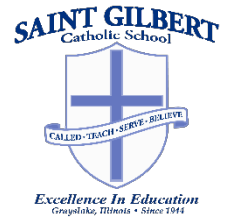


October 30, 2025
Thursday Tidbits



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The countdown is on to Halloween! The younger students tell me daily how many more days until one of their favorite holidays :) We are looking forward to their first classroom parties, and grades PK-5 will be able to wear their costumes on Friday. Please be aware that we do not allow excessive make-up, permanently dyed hair, hoods that cover the entire head/face making it difficult to see in the building, no fake weapons (i.e. guns, swords) as part of a costume worn to school. I will allow wigs, hats, simple makeup (i.e. cat whiskers, sports eye black, etc.) Please make sure that your child can get into/out of their costume for bathroom use. Grades 6-8 can wear costumes, but can also choose Halloween colors if they wish. Thank you for participating in all our Red Ribbon Week daily themes. We hope all the children stay drug free and live safe, healthy and happy lives!

I hope your Halloween is filled with many treats!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/31 - Halloween! Parties & dress up!

Wednesday 11/5 - Mass returns to 8:00, visitors screened/parents check in at Door #1 of school.

Friday 11/7 - No School (Professional Development Teachers)

2nd Trimester Milk Order Form

*Thank you to the following families for their donations to the REBEL Way Prize Cart: Miglore, Mach, and Kadell

Fliers:

Christmas Craft Club - 1st & 2nd , payment link: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/618b21d5-4c7b-4894-8b21-9e8b6ba74b78>

Woodlands Sacred Heart Scholastic Bowl

School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger, our school uniform provider, is having a three-day promotion/sale later this week, and it offers one of their steepest discounts of the year. Now is the time to pick up that one uniform item your student may still need for the year.

The promo code will be HLWN2531EM for 31% off all uniforms sitewide (no minimum order value needed). Please note that that promo code will ONLY work during those three days - October 30 - November 1st.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteers Needed!

FSA Friendsgiving Meeting

October 23, 2025
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to see so many families attend our Harvest Fest event! We ended up being blessed with a temperate fall evening....thank you to all the families and groups who set-up trunks. I think it was the most creative group of trunks that I have seen yet! Congratulations to the Byrne Family for being voted as the best trunk by attendees! Congratulations to the Swindell family for being voted best "group costume." Next year we will have more categories according to age groups since I saw so many wonderful costumes on the students-they were very creative and festive!

I want to thank all the volunteers that helped to set up and tear down this event-it went very smoothly. A special thank you to our FSA team for all their hard work getting the event ready, with all the pieces that needed to be prepared and executed; Chloe Bustos, Amy Cervantes, Melissa Soehl, and Heidi Metz. Thank you to Gabi Brown for coordinating and organizing the trunks. Thank you to Aly Veras, our Board President for her support with sign ups and donations of more beer and ice as the event was going on! We never have enough ice for some reason! So many families sent in candy, water, pop, and adult beverages. We are grateful for your support and contributions to help make this event a successful fundraiser for FSA. Throughout the year the FSA holds many different types of community events, and at the end of the year they are able to give some funds to our Rebel Scholarship Fund which helps offset some of the parish costs for tuition discounts to families who qualify.

Enjoy the crisp fall days!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Please see the Thursday Tidbits email regarding upcoming drills.

Calendar Items:

Friday 10/24 - Fall Sports Pictures (Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer & Cross Country) @ 5:00 in the gym

Saturday 10/24 - Grayslake Business Trick or Treat (St. Gilbert School has a tent!)

Monday 10/27 - Start of Red Ribbon Week **Red Ribbon Week 2025**

Tuesday 10/28 - D127 ACT Testing at SGS for 8th graders 8:00-10:30, Restaurant Night Lou Malnati's **Lou Malnati's Restaurant Night** 4:00-10:00 Grayslake location only

Friday 10/31 - Halloween Parties at lunchtimes

SGS Sports Central:

The seasons of Cross Country, Boys Soccer & Girls Volleyball are coming to an end. Congratulations to the Boys Varsity CC Team for taking 1st place in conference, and the JV Boys CC took 3rd place.

8th Grade Girls Volleyball will play Monday night 10/27, 7:00 @ POP in their first game for the NICC Conference Tournament. Go support them, and cheer them on!

Upcoming Events/Fliers:

Christmas Bazaar Volunteers Needed!

Red Ribbon Week 2025

SGS Rocks presents: Rebel Bingo!

October 20, 2025

Red Ribbon Week 10/27-10/31

St. Gilbert Student Council presents: Red Ribbon Week

October 27-31

Red Ribbon Week 2025

October 16, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope to see many of you at Harvest Fest tomorrow evening. It looks like the weather will be warmer and hopefully there will not be any rain! This event is for our school community and runs from 4:00-7:00 pm. You can purchase tickets at the entry table. The children can wear their costumes, and go through the "trunk or treat" area (bring a bag or pumpkin to collect candy), we will have games in the gym, a bouncy obstacle course, food trucks, a bonfire w/smores, beer and wine tent for parents, and a DJ. This is not a drop off event, parents must be on site monitoring their children. Parking will be located in the East Lot, and along 120 due to the event being in the West Lot. If you purchased tickets in advance you will pick up an envelope with your family name on it at the entry table which is located by the entrance to the West Lot near the main entrance.

Our Restaurant Fundraisers will be starting up again, our first is a fan favorite; Lou Malnati's (Grayslake location only) on October 28th from 4:00-10:00. A percentage of sales will be returned to the school from all purchases. Please add this to your family calendar, and enjoy someone else preparing dinner for your family!

Enjoy the lovely fall weather!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/17 - Spirit Wear Day, PK Dad's Day 8:00-9:00, Harvest Fest 4:00-7:00 pm.

SGS Sports Central:

Congratulations to Hudson C. for qualifying for State in Cross Country!

Conference Tournament for Soccer & Girls Volleyball will be happening at various locations next week-good luck to all our sports teams!

Fall Sports Pictures (Soccer, Girls Volleyball & Cross Country) on Friday 10/24 starting at 5:00 pm.

Note: Registration is now closed for Boys and Girls Basketball, teams will be starting their seasons in November for the boys, and December for the girls.

Thank you to the following families for their donations to Harvest Fest; Krempsey, Kiszka, Ferrari, and Kinser.

October 9, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited to get to speak with you about the progress your child is making so far this school year, during our annual fall Conferences. I have been in all the classes a couple of times and I am impressed with the student's learning and focus.

I want to give you an update on Mr. Juan (our Maintenance Engineer): he is healing nicely, and will be returning to work very soon (with some restrictions). He was overwhelmed with all the cards, and well wishes from the students, parents, and faculty. He sends along his thanks, and has repeatedly stated how much he loves his job and the people of the St. Gilbert community. Please enjoy the long weekend with your families.

Happy Fall Ya'll!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

P.S. Thank you to the many families who have been donating items for Harvest Fest; Webber, May, Pernat, Esteban, Swindell, Gomez. I am sure I have missed people, but we thank you sincerely for helping us to make this event a success!

Calendar Reminders:

10/9 - 11:00 Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences until 8:00 pm

10/10 - No School, Morning Conferences

10/13 - No School, Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day

10/14 - Virtual Parent Meeting for those interested in the Musical (Grades 6-8) 7:00 pm

10/16 - School Picture Retakes starting at 7:30 am

10/17 - PK Dad's Day 8:00-9:00 am, Spirit Wear, Harvest Fest 4:00-7:00 pm

SGS Sports Central:

5th-6th Grade Girls Volleyball-POP Tournament **10/9-10/11**

Cross Country Sectionals **10/11** @ Melas Park

Fliers:

Christmas Bazaar

Harvest Fest

SGS Musical: Virtual Parent Meeting

Youth Ministry Events

October 3, 2025

Harvest Fest

Hello SGS Families,

Harvest Fest is quickly approaching, and there are still opportunities to volunteer and sign up for Trunk or Treat! Don't forget to purchase your tickets using the link below.

This event has been a huge hit in the past, and we're thrilled to be bringing it back this year. Check out the attached flyer for more details. [Harvest Fest Details](#)

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

Trunk or Treat & Volunteer Sign Up [HERE](#)

October 3, 2025

School Directory

Our school directory is complete. Please see additional details in the Thursday Tidbit email. If you wish to receive a printed paper copy of the directory, please send in \$7.50 to the school office with an envelope labeled "school directory" and include your "student's family name".

October 2, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week we have Conferences for grades PK-8 and a half day of school on Thursday 10/9. As a reward for the student body for meeting their fundraising goal of \$50,000 we will be showing the movie "Halloween Town" in the gym Thursday morning. They will also get a treat from FSA to eat during the movie. For dismissal on our early release day 10/9 we will begin pulling cars into the lot at 10:30. We cannot handle everyone at once so please try to space out accordingly by last names; A-G (10:30), H-O (10:40), P-Z (10:50). Please note that 10/10 & 10/13 school is closed. The Aftercare Program is closed on Thursday 10/9 due to conferences.

Parent Teacher Conference Information:

- Parent Teacher Conferences are next Thursday, October 9th, from 12:30 - 8pm and Friday, October 10th from 7:30 - 9:30am
- Sign up closes this Sunday, 10/5/25 evening. Please make sure that you sign up before 8pm.
- Please only sign up with your student's homeroom teacher

Links for Virtual Conferences (If you have chosen Virtual and not In-Person) will be emailed early next week.

There is a Scholastic Bookfair that will be open next week Tues/Weds for classroom shopping during school hours, and it will also be open during the afternoon and night of Conferences on 10/9 for parent and student shopping. Store closes at 7:00 pm. The Bookfair will be located in the church narthex due to ongoing construction constraints. [Bookfair Virtual Wallet](#)

Every year our Student Council leads us in a social/emotional focus; bully prevention. We will recognize Bully Prevention day on October 7th [Details](#) students will be able to wear a blue shirt with uniform bottoms on that day. The Student Council will bring attention to this important topic in their daily announcements and by putting up student made posters around the building. As a faculty and staff we model kindness, helpfulness, and understanding on a daily basis. We expect our students to learn from their role models and spread happiness and joy, rather than fear and anxiety.

Let our actions show our love for each other!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/3 - Spirit Wear

Tuesday 10/7 - Bully Prevention Awareness Day

Wednesday 10/8 - 8th Grade Retreat w/all Vicariate 1 Catholic Schools at Carmel H.S. 8:00-2:00, class shopping at Scholastic Bookfair

Thursday 10/9 - All school reward movie day! Early release 11:00, Conferences grades PK-8 Noon-8:00 pm, Aftercare Program is closed!

Friday 10/10 - No School (morning conference schedule)

Monday 10/13 - No School

SGS Sports Central:

5th & 6th Grade Volleyball teams in tournament at POP **10/2-10/4**

10/4 - 5th GVB play @10:00 (POP)

10/6 - 7th & 8th GVB away @ POP

10/6 - Boys Soccer away @ LFCD

10/7 - 6th GVB away @ Westlake

Little Bits:

[Harvest Fest Details](#)

[Carmel Dance Team: Middle Schoolers](#)

Pet Blessing

October is Rosary Month

Carmel Girls Feeder Basketball Tryouts!

September 30, 2025

Annual Asbestos Parent Letter 2025-2026

Annual Asbestos Letter to Parents

[Annual Asbestos Parent Letter 2025-2026](#)

September 25, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Where did September go? In the life of a school it always surprises me how fast time seems to fly. We hope that your students have settled into their school routines.

We have completed their first iReady Diagnostic (grades K-8), and have started to analyze our data. For this first testing it gives us an idea of where students are for the grade they are starting. We use this information to plan Learning Resource supports for the younger grades, and to inform differentiated instruction that is needed in a classroom. I will be meeting with an iReady Specialist today to review our test results. Our concern/focus is on students scoring in the red area on either reading or math. We hope for a great percentage to be in the green, and even yellow, which lets us know they are poised to reach their growth goals as we teach them in the grade level curriculum every day.

A printed report for this testing will be sent home early next week. You can also ask your student to login to their iReady account and show you their results. You will receive an invitation to schedule your October Conference this week. You have the choice of an in-person or virtual conference to suit your schedule. Please note that students in grades 4-8 are to attend their conference, no matter the type. We look forward to seeing you and supporting your child on their academic path.

Conferences will be scheduled for all grades PK-8, therefore the **Aftercare Program will be closed on October 9th & 10th**. We dismiss early on 10/9, cars will start to be pulled into the lot at 10:35. There are no buses from either district for the return home trip on this day. 10/10 is a day off, with conference slots in the morning.

Blessings,

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/26 - No School - Faculty Professional Development, Dedicated Carmel Shadow Day for current 8th grade students.

10/3 - Spirit Wear Day

SGS Sports Central:

Tonight home Soccer game 5:00

5th Grade Girls Volleyball home on **Saturday 9/27**

6th Grade Girls Volleyball in a tournament @ St. Francis, Lake Zurich **9/26-9/28**

Other bits:

Note: We will be continuing for the next couple of weeks with mass only for students and staff as the safety work gets done in the church areas. I will let you know when our old process will resume.

Harvest Fest

Blood Drive

September 18, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have started a "soft opening" of our front door to the school. Parents who are dropping off items that students forgot, or are picking up students for appointments/early dismissal, please use the following procedures: There is a table to leave items for students, label with their names & room number. Our staff will routinely check the table and retrieve items. For student pick-ups please call in on the intercom to speak with a staff member. We will get the student and bring them to the door. The whole point of the new entryway is to limit the number of times we open up the interior door to people. I am also asking that parents and delivery drivers not pull vehicles onto the patio pavers. Please park in a clearly marked parking spot. We want to keep this new environment looking beautiful for years to come.

Mr. Juan, our Building Maintenance Engineer, helps with traffic flow in the morning at the 120 entrance. He has reported some dangerous driving at morning drop off. Please consult your Arrival Map for how to enter the school grounds to drop off students in the morning. There should not be any cars pulling in off 120 to drop off at the Preschool/Kindergarten door #24 in the morning. If you pull in from 120 you are going against the traffic flow coming from the back of our school. It is very dangerous to have cars driving in/out from (2) directions. All drop offs should enter from the back of the school grounds off Wicks Street and follow the (3) lines that separate into various grade level drop offs and the vehicle exit line. Remember that cars leaving are not to be exiting by turning left. Please turn right and use the various streets to the east of school to turn around to head west on 120.

If you need gym uniforms please order using the following link: <https://stgilbertgym.itemorder.com/>

Thank you to the following families for their donations to the student "good behavior" prize cart: Roscoe, Kruse, Preston, and Halloran families.

Harvest Fest is coming October 17th, see details about entrance fees and volunteer opportunities below. We are in need of donations of Halloween Candy/trinkets for trunks and games, along with cases of water bottles, pop, beer, and wine. Please help make this event a success!

Enjoy this rare "second summer" we are having in the Chicago area!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/19 - Spirit Wear Day

Saturday 9/20 - Fr. Mario's Installation Mass 5:00 pm (students in uniform see Mrs. Buckley for sign-in) *Dress Down Passes will be given next week for students in uniform.

Tuesday 9/23 - No Grayslake Buses (AM & PM), Band Starts, 2nd Grade Field Trip

Friday 9/26 - No School, 8th grade dedicated shadow day @ Carmel

SGS Sports Central:

Thursday 9/18 - Home soccer game tonight at 5:00, come cheer on the Rebels to a victory!

9/22 - Monday Girls Volleyball games @ home for 7th & 8th 6:00/7:00, & Home Boys Soccer game 5:00

9/23 - Cross Country Meet @ Allegheny Park starts at 4:00

9/24 - Wednesday Girls Volleyball games @ home for 7th & 8th 6:00/7:00

9/25 - Thursday Boys Soccer home game 5:00

Other Bits:

Harvest Fest 2025!

Stem Club Sign-Up:

Robotics Club Sign Up for Fall 2025 is open and closes Monday, September 22nd. Clubs begin next week for 4 weeks. Robotics Clubs are a great way to learn the basics and refine your skills in a non competitive atmosphere. Weekly challenges have students building a robot to accomplish a task.

1st - 2nd Grade Robotics Club - Begins on Tuesday, 9/23 and ends on Tuesday, October 14th (4 weeks) meets from 2:05 - 3:10. Basic skills that students will learn are building, programming and inventiveness.

3rd - 4th Grade Robotics Club - Begins on Thursday, 9/25 and ends on Thursday, 10/16 (we will meet from 11 - 12:45 on Thursday, 10/9 early dismissal day) meets from 2:05 - 3:35. Students at any level; beginner, intermediate or advanced are challenged with a weekly task. Challenges include building and programming a robot to accomplish a task such as lifting and moving an object or more.

5th - 8th Grade Robotics Club - Begins on Wednesday, 9/24 and ends on Wednesday, 10/15 meets from 2:05 - 3:35. Students at any level; beginner, intermediate or advanced are welcome. Challenge tasks are for individual students (not teamwork) so that students can become experts. Weekly challenges are more rigorous and multi-level.

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/10a6659c-1661-4ed7-a3ab-be00d8630781>

Engineering Exploration Day-Carmel High School

Youth Spiritual Programming Grades 7th & 8th

September 15, 2025

Gym Uniform Online Store Open!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The new gym uniform store is now open. You will access this by following the link: <https://stgilbertgym.itemorder.com/>

The store will be open for one month to start. Orders will come in at the end of October.

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

September 11, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to thank you for your family's participation in our one big fundraiser for the school year. 81% of families are registered, and no amount of giving is too small! Remember to maximize any corporate matches to help increase our giving. Boosterthon does not take a percentage from any matching funds, as those come in later based on the corporations disbursement timetables, in plain english St. Gilbert gets 100% of matching donations.

I have made some adjustments to what this fundraising will be going towards based on security needs. I will be getting a new quote for 3M window security film, this is film that holds glass together rather than allowing it to shatter, and it delays intruder entry times. I had a firm come out about a year ago, and the estimate was around \$16,000 for all lower windows and doors around the school perimeter. We decided at that time to direct funds to the front door security project that I hope will be finished by next week. We are also getting prices for "Stop the Bleed" kits. These are surprisingly expensive, but they have tourniquets, and hemostatic dressings to help stop bleeding from gunshot wounds. We already train our older students and teachers in first aid, and our nurse, Mrs. Herrmann will go to a "train the trainer" specifically for learning how to put on these types of dressings. Fast action, and students who know what to do in a large-scale emergency saves lives. In addition I will be looking at the cost of a medium size rock wall for the gym, trees to line the back driveway, and if there is money left we will build a baseball diamond out on the grass area behind the garden to be used for kickball & wiffle ball. I am asking that everyone participate in some way in this fundraiser, as it will benefit all the children.

We are always looking for improved processes and pricing, and to that end we are choosing a new vendor for our gym uniforms. We will be using American Outfitters going forward. This is the same company that makes our spirit wear. We will no longer have to house a store of gym uniform items in the school, you will be able to order what you need online and items will be packaged by your name and sent to school in a bulk order. The prices were lower because we will be placing large quantity orders. The design and colors will be different, but we will allow the wearing of old and new gym uniforms for at least the next three years. Which is a typical roll-over time period. The gym uniform store will open Monday, September 15th and I will send the link separately on that date. It will be open for a month, closing on October 13th.

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/12 - Dance Party Celebration Day, (see schedule below), Spirit Wear Day (Special Reward)

Saturday 9/20 - 5:00 Mass - Fr. Mario's Installation Mass (come to church in your uniform and get a dress down pass!) There will be a reception afterwards for all parishioners in attendance.

SGS Sports Central:

9/11 - Volleyball-6th grade home game 4:30

9/16 - Volleyball home games 7th (6:00)/8th (7:00)

9/18 - Soccer home game 5:00

Other Bits:

Dance Party Schedule:

7:30-8:05 - Grades 3 & 4

8:10-8:45 - Grades PK & 2

8:50-9:30 - Grades 5 & 6

9:40-10:20 - Grades/Buddies K-7, 1-8

Securly For Parents

Wisconsin Juniors Free Clinic (Volleyball)

*Thank you to the following families for donations for our good behavior prize (Rebel Way) cart: Swindell, May, and Brown.

September 9, 2025

Dismissal on 1st No Bus Day-9/10/25

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday 9/10 we will have our first dismissal day without any buses. This will add more cars to the pick up line. Please try to adhere to the following alphabetical time schedule so that everyone is not trying to get in at the same time, overloading Hwy 120.

Come prepared with patience and grace!

Last names beginning with A-G plan to arrive between 1:35-1:45

Last names beginning with H-O plan to arrive between 1:45-2:00

Last names beginning with P-Z plan to arrive between 2:00 - 2:15

Drive safely,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

September 5, 2025 **Weekend Challenge:**

Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal!

Dear St Gilbert Catholic School Families,

Who's ready for a weekend challenge?! Enter a \$60 flat donation or \$3 per minute donation before Monday to snag a GLOW IN THE DARK EDITION keychain! Good luck! Help us reach our \$50,000 for an upgrade to communication & sound in the gym and expansion of play equipment.

1. SIGN UP your student(s) on [MyBooster.com](https://mybooster.com).
2. SHARE with your family/friends using the SHARE tools on MyBooster.com.
3. GIVE a donation. Every donation counts and brings us closer to an upgrade to communication & sound in the gym and expansion of playground equipment for our students!

Reminder: Our big Rebel Dance Party is coming up on 09/12/2025! We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Thank you again for supporting our school! Enjoy your weekend!

September 4, 2025 **Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are off to an excellent start with our major fundraiser-thank you for all your support! This fundraiser does qualify for any matching programs that parents might have through their employers. That is an excellent way to double your gift! Kindergarten (KA) had the most registrations last night and earned an extra recess. Today individual prizes were given out to all students who registered last night. Star videos can be created tonight to earn top percentage classroom popsicle parties.

I hope to see many of you at our Curriculum Night for grades 1-8 this evening. Doors will open at 5:45 and the event will run from 6:00-8:00 pm. This event is for adults only please.

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/5 - Picture Day (Dress Up), JH Dance 6:00-8:00 (6th-8th) (gym)

Monday 9/8 - Student Council Installation 1:00 (gym)

Wednesday 9/10 - No Buses Grayslake (PM)

Friday 9/12 - Dance Party (if we meet our goal!)-details to follow

SGS Sports Central:

Tuesday 9/9 - Home Soccer Game 5:00 pm., Cross Country Meet #1-Allegheny

Thursday 9/11 - Home Volleyball Game 4:30- 6th Grade

Note: Basketball registration is now open, teams are forming. I will only schedule if I have enough players to make a team!

Little Bits:

Thank you to the following families for "good behavior" prize donations for our prize cart: Cauwels, Halm, Webber, VanWie, Heurich, and Torres.

We have one week left of our bargain basement sale of gym uniforms-email school.office@stgilbertschool.org to check on size availability. **Gym Uniform Overstock**

Hope & Healing (Parish Bulletin)

September 3, 2025

The NFL Season starts Thursday Sept 5, get in on the SGS NFL Survivor Pool to help the school!

FOOTBALL AND FUNDRAISING

Like football? Like fun? Come join the SGS NFL Pick'em Survivor pool - get the whole family involved! Help SGS raise money to invest back into the school. Please share with family and friends - all are welcome!

The cost to participate is \$30; use Zelle to pay the entry fee: zelle@stgilbertschool.org Fees must be received by Sept 5 or your entry may be disqualified. Winnings: 30% of the pot to the winner, and 70% to SGS.

The rules: Pick one game each week, survive and advance, lose and you're done. You can only choose a team once. NEW THIS YEAR, MULLIGANS! You can buy back 1 extra chance once you're eliminated for another \$30 entry fee. Please use your first/last name when signing up for ease of identification.

Sign-up using the free CBS app or on your computer here (no password required):

https://picks.cbssports.com/football/survivor/pools/kbxw63b2geztmrtg4ydq===/join?invited-by=ivxhi4tzhizdcmzwwgi3tknbs&via-medium=copy&ttag=FFBC25_cpy_invite_new_mt&pool-join-key=HcXzh1h9GcauNITtvrBck0ynj0PmYvs6&senderRole=m5a1noawgkezt8

Go Roaring Rebels!

September 3, 2025

Our Rebel Dance Party is Here!

It's time! You can register your student for our Rebel Dance Party! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for an upgrade to communication & sound in the gym and expansion of student play equipment. Signing up is easy and comes with a fun prize for your student!

[Sign Up On MyBooster.com](#)

Thank you for being a part of our St Gilbert Catholic School community and helping us make a difference for our students. We are grateful for your support!

Follow our social pages for fun progress updates in the coming weeks!

Key Dates to Remember:

Fundraiser Kickoff in school – 09/03/2025

Event Day – 09/12/2025

*Need help signing up? View [video instructions](#).

August 28, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school is so lively and joyful with all our students getting into their new routines, with new teachers, new homerooms, and new learning experiences. We are so grateful for our students and school families, you bring the building alive!

We have been steadily getting more efficient at our afternoon car rider dismissal. It takes about a week to train new parents on the process, and for our staff to learn new students, parents, and what cars they are driving. Thank you for your patience. I just want to remind everyone of the new dismissal times. The school day ends at 1:50. Due to the volume of cars I am parking you early starting at 1:35-1:40. If you want to avoid lines and waiting please come closer to 2:05. Bus riders are dismissed from classrooms first. If all goes well buses are dismissed by 1:55. Then car groups of (24) cars each, processed according to status; Active #1, Next #2, Waiting #3. Please do not move from

the vicinity of your car, do not walk towards school doors, or call inside the building for students. We have them in groups and will bring them out when it is time to load their group. We ask this for the safety of all. Kids are impulsive and excited, of course they want to see you, but we don't want them running out in front of moving cars that are getting parked, and we might need to ask you to move your car over while we locate your student.

We have a very busy week after Labor Day; with the start of our Boosterthon Fundraiser, Curriculum Night (grades 1-8) and School Picture Day. Please see the calendar below for reminders. Curriculum Night is only for parents, no children please. We will begin at 6:00 pm, with some general information and will proceed to run (3) rotations so that parents can hear directly from their student(s) homeroom teachers and see their classroom.

As with the start of any new school year there are lots of extracurricular activities that will be starting, and some other services to register for. At the end of my letter you will find, Junior High Welcome Back to School Dance information (grades 6-8), Choir Registration (grades 4-8), Art Club Registration (6th-8th), Milk Order Forms (last call/all grades), Picture Day information (all grades), Gym Uniform Overstock Sale Details (all grades), NFL Football Survivor Pool details, Boosterthon (Dance Party) Fundraiser details. Our Band Program will be visiting to showcase instruments and register students in grades (4-8) during the school day on 9/2, this is for students only....they will be given registration information to take home.

The school hosts Spirit Wear Days on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month. With picture day falling on Friday 9/5, I will be offering all students the chance to wear Spirit Wear on Thursday 9/4.

The parish staff are working together to plan next Wednesday's Mass. I will communicate any changes or enhancement when they have been decided upon. There are many factors to consider, and we want to be reasonable in our response.

St. Gilbert pray for us.....

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Monday 9/1 - Labor Day (No School)

Tuesday 9/2 - Music Education Service Showcases Instruments (4th/5th) grade during school day.

Wednesday 9/3 - Boosterthon Fundraiser Kick Off!

Thursday 9/4 - Special Spirit Wear Day, Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00 (Grades 1-8), Instrument Fitting for all band instruments during school day.

Friday 9/5 - School Picture Day (Dress Up), JH Dance (Grades 6-8) 6:00-8:00 pm/gym

Informational Fliers:

School Picture Day 2025

Back to School JH Dance

Last Chance for ordering Milk for the First Trimester. Please complete this form and return it and payment to the SGS office by tomorrow. **Milk Order Form**

Choir Registration

Overstock Gym Wear Sale

Community Event

Art Club for grades 6th-8th- space is limited - [Art Club 6th - 8th](#)

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FOOTBALL AND FUNDRAISING

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The cost to participate is \$30; use Zelle to pay the entry fee: zelle@stgilbertschool.org

Fees must be received by Sept 5 or your entry may be disqualified. Winnings: 30% of the pot to the winner, and 70% to SGS.

The rules: Pick one game each week, survive and advance, lose and you're done. You can only choose a team once. NEW THIS YEAR, MULLIGANS! You can buy back 1 extra chance once you're eliminated for another \$30 entry fee. Please use your first/last name when signing up for ease of identification.

Sign-up using the free CBS app or on your computer here (no password required):

https://picks.cbssports.com/football/survivor/pools/kbxw63b2geztsmrtg4ydg===/join?invited-by=ivxhi4tzhizdcmzwwgi3tknbs&via-medium=copy&ttag=FFBC25_cpy_invite_new_mt&pool-join-key=HcXzh1h9GcauNITtvrBck0ynj0PmYvs6&senderRole=m5a1noawgkezt8

August 26, 2025

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Go Roaring Rebels!

August 21, 2025
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first day of school is finally here! There were many smiling faces coming in the doors of school this morning. As I write this, the students are learning the ins and outs of their new grade, and it will be old hat by tomorrow! It was great seeing all the parents at supply drop off-thank you for all the items you brought to support their learning environment!

Registration for the winter sport of basketball for boys and girls is now open. I will be attending the scheduling meeting with our other NSCC schools mid September. I use registration numbers to determine if I will have a team or need two teams. I have noticed a rash of late registrations for the fall sports. Unfortunately, scheduling occurred in July and now I have some very large teams. I cannot go back to other schools to add teams, so please be patient. Large teams are hard to manage for our coaches, it is difficult to try to achieve equal playing time. All forms, and payment are now due for the fall sports of Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Soccer. Please attend to completing this ASAP so that I do not have to send personal emails to you. Games, matches and meets begin next week.....

Our Boosterthon "Dance Party" fundraiser will be starting soon! This year funds raised will help with the cost of visual/sound equipment upgrades in the gym, student equipment for play and exercise (we are looking at a rock wall for the gym) and possibly more climbing recess related equipment. We thank you for supporting our largest fundraiser of the school year. Without funds from this fundraiser our new front entrance would not have been possible!

Participate in our upcoming Rebel Dance Party!

It's time! You can register your student for our Rebel Dance Party! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 for an upgrade to communication & sound in the gym and expansion of the playground. Signing up is easy and comes with a fun prize for your student!

Sign Up On [MyBooster.com](https://mybooster.com)

Thank you for being a part of our St Gilbert Catholic School community and helping us make a difference for our students. We are grateful for your support!

Follow our social pages for fun progress updates in the coming weeks!

Key Dates to Remember:

Fundraiser Kickoff in school – 09/03/2025

Event Day – 09/12/2025

*Need help signing up? View [video instructions](#).

Blessings to all for the new school year-it will be awesome!

Mrs. Kris Buckley

Calendar Reminders:

Saturday 8/23 - Welcome Back Movie Night 6:00 (held in parking lot by gym/park in East Lot)

Monday 8/25 - Kiddos Hot Lunch begins. [Kiddos Lunch Information](#) , [Kiddos Restaurant Partnerships](#)

SGS Sports Central:

Saturday 8/23 - Cross Country Meet @ St. Viator

Thursday 8/28 - First Soccer Match - away- vs. Westlake 4:30 (Allegheny Field)

Other Bits/Flyers

[Band Information/Music Educ. Services \(grades 4-8\)](#)

Music Kids Program:

"Our school is partnering with Music Kids to offer violin, piano, and guitar classes to grades PK and up, starting soon! Classes will take place on-site here at school. All students will get to perform in Music Kids' annual Spring Recital. A take-home instrument rental is included. Contact programs@musickids.us or visit www.musickids.us to leaning.

[Carmel Dedicated Shadow Day \(8th Grade Only!\)](#)

[Daniel Murphy Scholarship: High School Fair](#)

August 21, 2025

Introducing our New Teachers:

It's our new teacher's 1st days of school! We wish them all the best as they embark on this new journey. Here are their introductions in one place in case your missed our Social Media posts.

[Introducing PKB Teacher: Marge Waldschmidt](#)

[Introducing 4th Grade Teacher Aimee Jachym](#)

[Introducing new 6th Grade Teachers: Amy Miller & Stephanie Con](#)

August 14, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The start of school is exactly one week away! I hope everyone is excited to be coming back and seeing their friends, teachers, and support staff. The teachers and staff have been hard at work getting the building and classrooms ready to start another fantastic school year. I will be sending out a separate communication with short biographies of our new teachers, and a couple teachers who have been on staff but have moved into new roles, so for now I will share the names of new teachers and their teaching roles:

We are excited to welcome two new 6th grade teachers; Mrs. Conboy & Mrs. Miller. They will be teaching Literature & Religion to their homerooms. Mrs. Conboy will be teaching Social Studies & ELA to both 6th grades, as well as Social Studies to both 8th grades. Mrs. Miller will be teaching Science to both 6th grades, and Science and Social Studies to both 7th grades.

Mrs. Ziegler (current teacher) will be teaching mathematics to 6th & 7th grade standard. Mrs. Galuska (current teacher) will be teaching all mathematics to; 6th grade honors, 7th grade honors, and 8th grade standard & honors level. Mathematics classes will be increasing to 70 minute classes this year, with the plan to have at least 20-30 minutes of hands-on small group instruction/center after new concepts are introduced. We will be utilizing grade level aides to assist in classrooms during the hands on portion where possible.

Mrs. Jachym has moved from Preschool to 4th grade. She will be teaching both 4th grades in mathematics, Ms. Bishop will have both classes for Science. The rest of 4th grade subjects will be taught by their homeroom teacher.

Mrs. Waldschmidt has moved from an Early Childhood Float Aide position to the lead teacher for PKB.

We are excited to share that we are starting a Terrific Twos Preschool Program on Tues/Thurs mornings, and that Mrs. Barb Dolan will be the lead teacher for our littlest ones.

When you come for the supply drop off on August 20th from 3:00-5:00 there will be many handouts that you will pick up in your child (s) homeroom, such as; bus information, Pikmykid car tags, arrival/dismissal map, school photo forms, etc.

Blessings, see you all next week!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Items:

Thursday 8/14 - PreK & Kindergarten Virtual Parent Night; PreK 5:00/K 6:00. Links were sent out yesterday, contact the teacher if you did not receive one.

Saturday 8/16 - Grayslake Summer Fest Parade 4:15

Sunday 8/17 - Used Uniform Sale 9:00-12:00 (gym), Popsicles on the Playground PreK & K families 1:00-2:30 (playground area)

Wednesday 8/20 - Supply Drop Off 3:00-5:00 pm

Thursday 8/21 - First Day of School

Saturday 8/23 - Welcome Back Movie Night 6:00 pm, gym parking lot area.

Forms:

Milk Order Form-Trimester #1 25/26

Chess Club Registration Form=Session #1

School Picture Day

Terrific Two's Information

August 7, 2025

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Families (Old & New),

The beginning of the 2025-26 school year is fast approaching, we hope you are as excited as we are to start a fresh new school year....this is the first "Thursday Tidbits." For new families, I communicate each week with a blast called, "Thursday Tidbits" that pulls from the contact information in PowerSchool and is set to enter your inbox around 2:15 every Thursday. If you are not receiving this please check your spam settings and/or contact the school so we can advise you.

Homeroom assignments will be sent out on Monday, August 11th. Throughout the school year your homeroom teacher will also be communicating information that pertains to your child's specific class and grade. Some use weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly newsletters. Some send out email communications. Once class assignments are sent out, please do not call to ask for changes, there are too many registrations in a variety of electronic resources that need to be changed to accommodate change requests. Per the handbook, any requests needed to be submitted to the Principal by the end of March, requests are not guaranteed to be honored. Past year teachers, current year teachers, and myself create the lists for classes before teachers leave in June for summer break. We focus on balancing class numbers, equal number of boys and girls, and balance students with IEP/504 plans or other special learning needs as we create the new class groupings. We are confident that each student will receive an excellent education in a loving and supportive environment.

Please utilize our school website [stgilbertschool.org](https://www.stgilbertschool.org) for any questions: it is updated and has tons of information. Recently, I opened up boys & girls basketball for registration since the scheduling meeting is September 19th. I need accurate numbers to determine if I will have a team, need (2) teams, or have to combine grades. SGS Sports participation starts with 5th grade. Fall sports that will begin playing in September are; Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, and Boys Soccer. If you are new and in grades 5-8 interested in a fall sport please register using <https://www.stgilbertschool.org/athletics-registration>.

Note: The STEM Lab is looking for shoe box donations for a special project, send those in through the school office.

We are also looking for used uniforms; if your child has outgrown items please drop these off at the school office before August 17th!

Upcoming Start of School Events:

Thursday, August 14th: PK Virtual Parent Night 5:00 pm, K Virtual Parent Night 6:00 PM [PK & K Parent Night](#)

Saturday, August 16th : Grayslake Summerfest Parade 4:00 [Grayslake Parade](#)

Sunday, August 17th: Used Uniform Sale 9:00-12:00 in the gym, Preschool & Kindergarten family welcome event- "Popsicles on the Playground" 1:00-2:30 [Popsicles on the Playground \(PK & K\)](#)

Wednesday, August 20th: Supply Drop Off 3:00-5:00

Thursday, August 21st: First Day of School

Saturday, August 23rd: Welcome Back Movie Night 6:00

Thursday, September 4th: Grades 1-8 Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00 (parents only, no children please)

Friday, September 5th: School Picture Day, Dress Up!

Teacher Feature:

We are very excited to announce the beginning of our new Terrific Twos Program. The teacher that has been hired is Mrs. Barb Dolan, who comes to us with years of experience running her own Preschool: [Mrs. Dolan Bio](#)

We are looking for a few more little ones to fill out this Tues/Thurs morning classroom. The hours are 9:00-11:30. Children may wear pull-ups and are not expected to be fully potty trained. We are also offering flexibility with this program on a quarterly basis. You can choose an entire school year, or Sept-Nov, Dec-Feb, March-May. Contact Mrs. Buckley for pricing arrangements for the quarterly sessions.

Other Bits:

Cub Scouts Information : [Join Scouting Info. Sheet](#)