2-4-6-8...Who do we appreciate!

Our Illinois State Scholars!

Gibault is proud to announce the seniors who have been recognized as 2016-17 Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement: **Jeff DeMond** (Red Bud), **Ashley Grohmann** (Hecker), **Laura Kimlinger** (Columbia), **Abby Mueller** (Waterloo), **Maddie O’Neill** (Smithton), **Lauren Schmidt** (Columbia), **Monica Shuler** (Columbia), and **Veronica Southworth** (Waterloo). Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors, representing 652 high schools across the state.

“It is always an honor to announce another extraordinary group of state scholars,” said Eric Zarnikow, ISAC executive director. “At a time when postsecondary education could not be more important to future job and career success, these students have demonstrated the kind of effort and dedication that will help them advance not only their futures, but the future of the state as well. We wish each of them the best as they pursue their chosen educational path.”

Gibault students continue to outperform the state (ACT score of 20.7) and the national (ACT score of 20.9) averages. The composite school average is 24.8 and the average of the our Gibault state scholars is 30.5.

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Message from the Principal

“We’ve come a long way, baby!”

Remember when “cloud” just meant a white or gray mass in the sky ... and tweet was the sound a bird made...
and when did the number sign become #hashtag?

How about when a notebook was just a writing tablet. Now a notebook and a tablet mean a small laptop—which is a foreign term 50 years ago... Why do I bring this up?

April 20th marks the 50th anniversary of the ground breaking for Gibault High School. There have been a lot of changes since 1966. Just think back to those days - Father Hustedde had a dream and with community leadership, was able to make a reality. It was a progressive vision and we continue that with our forward-thinking approach with e-learning. We are leaders in technology in the classroom by offering online courses through Illinois Virtual School and having developed our own online courses. We have helped schools in St. Louis start their e-learning programs. Because of this technology, there are no snow days at Gibault. It’s not just that we don’t have snow days, it still goes back to time management and preparing our students for college. The modular schedule continues to work well with new technology, giving students the opportunity to explore additional educational avenues, such as courses in Mandarin, Oceanography, International business, etc.

The flexible schedule also allows students to participate in the new CEO entrepreneurship program offered to Monroe County students. Five students will be getting hands-on experience in the workplace while still completing their senior courses. The local business community partners with area schools to create project based experiences for students by providing funding, expertise, meeting space, business tours and one-on-one mentoring. Business concepts learned through the experiential CEO class are critical; the 21st century skills of problem solving, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, higher order thinking, communication and inquiry are at the heart of student development throughout the course.

I am so passionate about the direction in which we are moving and all the campus upgrades. I encourage those alums who have been gone awhile to come back and see your high school now. I am sure that you will be amazed. I also ask for your help in moving forward another 50 years! Join me this year for our first ever scholarship dinner (see next page for details) and for all of the events we have planned for the next year.

Thanks to all who care so much about Gibault! God bless!
50th Anniversary Events ~ mark you calendars.

The anniversary committee has been hard at work coming up with some events to bring our alumni back to campus. This will give you a chance to see what’s been happening since graduation. A lot has happened whether it be from 30 years ago or just 5 years ago. Gibault is kicking off the anniversary celebration this spring.

Some events already on the calendar:
- Scholarship dinner ~ April 22, 2016
- Graduation ~ May 23, 2016
- Homecoming Parade ~ September 2016
- Athlete Recognition at Basketball Games
- Gala Reunion ~ March 4, 2017

You are cordially invited to

Scholarship Dinner
celebrating 50 years of Gibault Catholic Education

Friday, April 22, 2016
Gallagher’s Restaurant
gathering at 6:30 pm
dinner at 7 pm

Please RSVP  Seating is limited
By April 8 $100 per person
To: Sev Kovarik Cash Bar
618.939.3883

Sports Legends of the Game:
Did you play sports at SPPHS / GHS / GCHS? Then join us for half-time activities during the 2016-2017 basketball season. At each game we will honor a different generation of athletes.

- The Early Years: December
- The 70’s: December
- The 80’s: January
- The 90’s: January
- The 00’s: January
- State Appearance Teams: January
- all Cheerleaders: February

See the fall newsletter for updates on game dates and times.

Gala Reunion: March 4, 2017
All alumni from Sts. Peter & Paul High School through Gibault Catholic High School Class of 2016 are invited for an all-decades reunion! Catch up with classmates, take a campus tour and tell stories from the past. We will gather in the gym and also have break-out rooms by decades throughout the school. More information will be mailed to all alumni. Please make sure that your address is up-to-date. Email sev@gibaultonline.com.
As we celebrate 50 years, let’s take time to reminisce with some old sports photos. For the next newsletter, we will include photos from extracurricular events over the years. If you have some old photos that you would like to share, please email sev@gibaultonline.com.
Senior Spotlight

Some Gibault seniors have been making the news!

Gibault All-State Chorus Member: **Abby Mueller** performed with the All-State Chorus at Peoria Civic Center’s Carver Arena on January 30. In preparation for the concert, Abby attended 2.5 days of rehearsal sessions at the 2016 Illinois Music Education Conference. She was selected for All-State Chorus along with other juniors and seniors throughout Illinois based upon a rigorous audition process in the fall.

**Lauren Goldschmidt** is playing volleyball at Rockhurst University next year. Area coaches voted Goldschmidt the Belleville News-Democrat Small-School (Class 1A-2A) Volleyball Player of the Year for the second year in a row. A four-year starter, Goldschmidt leaves Gibault as the school’s all-time kills leader with 1,072. She also compiled 1,011 digs, 96 service aces and 73 blocks.

**John Harbaugh** joins a select group of Gibault bowlers who have advanced to the IHSA state finals. John bowled a 6-game score of 1,350 in the Sectional round to advance to the IHSA State Tournament.

Other state qualifying bowlers include **Matt Kaestner** - 2000 Champion, **Matt Hudzick** - 2003 Champion, **Cliff Hayden** - ’05 - ’06, **Dan Monterusso** - ’05, **Adam Fournie** - ’06, **Lauren Wills** - ’02.

**Abby Hasenstab** signed a letter of intent to play soccer with the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO. Abby scored 13 goals with eight assists for the Hawks last season, including three gram-winning goals.

**Jessica Wittenauer & Brian Deterding** performed in the Catholic Schools’ Week Talent Show. Jess performed an original song titled “Best Days” and Brian played “Through the Fire and Flames” on the keyboard to close out the show.

Recently, Morgan Wiegand won Best of Show for her close-up of a flower.

There were 281 entries.
For the past several years, students from Gibault have been embarking on a long journey to Washington DC to participate in the March For Life. This year, with extreme winter conditions on the east coast, the annual trip was cancelled. Although the students were devastated, they made the best of the situation and found opportunities in our community to “speak for those who cannot speak for themselves”. (Proverbs 31:8). Gibault mom and group leader, Barb Reinholz, who has chaperoned the trip for six years, organized a two-day event for Gibault and Waterloo High School students.

The group planned local events to honor and protect the precious gift that God has given us. They started the day visiting Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, and laid the wreath that was intended for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at the flag circle. Then they visited the Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks which was not part of the original itinerary but that all found very fascinating. From there, they toured the Holocaust Museum where the presenter was the daughter of a holocaust survivor. She had a wonderful message to share that we should “not be silent”. The group ended the day praying the rosary with over 50 people in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic and released yellow balloons with the word LIFE written on them.

On Saturday, they continued their “pilgrimage” with a prayerful gathering at Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City. This was a very real experience for all as everyone new what was happening inside those walls. A life-changing experience...an experience we plan to do again. The students then joined over 1000 area students and chaperones who had missed the opportunity to attend the March for Life in Washington. They met at the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica for speakers, music, rosary and a Pro Life March and Mass in the afternoon.

As Barb said, “we believe our presence was felt locally and feel God had a reason for us to be here instead of our nation’s capitol. We are constantly challenged to protect the rights of the unborn not only in our country but in our own community.
Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Proverbs 31:8

Pro-life: A call to action for the protection of life at every stage.
## Graduate Destinations

### Ball State University
- Veronica Becherer

### Bradley University
- Sam Range

### Coe College
- Julianna Hollman

### Culver Stockton
- Kelly Fletcher

### Eastern Illinois University
- Julianna Hollman

### John Paul the Great College
- Matthew Grimm

### Martin Methodist College
- Phillip Poston

### Maryville University
- Claire Mueth

### McKendree University
- Kenzi Redohl

### Meramec Comm. College
- Matt Schwalbert

### Mississippi State University
- Dylan McCoy

### Missouri State University
- Elizabeth Kuerz
- Rachel Kuerz
- Zach Rueter
- Millie Wolz

### Missouri University of Science & Technology
- Austin Doerr
- Andrew Crits
- Danielle Poepper
- Devin Vonderheide

### Murray State University
- Megan Branz
- Hannah O’Neill

### Northland College
- Haley Perkins

### Purdue University
- Matthew Grimm

### Quincy University
- Chandler Purcell

### Rockhurst University
- Andrew Reinholz

### Saint Louis University
- Emily Mueth
-Paige Wriston

### Southeast Missouri State University
- Emma Burns
- Cierra Colbert
- Ethan Shields

### SIU – Carbondale
- Mark Young

### SIU – Edwardsville
- Courtney Feeney
- Abby Halofis
- Emily McNally
- Talia Toal
- Rachel Warden
- Victoria Younge

### Southwest Illinois College
- Jack Augustine
- Mateo Carpio-Alcundia
- Kyle Hannon
- Sean Kenney
- Veronica Kueker
- Alicia Raisch
- Alec Skaer
- Dylan Stoverink

### Truman State University
- Olivia Clements
- Jacob Hempen
- Sydney Herrmann

### University of Cent. Florida
- Yuetong Zhang

### University of Evansville
- Sarah Kuester

### University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
- Jacob Bircher
- Sam Constantine
- Riley Garner

### University of Iowa
- Cambridge Liu

### University of Missouri
- Megan Huether
- John Lebert

### University of Tampa
- Abigail Busk

*Illinois State Scholars represent 22.4% of the class of 2015.*
SAVE THE DATE
Friday, June 24
Gibault Summer Golf Classic

~4 Person Team
~Games
~Sponsorships &
Program Ad Opportunities

For more information, please contact the Golf Committee at gibault@gibaultonline.com

The Gibault Men’s’ Club is sponsoring Glo Bingo on March 18th in the gym.

The Gibault Women’s Club Annual Rummage Sale is April 16th in the auditorium.

The Gibault National Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive on March 31st in the auditorium.
The grapevine.

Baby News:
Jim Thomas ‘02, and his wife Leslie and big sister Molly welcomed Natalie Anne on Dec. 16, 2015.
Kyle ‘05 and Chelsey Toal Herrmann ’05 welcomed a son, Bauer Reid, on Jan. 5.
Jamie Posey Rivera ‘02 & husband Manny & brother Xavier welcomed Ariana Raquel on Jan. 9.
Tara Kennedy ‘10 welcomed daughter Maria in November 2015.

Engagements:
Adam Reinhold ‘05 & Caitlyn Hines are planning a July 2016 wedding.
Stephen Tepen ‘04 & Elizabeth Wilcox will tie the knot June 18, 2016.
Jon Kovarik ‘08 & Dana Schlemmer are planning a March 25, 2017 wedding.
Josh Hurst ‘08 & Samantha Nauman ‘09 will be united in marriage on June 25, 2016.

Engagements - continued:
Katie Neff ’06 & Eric Bolen are planning a spring 2017 wedding.
Tony Mantia ‘10 & fiance Ashlyn Brammeier are planning a May 2017 wedding.
Julia Yates ‘11 and Tyler Horn were recently engaged.
Chelci Beckerle ‘10 & Nathan Kremmel ‘10 will be married June 25, 2016.

Weddings
Brittany Davis ‘10 & Andrew Phillips ‘10 were married Oct. 10.
Brad Nobbe ‘04 & Jennifer Large were married on Nov. 14.
Bethany Kipping ‘03 married Alaa Feldman on Dec. 21.
Christine Valentine ‘03 & Doug Rogers were married Sept 26.

News:
Laura Doyle ’04 joined Yerra Solutions Limited in July 2015 as their Global Head of Legal Procurement. Yerra Solutions is a company headquartered in the North East of England that specializes in helping corporate legal departments optimize their operations and manage their external legal spend.

News - continued:
Kate Ramlose ’08, is an associate at McAndrews, Held & Malloy in Chicago. Her focus is on intellectual property litigation and transactions.
Immaculate Conception Pre-school teacher, Dani Merz ‘11 is opening her own dance academy, At the Barre, on Main Street in Columbia, IL.
John Osterhage ‘05 started his third tour ~ this time he is in Kuwait. John works in the Civil Design section for the US Army Corps of Engineers.
Skyler Milton ‘15 who is studying biology at St. Louis University made the cheer team. Go Billikens!
Blake Braun ‘14 is studying abroad in Spain in his sophomore semester at SLU. He is the official student blogger.
Chris Benyo ‘83 kicked-off Catholic Schools Week with an amazing story of love and faith. His wife has ALS and they have been participating in marathons together. They are preparing for the 2016 Boston Marathon. Check out their story on youtube.
Class Notes

2016 Sports Hall of Fame Induction
Joe Benyo & Emily Morris

On February 9, Joe Benyo ‘78 (tennis) and Emily Morris ‘10 (softball) were inducted into the Gibault Hall of Fame. Here are some highlights of their records.

Joe was a member of the Inaugural Tennis Team; He played #1 Singles player all 4 years. He was named Belleville New Democrat 1st team for 3 years. He competed in the State Tennis Tournament during his Senior Season and this was in the era when tennis was only one class. His Gibault career record was: 63 -17. Joe played collegiately at Eastern Illinois University for 2 years. During his freshmen year he finished 2nd in Mid-Continent Conference Tennis Tournament.

During her high school career, Emily pitched 387 innings and had an ERA of 2.02. She finished 20-5 her senior season; She had a .310 career batting average (with 66 singles; 19 doubles; 9 triples; 4 HR ; 47 RBI). The team had 3 regional championships and Emily was named Team MVP 2010. At the University of Evansville, Emily pitched 186 innings; had 101 strikeouts with 70 career pitching appearances. Her career batting average was .315 ; and in her junior year she led the team in batting average with a .429 average. Emily was an All-America Scholar Athlete, on the Dean’s List and graduated Summa Cum Laude.


During Catholic Schools’ Week, the Gibault Band visited St. John Catholic Grade School in Red Bud. We had one SJB alum in the band, and 4 GCHS alums on staff: Morgan Lowry Mueth, Rhonda Buettner Niemeyer, and Kathy McCarty Barbeau.
Address Service Requested
Parents: If your son or daughter has moved, please forward their new address to the Development Office.
sev@gibaultonline.com.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Musical ~ Beauty & The Beast ~ April 14-17, 2016
Graduation ~ May 23, 2016
Golf Tournament ~ June 24, 2016
Oktoberfest Auction ~ October 22, 2016