in any programs to help cut the cost of tuition, besides financial aid & scholarships?

Geibel Catholic participates in the Scrip program, which helps the school & your tuition! Any gift cards that are purchased through this program will earn tuition credit towards the following school year's tuition, unless the student is a senior. If you'd like to participate in the program, you download the RaiseRight App & use the following enrollment code: **LB2E4BF3426L**

School Supplies: What does my child need for school supplies?

Our suggestion is to have your child come to school with a notebook, folder, & pen/pencil for the first days of school. Teachers will distribute lists when the students arrive & review their class syllabus.

Sacramental Preparation Meetings

All rising 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th graders should be registered. Parents must attend ONE Parent Meeting to register their child. All meetings are in the church hall.

8/1/26 – 6:30pm – St. Rita – Confirmation

8/2/26 – 12:30pm - St. Aloysius – First Confession/Communion

8/5/26 – 6:30pm – St. John the Baptist – Confirmation

8/8/26 – 6:30pm – Visitation – Confirmation

8/16/26 – 12:30pm – St. Pius – First Confession/Communion

8/26/26 – 6:30pm – St. Joseph – First Confession/Communion

Get Service Hours this summer!

Students: Share your love of being a Gator with others by volunteering some time at our booth during the St. Rita Festival. July 9-11 from 5-10pm. One or two hour slots are available. Sign up HERE or call Mrs. Speeney in the office.

Are you an alter server, cross bearer, lector, cantor or Eucharistic Minister?

Did you volunteer at a church event like a pancake breakfast?

Was there another opportunity that you found to give back to the community?

Track all your hours and get a jump on the new school year!

Additional opportunities will be posted when available.

Service Hours Log for 2026-27

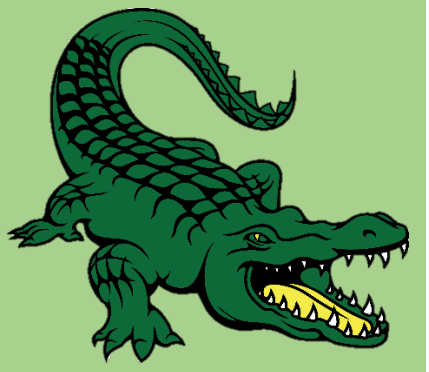
Parents: We Can't Do It Without You!!

Looking ahead to 2026-2027, we are in need of coaches for Fall, Winter, and Spring sports in order to continue and grow our athletic offerings.

Also, we need parents with clearances to help with admissions and concessions throughout the year. It is most beneficial to be available to help with sporting events your student IS NOT participating in so that you don't miss a play when they're on the court or field!

All required clearances are to be turned into Mrs. Zylka. If you need to complete your clearances, please visit this link: Volunteer Clearances

We will be holding a Clearance Clinic one evening this summer. Stay tuned for more details!



Congratulations to our 4th Quarter Honor Roll Students

12th Grade:

Highest Honors: Katelyn Bennett, Marcus Cooper, Makel Darnell, Isabella DiCenzo, Seth Dolan, Elianna Gadd, Luke Kalivoda, Amber Karas, Cru Kazmierczak, Emma Larkin, Sarah Shumar, Anthony Startare, Mazzy Tomallo, Madison Waggett

High Honors: Aiden Holt, Carrie Jones, Olivia Pletcher, Caleb Wells Koury

Honors: Jenna Buchheit, Daniel Ernette, Zachary Zavatchan, Zander Zimmermann

11th Grade:

Highest Honors: Asher Blereau, John Hess, Troy Hoffer, AnnaBelle Kelly, Riley Knizner, Ambrose Myers-Green, Lexus Novotny, Claire Schuerholz, Mason Speeney, Eric Thompson, Khalia Zylka.

Honors: Samantha Carl, Rosalie Cromwell

10th Grade:

Highest Honors: Mallory Clemmer, AryAnna Kelly, Angela Li, Gabriella Lopresti, Matilda Stacoviak, Natalia Startare, Eahn Stevenson, Dahlila Wells Koury, Kade Yoders, Julian Zimmerman

High Honors: Marissa Blanda, Austin DiCenzo

Honors: Jacob Geyer, Nolace Petrosky, Lily Tonini

9th Grade:

Highest Honors: Nora Al-Fakih, Michaela Buchheit, Paige Dolan, Willow Lisac, Brennan Martin, Ashleigh Permuka, Eli Rittenhouse, Mia Speeney, Khredance Zylka

High Honors: Addysen Check, Zane Hixson, Ava Lohr, Michael Novotny III, James Patterson

Honors: Alexa Morgan

8th Grade:

Highest Honors: Tristan Brown, Addison Casini, Neville Petrosky, Alice Popovich, Conel Stevenson

High Honors: Zavier Bechtold, Colten Bell, Cooper Bower

Honors: Cullette Gross, Connor Knizner, Corinne Martin

7th Grade:

Highest Honors: Noel Sampey, Travis Snyder

Honors: Madison Rusko, Scout Witt

GEIBEL SPORTS CORNER

All participants are required to have a physical on file BEFORE the first official practice. 7th & 8th grade 9th – 12th grade Packets are available in the office as well.

Boys Basketball is holding open gym time over the summer. Look for them on Game Changer or scan this QR code to join!
(Geibel Catholic Varsity Gators Winter 2026-2027)

Varsity Volleyball is holding open gym time Mondays and Thursdays from 11am-1pm. Contact Coach Kennedi on GroupMe.

Lady Gators Basketball will begin open gyms and weight room time soon. Email Coach Larkin if you are interested!

2026
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BOYS AND GIRLS
K-8TH GRADE
BASKETBALL
CLINIC
JULY 13-14
GRADES K-5TH
JULY 15-16
GRADES 6TH-8TH
5:00PM - 7:00PM
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SARA LARKIN @ 724-570-2331
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Upcoming Events

Alex G. McKenna School of
Business, Economics, and Government

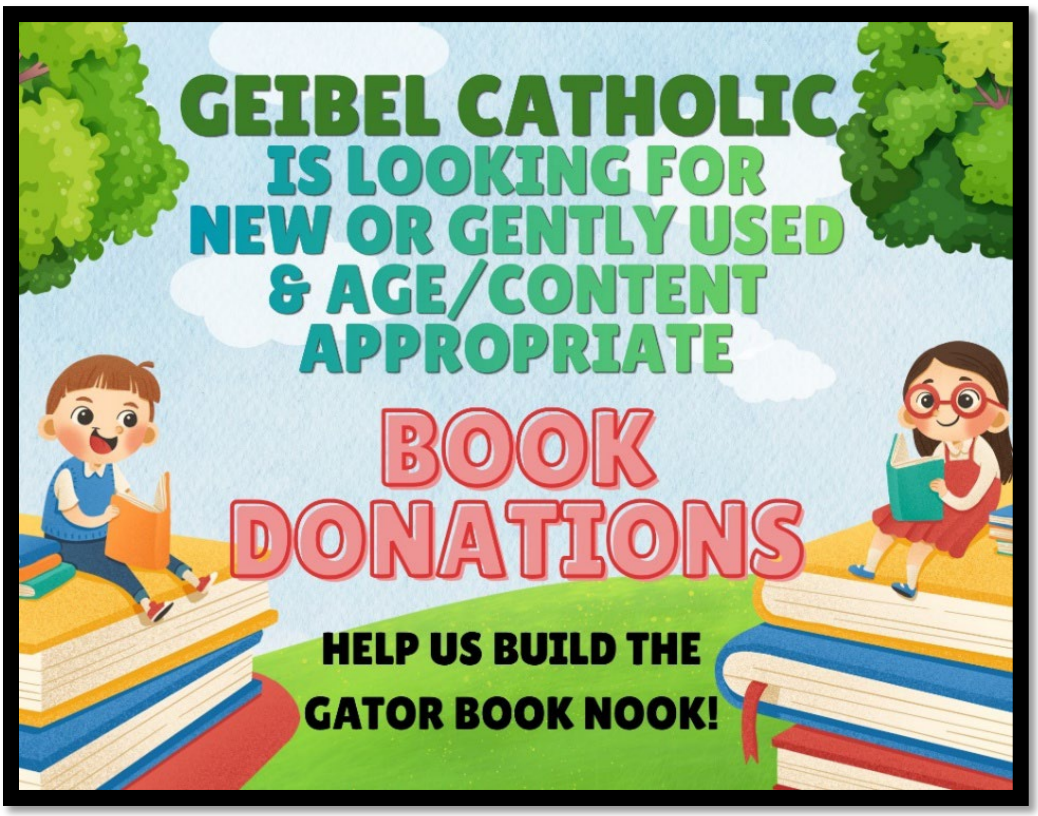
Saint Vincent College

SAVE THE DATE

Friday
November 6th
2026

4th Annual Leadership Day for High School Students

Formal invitations and registration instructions will be sent in the Fall
To update your school's contact person, please reach out to caitlin.michael@stvincent.edu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