



October 28, 2022
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was so wonderful to see all the families that attended our second Haunted Harvest, we were so blessed to have beautiful weather and a palpable sense of fellowship and community. We estimate that we had somewhere around 400+ attendees. An event of this size would not be possible without the planning and help from many volunteers and staff. I want to personally thank Katrina Corn who was our event coordinator. She devoted many hours to planning and had wonderful contacts that brought the; DJ, Balloon Artist, Caricature Artist, and Face Painter to this event. Katrina Corn would like to give a shout out to some SGS moms that rolled up their sleeves and dived in when needed; Dee Schneider (Securing Food Trucks), Rebecca Norton (Games), Mandy Tablot (Game set up) Lauren Maldonado (Trunk and Bar), Lauren Hencier (Set up and Take down), The Martin Family for Donating the Wine & Spirits, Nori Bochenek (Trunk and Clean up), Jacki Griffin (Balloon Arch), Janet Martinez & Kim Gillespie (Bookfair), and two of our 8th grade veteran parents that have helped with events from the Halloween Party to Haunted Harvest; Amy Bechard & Lisa Judd. On the staff side I wish to thank Dawn Beagles (Movie), Victor & Paula Rivera (Concession & clean up), and our Maintenance Crew of Juan Flores (Clean up/building). There were many other parents that helped in some volunteer capacity (especially a couple husbands; Jason Corn & Rob Gillespie) along with students from Carmel, Grayslake Central, and St. Gilbert. Thank you to our Family School Association and all involved for throwing such a successful party.

On Monday 11/7 we will be holding an Intruder Drill with the police department present on our campus. Intruder Drills are mandatory for state school licensing. We try to limit the “worry and fear” that these drills create in our youngest students, while also knowing that we have to be prepared in case of an emergency of this type. Students in grades PK-3 will practice with a “Soft-Lockdown.” During a soft lockdown, teachers will lock their classroom doors, and students will not be allowed to move about the building freely until an all clear is issued. Teachers will educate students about the procedures to evacuate the building, specifically where exits are located nearest to their classrooms, and the importance of staying quiet and listening to the teacher’s directions. Students in grades 4-8 will practice responding to an active intruder scenario. In preparation for this drill these grades will also hear about exits close to their rooms, but will also receive some information about providing obstacles for a possible intruder; such as barricading rooms with furniture if the situation calls for that, and/or using their school supplies as defenses/distraction against an aggressor. Our school teachers and staff participate in ALICE training every year. The ALICE acronym stands for: Alert (inform people of the threat), Lockdown (contain classroom/barricade), Inform (communicate violent intruder location in real time), Counter (use defense tactics to surprise/disarm), Evacuate (leave the building). To help with communication throughout the building each staff member has a walkie-talkie to communicate with the office staff. In the event of a real emergency of this type, our partner school is Westlake Academy across the street. This means that if the police issue an evacuation of our school, the reunification area for parents/students would be at their school location; 275 S. Lake St. Grayslake. If you wish your child to be excluded from this drill please contact me and I will make arrangements. Again, the police will be on campus and students will see them, oftentimes that is a cause for their concern and upset. We practice for all types of drills; bus evacuation, fire, severe weather, and intruders.

On the academic front, please see some helpful information for parents that was sent by iReady; one of the sheets explains this program [iReady Family Guide](#) and the other is “fridge tips” [iReady Fridge Tips](#) for parents to help reinforce hard work and effort within the program. We have built into our school week 40 minutes for both reading and math. Students do not need to complete more minutes at home unless they have not finished their lessons in school. We strive for (2) lessons per

subject passed per week. Ask them to show you their progress, and reinforce their efforts at home. Together we can achieve gains in math and reading growth.

Thank you families for your donations to the REBEL (Respectful, Enthusiastic, Big-Hearted, Empathetic, Leaders) Way Prize Cart: Hannan & Kadell.

Blessings to you!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Items:

Monday 10/31 - Halloween costumes (PK-5), Black/Orange Colors (6-8). No dramatic makeup please (whiskers etc. are allowed), no props that are weapons, or wearing of masks that impede vision. Halloween Parties in all classrooms, with hot lunch (pizza) if ordered.

Tuesday 11/1 - All Saints Holy Day of Obligation (All school mass at 8:00)

Wednesday 11/2 - No Grayslake Bus (AM)

Friday 11/4 - Spirit Wear Day, FSA Meeting (Zoom 10:00), No Woodland Bus (PM)

Other Bits:

[Trimester #2 Milk Order Form](#)

[Athletic Passes](#)

Chess Registration Session #2: chessutopia.org/register/st-gilbert

[Giving Trees-Christmas \(Church\)](#)

[PADS Wishlist -Christmas \(Church\)](#)

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Chess Club Registration

The next session of Chess Club is set to start on Monday, October 31st. Please use this registration link to sign-up.

chessutopia.org/register/st-gilbert

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I often hear from parents that they do not know the curriculum for the subjects that are taught here at SGS.....did you know that on our web page we have direct links to the Archdiocese of Chicago's Curriculum for all its schools listed by grade and subject?

Check it out.....<https://www.stgilbertschool.org/curriculum>

Next week our Student Council has planned out activities and themes for each day of national "Red Ribbon Week" a week to educate students about the dangers of harmful substances. Each morning they will focus on this topic with the morning announcements, and students will get to wear accessories and dress down on certain days following daily slogans. See flyer for details: [Red Ribbon Week](#)

For families with students playing winter/spring sports in grades 5-8, we are pleased to announce that we are offering the chance to purchase individual or family passes for entry into all home games throughout the 2022-23 school year. This should help families who don't carry cash! Remember that it costs quite a bit of money to have school sponsored sports; some of our costs are Athletic Director salary, tournament fees, equipment, uniforms, awards, and referees (whose hourly rate has gone up significantly.)

Individual Pass- \$50.00

Family Pass (5 people max) - \$100.00

You can order these by sending in a request w/payment to the school office. Checks/Cash and Zelle payment is accepted. If using Zelle please be sure to include your name and reason for payment in the "memo area" so we can track who sent the payment and what it is for. Zelle: school.office@stgilbertschool.org

Next week (10/25) we will have one of our most popular Restaurant Nights-Lou Malnati's Pizza. Take a night off from cooking and order a delicious pan pizza and help FSA at the same time. FSA financially helps the school with a variety of events, teacher appreciation, and tuition assistance. They need funds to do this, and restaurant nights support non-for-profit efforts. [Lou Malnati's Restaurant Night](#)

Calendar Items:

Friday 10/21 - Spirit Wear Day, Haunted Harvest Event 4:30-7:30.

Saturday 10/22 - 8th Grade Placement Testing @ Grayslake North High School

Sunday 10/23 - International Fest (REP Sponsored)-Some of our band and choir students are performing.

10/24-10/29 - Red Ribbon Week

10/25 - Restaurant Night-Lou Malnati's (Grayslake Location only)

Other Bits:

Items needed for the After School Program. Pk/K room & 1-8 classroom: Amazon wishlist...[After School Program Wish List](#)

The After School program will also accept gently used toys, craft supplies, games, and puzzles that you no longer use at home.

The lifespan of our items is not very long since so many students use the materials on a daily basis. Your donation is appreciated!

If your child attends After School, ask your child what they would like to add to the room.

Scholastic Book Fair: [Scholastic Bookfair Flyer](#)

October 18, 2022
Haunted Harvest 2022

St. Gilbert School

We are excited about our upcoming Haunted Harvest Festival this Friday 10/21 beginning at 4:30. Please use the following link to pay/register, buy your drink tickets, 50/50 raffle tickets. Purchasing these ahead of time will save you time at the check-in area and helps us know the number of guests that we are expecting!

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/059911d3-4543-423c-af97-5879faadf14a>

There is a corn-hole tournament for teens and adults, the cost is \$20 per team for participation. Use this link to register. There is a prize for the winning team!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/10c0c4fada722a7fecf8-haunted>

The weather is looking great for Friday evening, most of the events are outside. There will be fun for all ages; trunk or treating, wear your Halloween costume, bouncy house, games in the gym, shopping at our Fall Bookfair, pumpkin carving contest, Cornhole Tournament, DJ, Balloon Artist, Food Trucks, bar area for adults, and more.

Guests will need to bring cash for some food items such as pretzels and popcorn that are being sold by Athletics, and cash/debit/credit cards to purchase drink tickets, 50/50 raffle tickets, Bookfair shopping, and ordering food from the food trucks. This event runs 4:30-7:30, and is a community event for our school and parish families.

Volunteers are still needed; we could use about 10-12 more volunteers, if you have children at Carmel please encourage them to sign up for service hours!

[Haunted Harvest Volunteer Sign Up](#)

If you have any questions please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

school.office@stgilbertschool.org

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

October 13, 2022

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just a reminder that student conferences are Thursday (10/13) and Friday (10/14) of this week. The staff and I look forward to collaborating with you regarding the educational progress of your child(ren).

We want to highlight our Boys Cross Country Team and our female individual qualifier who qualified to compete at the State Meet in Normal, IL this weekend. Good luck to all our runners, may you run like the wind this weekend!

On Friday, September 30th the St. Gilbert Student Council held a special dress down day to bring awareness to childhood cancer. Students brought in donations and wore gold to show their support. We collected \$1,094.15 for the Dragonfly Foundation. Thank you to all who participated! Our school theme this year is "Go make a difference", and this donation will certainly make a difference for children and their families. "Go make a difference, we can make a difference!"

In other Student Council news; PADS will be starting up for the fall and winter. You will receive information from the homeroom teachers when your grade is scheduled to bring in donations for this program. Details about Red Ribbon Week (October 24-28) will be coming home next week. This is a week to make students aware of the danger of using drugs, and to build strong school spirit to support good choices by our students.

Don't forget to register for our family evening Haunted Harvest event. <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/059911d3-4543-423c-af97-5879faadf14a>

This event will take place on October 21st from 4:30-7:30 outside on the parking lot area and green space west of the gym entrance.

There are activities for all age groups; trunk or treat, pumpkin carving contest, bouncy house, DJ, Scholastic Book Fair (multi-purpose room,) games (gym), Cornhole Tournament, food trucks, outdoor kids movie, balloon artist, face painting, and adult Witches Brew bar area. Students can wear halloween costumes, bring a bag for trunk or treating, and some cash for food and drink purchases. Park in the east parking lot and along 120 please.

Abbott Employee Giving Campaign -- calling all Abbott employees! The Abbott employee giving campaign runs through Oct 21 -- did you know this is an extremely impactful way to donate to Saint Gilbert Catholic School? Abbott provides a very generous 100% match of your donations, up to a \$5,000 max. Donating couldn't be easier! In just a few clicks, you can donate via payroll deduction, credit card, or even Pay Pal! Lets not leave "free money" on the table from Abbott, please visit <https://www.abbottgives.com/>, search for Saint Gilbert, and donate today! For any questions, feel free to contact Tom Mottola at tom.mottola@yahoo.com.

Special thanks to the following families for their donation of recess equipment; Cunningham, Starzec, DelCarmen, Luchanok, May, and Arvidson.

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/14 - No School/Conferences, SGS selected shadow day at Carmel High School

Saturday 10/15 - Grayslake Central High School Placement Test (8th graders)

Tuesday 10/18 - School Board Meeting 6:30

Friday 10/21 - Spirit Wear Day, Haunted Harvest 4:30-7:30

Other Flyers & Info:

[Haunted Harvest Flyer](#)

[Youth Ministry Information](#)

October 11, 2022
Halloween Hot Lunch Order Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On October 31, 2022 (Halloween) Family School Association is sponsoring an all-school hot lunch. This main course was scheduled for this day to also accommodate the classroom parties. Party funds go further when the party planners do not need to worry about the main food item cost. Hot lunch will be offered to everyone, and there will not be Kiddos lunches on this day. Hot lunch must be ordered and purchased by the families for this day, a roster will be generated for each classroom in regards to orders placed. If you do not wish to purchase pizza please send a main food item for your child in their lunchbox. New this year is the option to pay for hot lunch by using Zelle. See the order form for more details. Cash and check is also accepted. Please place orders by October 21st.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9LA3SU1BkSNs92Wk7C4_bNln2LAR5xH9bnzyt_bmWUVYohrA/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9LA3SU1BkSNs92Wk7C4_bNln2LAR5xH9bnzyt_bmWUVYohrA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Believe in magic,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

October 7, 2022
Bus Alert for 10/13/22

St. Gilbert School:

Thanks to a parent inquiry we called each bus company to confirm afternoon busing for our early dismissal on 10/13/22. Both districts (Grayslake & Woodland) will bus to school in the morning on 10/13, but there will only be busing home from Grayslake District 46. Woodland bus riders will need parent/guardian car pick up at 11:00am.

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

October 6, 2022
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week we will have conferences for grades K-8, hopefully you have signed up for a conference time. Mrs. Kleber, Director of Technology will contact you if you have not, so that we can give the schedules to our teachers on Monday 10/10. Conferences will be in a remote format. Teachers will provide you with a google.meet link to join at your scheduled time. On Thursday 10/13, there is an early release for grades K-8. Preschool students will have a full day of school and be able to utilize aftercare, the rest of the grades will not have an aftercare option available to them on Thursday as they will be leaving at 11:00. Friday is a day off for all students in Preschool-8th.

There are some delays in order fulfillment for our winter gym uniform items. Please be patient, and we will be in contact when the company has stock, and we can place orders. We do have t-shirts and shorts available for purchase in the office.

Thank you to the following families who responded with donations of playground equipment or prize cart items; Cunningham, Mason, and Micksch.

Happy Fall,

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/7 - No Woodland or Grayslake Buses (AM & PM), 10:00 FSA Meeting, Carmel Fine Arts Showcase for students at SGS (12:30).

Monday 10/10 - No Woodland or Grayslake Buses (AM & PM)

Wednesday 10/12 - No Grayslake Bus AM, Bully Awareness Day (blue shirts with uniform bottoms)

Thursday 10/13 - Early Dismissal 11:00 (Parent Teacher Conferences), Preschool attends until 1:50, Preschool aftercare until 6:00 pm.

Friday 10/14 - No School (Parent Teacher Conferences)

Saturday 10/15 - 8th Grade/Grayslake High School Placement Test

Flyers:

[Haunted Harvest: October 21st 4:30-7:30 pm/details](#)

[International Fest, Sunday October 23rd.](#)

[Parish Speakers & Events](#)

September 29, 2022

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As September comes to a close we begin to look at upcoming events in October, and the first of these is our Conference Days, 10/13-10/14. Parents have indicated that remote conferences are

preferred, so we will continue with that format. We will use google.meet invitations that will come from the homeroom teachers.

Regarding Conferences:

We are looking forward to partnering with you and your child for academic and developmental success this school year. Conferences provide a time for teachers, parents, and students, to review progress so far this year, set goals, and talk openly about ways to assist students with their academic progress.

This year we are utilizing Signup.com to facilitate conference scheduling. Signup.com does not sell your email address. Please follow the instructions below and if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

Here are a couple of reminders regarding conferences:

- All Conferences are being held virtually
- Students in 4th – 8th grade must attend conferences with parent(s).
- Preschool Conferences will be held at a later date.
- Remember to leave a time slot between each of your children's conferences when signing up for multiple conferences so that you can get to each teacher's virtual room in time.
- Grades 4-8: Due to the limited amount of Conference times, please sign up with your student's Homeroom Teacher only. In some cases a special invitation will be sent to parents if a team conference is being suggested-these team conferences will take place on Friday October 14th only.
- Please contact any teachers (other than Homeroom and Specials) to arrange a Conference at a different day and time if you wish to speak with more than one teacher and you have not already been sent a special team invitation.
- Special Teachers - if you wish to speak with: Mr. Kopczyk (PE), Mrs. Baynes (Art), Mrs. Burke (Music), Mrs. Dahm(LRC) or Mrs. Kleber (STEM) please contact them directly using their email below.
- Sign up will close on Sunday, 10/9/22.

To sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences, please follow these instructions:

Open a web browser and paste the link for the teacher in this email into your browser.

Scroll down the list of available times.

Click the "Sign Up!" button next to the time that you would like. Make sure it says "0 - 1 Filled".

Choose: Sign in with Facebook, Sign in with Google, or Sign in with Email

Complete the Participant's Info section that appears asking for you to fill out your name. Please type your first and last name, your students name and place an "X" in the phone number box.

Check or uncheck any of the optional boxes.

Click "Save and Close". This will generate an email to you confirming your selection.

If you should need to change or remove your choice, do the following:

If you are still logged in click the red "X" next to the spot you have chosen. Otherwise, click on the teacher that you would like to change your appointment for. Log in with your email address, select the day, and then click the red "X" next to the spot you would like to remove.

Please contact Lisa Kleber with any questions or problems.

You will also be receiving the first iReady Diagnostic results for your child/ren this Friday. This first testing sets your student on their path for the school year. iReady is designed to identify where each child's current knowledge resides for math and reading and then they work on a daily path through lessons that will focus on their specific needs in these core areas as the year progresses. Since we started iReady three years ago we have built (40) minutes per week for both reading and math into our daily schedule. At the very minimum students should be able to complete (2) lessons per week in each subject area-this year we are focusing on this goal, because if a student just wastes time not progressing through lessons they will not be growing in either of these areas like we would expect.

Both music programs will begin next week. Music Kids lessons will be on either Monday or Thursday according to a schedule. Just as a reminder Music Kids with Ms. Glori has instruction in violin, guitar, or piano (grades PK-8), and Music On the Move is Tuesday or Thursday, also according to a schedule for band instruments (grades 3-8).

Our recess supervisor has let me know that we are running low on playground equipment, so if you have any kick balls, soccer balls, basketballs that you could donate to replenish our supplies we would be grateful.

Happy Fall,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders

Friday 9/30 - No Woodland Bus (PM), \$1.00 Dress Down Day (Childhood Cancer), wear yellow/gold accessories to show your support, Camp Out Day 12:30 (fundraiser reward), iReady Diagnostic #1 results go home.

Friday 10/7 - No Woodland or Grayslake Buses (AM/PM), FSA Meeting 10:00, Fine Arts Showcase 12:30 (Performance by Carmel Catholic High School Choir/Dance/Band)

Other Bits:

Haunted Harvest coming Friday, October 21st from 4:30-7:30 pm. Buy tickets now!
<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/059911d3-4543-423c-af97-5879faadf14a>

International Fest returns from a pandemic hiatus, Sunday, October 23rd from 12:00-2:30. This event is run by Religious Education, but open to all families of our parish. Our student choir, and school band will be part of the entertainment that is offered. The Fest will include samples of food/deserts from many different countries.

Carmel High School: Dance Clinic

Our Carmel Catholic Dance Team program is hosting a Dance Clinic for Kindergarten through 8th grade students on Wednesday, October 19th, from 3:30-5:20pm in the Salvi Arena. There will be a performance at 5:20pm for parents to enjoy. Online registration for this event is up and running via the link below. Each participant will receive a clinic t-shirt and set of poms (K-5) or a hair bow (6-8).

We are also offering a discounted rate for all children of faculty and staff members. Please contact me via email if you would like to receive the discount code.

<https://programregistration.veracross.com/App/carmelhs/ProgramRegistration/CCHSAthleticCamps/Landing/Auto>

Sincerely,

The Dance Team Coaching Staff:
Kacey O'Keeffe, Amelia Faulstick, and Lexie Van Skyock '15

September 27, 2022
Childhood Cancer Dress Down Day 9.30.22

Friday, September 30th is a dress down day to benefit Childhood Cancer through the Dragonfly Foundation <https://dragonfly.org/chicago/>. We do have a young preschooler who is battling childhood cancer and we want to show our support for this worthy cause. September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, and to show support please wear yellow/gold accessories on this dress down day. Minimum donation for the dress down day is \$1.00. This is also the day we will be celebrating meeting our fundraising goal with a "camp out" in the afternoon. Students will get a hot dog and s'mores treat to enjoy, be advised that treat this is not a substitution for lunch.

[Childhood cancer poster #2.png](#)

September 22, 2022
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There is one more fun "all school" reward planned for our students, because as a school we met our \$35,000 goal for fundraising! On September 30th we will have a "camp out" in the afternoon, and the students will get a special treat of hot dogs and smores (this is a treat, and not considered a lunch). Teachers will bring out blankets and the students will be able to read or play group card/board games outside to celebrate their success. A special thank you to FSA for working alongside the Boosterthon team to distribute prizes, track progress, supervise the event, and plan and carry out the rewards; Mrs. Teipel, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Nylen and Mrs. Jacobson were instrumental in the day to day work towards our successful finish, thank you very much for your time and support of this fundraising.

We are looking to borrow a large camping tent for this event, if anyone has one we could use please let me know. Mrs. Spradlin has offered one of hers to help us set up a "camp" environment, so thank you very much! Mr. Rivera and I have already been pricing out soccer goals and we will be placing the order for those in the next week. I am going to talk with the landscaper that maintains our school grounds, and I would like a second bid as well...so if anyone has a good contact that would give us reasonable pricing as we begin to lay the plans for our Prayer/Sensory Garden please let me know ASAP. I would at least like to get a design and possibly some of the prep work done before winter.

We are finished with our first iReady Diagnostic, this testing puts students on their individualized path for reading and math for the school year. As a school we look at this data to determine the needs of our students in these core areas. Students will set personal goals, and the teachers will be conferencing with them over the course of the year as they progress through their lessons. Forty minutes of iReady practice occurs weekly for both reading and math within the school day. Students are to achieve two lessons passed per week in each subject as they work towards their goals. This is the “optimal” goal we are encouraging to ensure growth. Your students testing results will come home Friday, September 30th.

Rebel “R”- Respectfully,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Items:

Friday 9/23 - No School, Teacher PD

Monday 9/26 - Junior High (grades 6-8) evening presentation by Grayslake Police re: Internet/Social Media Safety & Laws, 6:30 in church (enter through gym doors).

Thursday 9/29 - Restaurant Night, Jimano’s Pizza (Gurnee Location)

Friday 9/30-No Woodland Bus (PM), Childhood Cancer Awareness Dress Down (Minimum \$1.00 donation), School Camp Out 12:30 Assembly (Outside fun w/hot dog & smores treat).

Little Bits:

St. Gilbert Tech Clubs for 22-23:

Below are the descriptions, days and times of the Tech Clubs for the rest of 2022. Due to my knee replacement surgery there will be only one 4 week Club until 2023. I also want to mention that after 40 years of marriage, my husband and I are expecting our 1st grandchild at the end of October. I ask that you be understanding of any last minute cancellations that might occur. I have the help of wonderful staff and hope to keep the club running if I cannot be here. We look forward to resuming a normal schedule at the beginning of the 2023 year with Tech Teams & Clubs.

New this year is 2 different types of Robotics activities. There is a Robotics Club and there is a Robotics Team. A Robotics Club is an opportunity to learn about robots and advanced programming. A Robotics Team engages in weekly challenges and culminates with a Robotics Showcase where students present their work.

Robotics Teams will begin in 2023.

The 2-4th grade club is limited to the first 24 students. Please sign up on the online form and complete payment online or send in payment marked Tech club.

The 5th - 8th grade club is limited to the first 30 students. Please sign up on the online form and complete payment online or send in payment marked Tech club.

2nd - 4th Grade Robotics Club: is a 4 week session to introduce students to robotics and to make things move. Students' creativity drives their building process as they "tweak" original designs to create one of their own using the “New” LEGO Spike Prime Robotics kit.

This club is limited to the first 24 students to sign up. Sign up will be turned off once 24 students have been signed up. You will be notified that your registration has been processed.

Meets on: Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm 9/27 through 10/18

Cost is \$65 (\$50 for materials, \$10 for t-shirt & \$5 for medal at end of year).

Sign up online: <https://forms.gle/a9eQgWD8bBTegkMP8>

Pay online: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/29848>

5th - 8th Grade Robotics Club: is a 4 week session to work on perfecting our building and coding process. Weekly competitions are held to challenge students to complete a build and program their robot using the "New" LEGO Spike Prime Robotics kit.

This club is limited to the first 30 students to sign up. Sign up will be turned off once 30 students have been signed up. You will be notified that your registration has been processed.

Meets on: Mondays, from 2-3:30 9/26 through 10/17

Cost is \$90 (\$75 for materials, \$10 for t-shirt & \$5 for medal at end of year).

Sign up online: <https://forms.gle/GxoLvUVQCncw1huT9>

Pay online: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/29546>

Volunteer Sign Up Haunted Harvest, October 21st 4:30-7:30:

https://links.signup.com/?ref=R3MAAHz_zuaxfiLboQTxQrMt1x0-hDHEAQAAGkyBqC8_Jb3CTjyf0hxzek7GIOWDgm2hMIK-vzrb-jgJD-7u5IBNL8wVi35AkzE5quq3Z7_R2gLSaqCkzxpfa4zqyiAL_yzvR_Wv0rNTCEp8S7gDJrv623YputLeeAj_eRbcfmluEtb9at7T_WaAegAkmH51TTaazTqoIPC0ztpGcVMddzUvWqULw3HUqbkf6J0tWqt9IokZWefjlqAW4

Carmel High School Upcoming Events:

"Big Bash" Home Football Game 9/23 @ 7:30

Open House November 6th 12:00-3:00

Entrance Exam December 3, 2022 8:00 am.

Flyers:

[Paper SGS Directory Order Form](#)

[Holy Fire Registration](#)

[Carmel Girls Feeder Basketball](#)

[Chesterton Academy Open House](#)

[Restaurant Night](#)

September 15, 2022

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tomorrow we will hold our Dance Fit finale-this involves the students getting to dance with buddies guided by a program provided by the Boosterthon team. They will get about 45 minutes of dance time in the gym. They will be supervised by their teachers and FSA volunteers. We are on our last push to reach our goal of \$35,000 for IT hardware, Spiritual Prayer/Sensory Garden building, and soccer goals for our field. As of this writing we are at \$28,000 worth of donations. I thank all of you for your donations, and for helping the students reach out to their family and friends for donations. We cannot make school upgrades without your additional support and assistance.

The teachers' Amazon wish lists have been updated and posted on the front page of our website. Please check there to see what each teacher might need to support their goals in the classroom. If you can choose St. Gilbert School as your Amazon Smile recipient then we get a double benefit for St. Gilbert. Thank you to all the families who have already purchased items for teachers off their wish lists, it is greatly appreciated!

On September 26th at 6:30 pm. we will be hosting a presentation by two of the Grayslake Police Department's Community Support Officers on a variety of topics for our Junior High students and their parents. This presentation will be given in church, please enter through the gym doors this evening. The topics that will be covered are: Cyberbullying, Sexting, Safety Tips on good Internet safety practices, and Overview on State laws regarding bullying, harassment by telephone/ electronic communication, Disorderly conduct.

We are committed to helping parents access resources that can help them and their children navigate the complicated world of online content and technology outside of the school building.

Thank you to the following families for their donations for the REBEL Way Prize Cart; Cunningham, and Kieltyka.

Our Music on the Move Band Program is looking for more interested musicians. This program is for grades 4-8 on band instruments and includes 3rd grade recorders if interested in further instruction. Recorders will be part of the curriculum this year for our 3rd graders within their music class with Mrs. Burke. Each child in 3rd grade will receive a recorder and music book paid for by the school. If you select to pay for Music on the Move instruction in addition to once per week music class, you will not need to purchase those items, there is a discount added to the fees by MOTM.

Save the date of Friday, October 21st on your calendar for our fall event newly renamed "Haunted Harvest." We will have "car trunks" for trick-or-treating, a fall book fair, games, bouncy house, movie, DJ, food trucks, corn hole tournament and much more. This is a great event run by our FSA to help families meet each other and have a bit of fall fun.

Enjoy your weekends!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Items:

Friday 9/16 - Spirit Wear Day, Dance Fit Finale for students

Friday 9/23 - No School -Teacher PD

Other bits:

[School Directory Paper Version Order Form](#)

[Restaurant Night-Jimano's Pizza](#)

[Carmel Girls Basketball Feeder Program](#)

[Carmel Girls Basketball Feeder League](#)

[SGS Youth Ministry Grades 6-8](#)

September 8, 2022
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The staff and I are looking forward to seeing you this evening for Curriculum Night for grades 1-8. The event begins at 7:00 pm in the gym. Please park in the west lot and enter through the Parish Center doors. We will begin as a group in the gym and then split off to homerooms after some introductions.

We are in the heart of our Dance Fit Fundraiser, and we are looking for participation from every family. St. Gilbert does not have a mandatory component for fundraising like some other schools, we rely on the generosity and good will of our families to help us make school improvement projects possible. This year the funds are earmarked for permanent soccer goals for the back field so that we can host conference games onsite and not pay to use Grayslake Park District Fields. We hope to build a Sensory Garden for the children with paths, seating, bird feeders, musical instruments, and various plants that are edible and or/sensory in nature. We also hope to include a brick paver firepit with seating in this area, this would appeal to our youth when they have retreats and other functions on site. One of the areas of improvement that is vital is an upgrade to our IT infrastructure. We have a five-year plan and this year we hope to replace the server and a switch or two if possible. The cost to upgrade all the infrastructure is over \$100,000, so we need to do this in stages. I thank you for your support of the school, this is how we make a great school even better!

One of our parents, Mr. Mottola is assisting with the running of a NFL Pick Em Survivor Pool, the opportunity to participate will close tonight at 7:00 pm. The funds from this fundraiser are earmarked for REBEL Way school signage, and new after school club banners. See details below.

FOOTBALL AND FUNDRAISING

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<http://saintgilbertfundraising.football.cbssports.com/e/062e79b5fc06c799a1b4c9701364751f842119d2ce55aead5f54ed8d7256a56d6cc94b689894154c?ftag=FFBC22> [invite new email](#)

Calendar Reminders

Thursday 9/8 - Curriculum Night Grades 1-8 (7:00-9:00 pm)

Friday 9/9 - School Picture Day (Dress Up), FSA Meeting 10:00 (Zoom/see flier below for link)

Monday 9/10 - iReady Diagnostic Testing (math)

Tuesday 9/13 - iReady Diagnostic Testing (math), School Board Meeting 6:30 pm (Google.Meet)

Wednesday 9/14 - No Grayslake Bus (AM), Mass 8:00 (Installation of Student Council Officers), iReady Diagnostic Makeups through 9/19.

Friday 9/16 - Student Dance Fit Event (AM), Spirit Wear

*Thanks to Janet Martinez for donations to the REBEL Way prize cart.

*Please note that dress down passes that were earned for signing into the fundraising platform will be handed out on Friday.

Informational Flyers:

[8th Grade High School Entrance Exams \(Grayslake Schools\)](#)

[Family School Association Meeting Dates 2022-23](#)

[Blood Drive](#)

[Healing Service](#)

[Baby Bottle Fundraiser](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered at the 9am and 11am Mass times during the school year to share the Word of God with our youngest parishioners in a way that is meaningful to them. This program begins in September and needs more leaders and helpers. If you might be interested, please speak with Fr. John, Fr. Paul or contact the parish office. Thank you for your consideration in sharing God's Word in our parish community.

September 7, 2022

Dance Fit Fundraiser Kick Off Day!

St. Gilbert Catholic School Families!

Our St Gilbert Dance Fit kicked off today, and we are thrilled about this year's program!

This year, our entire school is raising funds for permanent Soccer Goals for our field, Sensory/prayer garden, and IT infrastructure improvements. Our goal is to raise \$35,000, and, if you'd like to, we are inviting YOU to help!

Here's how you can support St Gilbert Catholic School: 1. [Register on mybooster.com tonight](#). It's so easy! 2. Share about our fundraiser with your family and friends using the **SHARE BUTTON** on [mybooster.com](#). 3. Give a donation, if you are able. All students that register by tonight will earn a dress down pass.

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

September 7, 2022

Pandemic Relief Tutoring Program

Parents/Guardians,

This summer four of our teachers became certified tutors through Catapult, an educational company that was granted Federal Pandemic Relief Recovery funding to help students get caught up with learning loss from the pandemic. This is a limited time program and will end at the end of this school year. Four teachers will be offering tutoring for (28) weeks (3) hours per week beginning next week September 12th. Those students who participated in the summer program need only let me know that you wish to continue, a new release does not need to be signed. Any new students that would like to join are welcome, please let me know and I will need a release signed by the parents for participation.

We will continue breaking the students into age groupings to best meet their needs. The following teachers will be tutors working with the grades listed on days that they have selected. All tutoring sessions will occur after school at St. Gilbert. Pick up will be in front of the church for grades 4-8, and by door #24 for grades K-3.

Ms. Elizabeth Schapals - (Grades K-2) M, T, F (All 2:00-3:00)

Ms. Lisa Draper - (Grades 3-4) M, Th, F (All 2:00-3:00)

Ms. Dana Bishop - (Grades 4-5) W, Th, F (Wed. 3:00-4:00), (Th/F 2:00-3:00)

Mrs. Vicki Ziegler - (Grades 6-8) M, T, Th (All 2:00-3:00)

Parents please respond with your interest, let me know if you were part of the program this summer, and the days your child will attend. Dismissal will need to be changed for the PikMyKid Program.

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

kris.buckley@stgilbertschool.org

September 6, 2022 NFL Football Pool Fundraiser

The NFL Season starts this week Thursday, get in on the Survivor Pool to help the school!

FOOTBALL AND FUNDRAISING

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September 6, 2022
Halloween Costume Donations

Dear Families,

Two Carmel students are putting together a used Halloween Costume Drive, to help get costumes into the hands of disadvantaged children. One of the organizers is an alumna of SGS. Our students learn wonderful values that help them think of ways that they can help others, even as they grow and move on from us! We have a box for donations located by the front office.

Used Halloween Costume Drive

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

September 2, 2022
Athletics Fundraising/New Feature

FOOTBALL AND FUNDRAISING

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September 1, 2022
Last Call Spirit Wear Order!

Spirit Wear Dress Down Days occur twice per month; the first and third Fridays! Get your order in tonight before the current store closes!

Spirit Wear Ordering Link: <https://stgilbertgear22.itemorder.com/>

This shop will close on September 1, 2022. Orders will be delivered to school the week of the 19th.

September 1, 2022
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are off to a “roaring” start of the school year! I have been so impressed with our drivers for morning arrival especially! Everyone learned the route quickly and students are arriving on time for school at 7:20. Keep up the good work!

Next week we will kick off our largest fundraiser of the school year, Dance Fit! (Boosterthon.) Last year we raised a record amount of money that allowed us to move forward with the replacement of our gym floor. This year we will be using the money raised for some large ticket items such as; IT Server Replacement (to ensure we do not lose internet/phones again for weeks), building a “Sensory Spiritual Garden,” permanent Soccer goals for our back field so we can hold conference games at our school, and updating the bathrooms by the gym. We can only make these improvements with your help and support, as tuition is used to cover support staff, teacher salaries, and the overall operational costs of our school building. Please try to be as generous as you can so that we can tackle all these lofty goals. We set a goal of approximately \$200 per family-reach out to extended family and friends and take advantage of your employers’ matching program to help support this fundraising effort. We would love to surpass our goal!

Kiddos lunch service will begin next Tuesday (9/6). Please keep a calendar at home that shows you and your student(s) the date the hot lunch was ordered so that we do not have students without lunch. There will not be extra food, and if their name is not on the list for the day there will not be a lunch for them.

Next week Wednesday (9/7) we will start our first iReady Diagnostic for grades K-8. Our school data is used by the Archdiocese of Chicago to determine our ability to apply for Blue Ribbon Status, School Goal Setting, and marketing of the excellent standards of Catholic education. Our teachers will be using the data to learn about their new students and where they need support. We have set aside one faculty meeting per month to do “Deep Dives into Data” to help our students grow. We know our students are bright and care about learning. Please reinforce the importance of trying to do their best on these tests when they occur. Support your child with a good night’s rest, and healthy food to fuel their brains. Let them know you know they are taking an important test and you believe in them! Ask them about how it is going. We are testing as a whole school the mornings of 9/7, 9/8, 9/12, 9/13 with 30-minute intervals daily.

On Thursday evening 9/8 we will host “Curriculum Night” for grades 1-8 in person for the first time in over two years. Parents ONLY are invited to attend this special evening. Please gather in the gym after parking in the West Lot to hear from; the Principal, School Board President, and Family School Chairs. There will then be (3) sessions you can attend to meet classroom teachers, see your child’s classroom, and hear about their schedule and curriculum materials used in each grade level. Time for this event is 7:00-9:00 pm.

Lastly, this is a reminder that the maroon-colored uniform shirt has been discontinued. We have been mentioning this to students when we see them wearing this color. Belts are also to be worn with all shorts, and pant items. Belts can be leather, or woven cotton. This school year grades 5-8 will be changing into their gym clothes, so they are not allowed to wear gym uniforms to school on gym days, that is for the younger students only.

Enthusiastically,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Small Bits:

REBEL Way Behavior Expectations; our students are Respectful, Enthusiastic, Big Hearted, Empathetic, Leaders. To positively reinforce the demonstration of these values students receive "tickets" throughout the year and the REBEL Way Prize Cart comes around on Fridays with the potential to have your ticket pulled to receive a prize. We are asking for donations of small items, movie theater candy boxes (no nuts please) and other simple items that students of all ages might like. If you have a birthday party and have extra favors left over, those are great additions to the cart. Please help us if you can with a donation. We have fewer behavioral issues when we focus on the good actions of our students. Our two Dean's run this program, Ms. Dawn Beagles (Dean K-3), Mrs. Dori Greffly (Dean 4-8).

School Pictures: Friday 9/9 will be school picture day. Students from PreK-8 are able to dress up on this day for their pictures. Orders are placed online. [School Picture Order Instructions](#)

School Church Choir: We have a good start to putting together our student choir, but we could use some more lovely student voices! If you are interested, please respond by filling out this form. Please consider sharing your God given talent to help make our masses student centered and lively. [Student Church Choir](#)

Art Club with Mrs. Baynes: Mrs. Baynes is starting up an Art Club after school on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00. The first session will be with the older students, with a session later in the year for our younger students. Come share in the excitement of trying new mediums with a smaller group. There is a fee to participate in this club. [Art Club](#)

Calendar Items:

Friday 9/2 - Spirit Wear Day, No Woodland Bus (PM)

Monday 9/5 - No School, Labor Day

Tuesday 9/6 - Band Program Introduction Grades 3-8, Kiddos Lunch Program Starts

Wednesday 9/7 - All School Mass 8:00, Dance Fit Kick Off, iReady Testing begins

Thursday 9/8 - iReady Testing, Curriculum Night (Grades 1-8) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 9/9 - School Picture Day-Dress Up!

Fliers:

[Student Altar Serving Training](#)

[Kiddos Hot Lunch](#)

August 30, 2022

St. Gilbert Dance Fit Details!

St Gilbert Catholic School families!

We're only ONE week away from our St Gilbert Dance Fit and our students and staff are so excited! We're looking forward to having fun and building community together.

☐ [Log into MYBOOSTER.COM today to get started!](#)

Register & share today to help our school reach our goal of \$35,000 for school improvements that will benefit everyone. Check out this 30 second video about our upcoming event >> [Click for Fun!](#)

Thank you for supporting our school - we are grateful for our amazing school community!

August 25, 2022 Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are off to a great start of the new school year, thank you for being part of the SGS family! Over the summer we made some improvements around the school, and I would like to share a list of those things here. We will show some pictures of physical items on our social media posts in the days ahead.

- * Water bottle filling stations in PK-K & 1-3 Grade Hallways
- * Moved Aftercare to front of building by door #24, updated room layout & schedule
- * Added 2 more security cameras to new Aftercare Door & Front of Church
- * Permanent rear driveway metal gate for security
- * Sports bench chairs for home & away teams
- * Painted murals on gym wall for "Student Section" and in both locker rooms
- * Junior High Lounge "teen" seating; colored stools & small round worktables w/chairs
- * Calm Corner area in 8B (Mrs. Ziegler's room/SEL Coordinator) to help students struggling with emotional issues (all student use)
- * New window blinds in PKB & 1A
- * New cabinets for storage in KA & 4A
- * Added 2 x per week Spanish to 5th grade schedule utilizing Duolingo. Mrs. Dantzer is new World Language Director.

Athletics Information:

1. We are in need of a second Coach for Boys Soccer. Contact: athletic.director@stgilbertschool.org
2. We are looking for a Cheerleading Coach. Contact: athletic.director@stgilbertschool.org
3. Currently Registration is still open for Winter Sports ie: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball it will remain open till September 10th.
4. If you have already Register for Fall & Winter Sports all Forms and Fees must be completed before the Athlete can participate.

*Spirit Wear Ordering Link: <https://stgilbertgear22.itemorder.com/>

This shop will close on September 1, 2022. Orders will be delivered to school the week of the 19th.

Calling all singers! We are starting a student Choir! [Choir Sign Up Flyer](#)

Tommy Uniform Promotion/Free Logo Event:

Tommy Uniforms is planning for the following FREE LOGO promotion starting tomorrow through next week (8/26/22 - 9/1/22) - production lead times are still running 10-15 days - but inventory remains strong, they wanted to make this offer in case any families need anything additional as they head into the fall season.

Friday 8/26 through Thursday 9/1/22.

Promo code required - 2022BTSWFL

Friendly Tips for Arrival/Dismissal:

Arrival:

- * School bell rings at 7:20, if you arrive after this time drop students off at main office door (#1).
- * Please do not attempt to turn left into our driveway off Wicks St. The road is not wide enough to support parked cars and through traffic. If you enter from the west go past the driveway and turn around in the neighborhood so you are making a right into the driveway.
- * At Preschool Area Drop Off (Door #24) please pull up past the flagpole two lanes can be formed along the North and South curb areas. If on the North curb parents must walk students across traffic. Middle should remain open so cars can pull out to leave the drop off zone.

Dismissal:

- * Drivers who like to arrive early please stage in the East Parking Lot so that we keep lines of cars off 120 until our buses arrive. We send a staff down to this lot daily, and when you see that person wave exit the lot onto 120 to the right, and continue to make right turns on Somerset, Wicks, Slusser, and 120 as you enter the car line cue to pull into our parking lot.
- * As always, be mindful of driving in the neighborhoods behind our school. Please follow speed limits and do not park in front of the residents' driveways.
- * We have just started school, and when we have no busing from one of our two districts the wait times can be a bit longer. By Wednesday when our Woodland buses resumed, we were finished with dismissal at 2:05. As we get back into the routine, most often dismissal is completed in 15 minutes or less. We have over 200 cars that arrive in the afternoon, so if you can plan to arrive a little later (1:55) you will usually be able to pull right into the parking lot.
- * 120 is a challenging road with heavy traffic throughout the day, we are situated between this and a neighborhood. Patience is the key. There are days where a train may also be stopped on the 83/120 intersection. St. Gilbert has been at our location for 78 years educating children. We have tried many ideas for arrival and dismissal, we are at our best and quickest using this dismissal method, and it allows for us to keep the children safely in the building until their ride is announced. Let's all work together to keep a positive attitude during the drive times, where we cannot control the actions of all the drivers using 120.

As a reward for a successful start of the school year the children and staff are being given a surprise Spirit Wear Dress Down Day for tomorrow 8.26!

SGS striving for Excellence!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders

Friday 8/26: Spirit Wear Dress Down! Thank you for a great start to the school year!

Saturday 8/27: 8th Annual Athletic Program Golf Outing @ Bonnie Brook Golf Course-Thank you to all our supporters, and to Mr. Rivera our Athletic Director for all his time and enthusiasm in the planning of this fun event!

Friday 9/2: No Woodland Bus (pm)

August 19, 2022
Spirit Wear Shop

Dear Students & Families,

We are opening up our first spirit wear shop of the new school year. Please use the link to order: <https://stgilbertgear22.itemorder.com/>

This shop will close on September 1, 2022. Orders will be delivered to school the week of the 12th. Spirit Wear Days will occur the 1st & 3rd Fridays of every month.

Go Roaring Rebels!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

August 18, 2022 Thursday Tidbits

St. Gilbert School

The first day of school is around the corner, here are some bullet point reminders of frequently asked questions to help keep track of all the things happening in the next few days. We are excited to welcome all our students and families back to school for the 2022-23 school year!

Friday 8/19 - Supply Drop Off/Meet the Teacher 3:00-6:00

- *school supply packs if ordered will be in your child's classroom
- *bus information will be on a packet in your child's room
- *packet of forms for signing w/youngest/only child (turn in ASAP)
- * gym uniforms for sale by the gym
- * Aftercare sign up-gym
- * Scouts and Music Kids Program Info table -gym
- * Headphone order forms in the school office
- * Last year's yearbook ready for pick-up in the school office

Saturday 8/20 - Grayslake Summer Days Parade (Line up by Grayslake Central H.S. 5:45)

- *Thunderstorms are forecast so watch for an email from me in regard to cancellation.

Sunday 8/21 - Used Uniform Sale 9:00-12:00 in the gym,

- *(PK/K Popsicles on the Playground 12:00-2:00 (could be canceled due to rain email will be sent).

Monday 8/22 - School starts, arrive by 7:20 please-No Woodland Buses (am/pm)

Tuesday 8/23 - No Woodland bus (am/pm)

[PikMyKid Instruction Sheet for Dismissal](#)

Music Kids Letter & Survey

Dear parents,

We're working with one of our school's enrichment partners, Music Kids, to survey parents about which musical instruments they'd most like to see offered at St. Gilbert for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Please take a moment to indicate your interest using the Instrument Preference Poll link below. For Music Kids to properly staff the program, and for us to know whether we'll have enough enrollment for them to do so, it will really help to hear from as many families as are interested so we can plan accordingly.

Music Kids offers the convenience of on-site classes for students as young as three years old. They offer instruments including Piano, Violin, and Guitar, where students get to learn alongside a friend or two from school. Take-home instruments, learning resources for parents, and virtual support are all included. For new families, the link below also includes a short summary of what the program is all about. For returning families who were enrolled in the program last year, you should still fill out the survey as well.

[Instrument Preference Poll](#)

August 17, 2022 **Kiddos Lunch Ordering**

Kiddos Lunch Ordering is open! Lunch orders occur two weeks prior to scheduled delivery, lunches will begin September 6th.

[Kiddos Lunch Service Ordering Instructions](#)

August 15, 2022 **Dismissal App Reminder**

We are again using the Pik my Kid app to manage dismissal grades PK-8. This year the app will also be used for dismissal from the After School Program.

Please be sure that your app is still working on your phone, so you are set to announce your arrival beginning on the first day of school. If you need to reinstall the app you will need to call the school office to receive a new QR code to start that process. Just in case you need new car tags some will be available in your youngest student's classroom on school supply drop off, August 19th.

[Parent Check In Instructions](#)

Thank you.

July 29, 2022 **New Teacher Introductions**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to announce the new teachers for the upcoming school year. I am still searching for a part-time music teacher, and I can be flexible with scheduling for someone who is interested. Music is taught to PreK-8, and includes preparing 1-5 for a Christmas concert, and I would love to start a church choir with students as well. These are dreams and may not become a reality based on the current employment landscape. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. We can't formalize the daytime schedule until we know what days and times work best for this special offering.

Mrs. Buckley, Principal
kris.buckley@stgilbertschool.org

Here is our faculty roster:

Pre-K-Jan O'Brien, Lisa Jacobson
Kindergarten- Dawn Beagles
First Grade - Ronnie Spradlin
Second Grade - Elizabeth Schapals
Third Grade - Lisa Draper & Doris Orna
Fourth Grade - Dana Bishop, Kelly Zygmunt
Fifth Grade - Jeanine Fout, Catrina Cecala
Sixth Grade - Christa Carson, Amy Prickett
Seventh Grade - Megan Dantzer, Alyssa Russo
Eighth Grade - Dori Greffly, Vicki Ziegler

Biographies about our new teachers:

Mrs. Amy Prickett: Hi! My name is Amy Prickett. I have been a substitute teacher at SGS for the past few years, and last year I also worked as an aide in the Learning Resource Center at SGS. I graduated from the University of San Diego with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Humanities, and immediately thereafter served as an officer in the US Navy. Shortly after moving to Illinois, I attended Dominican University and later earned a M.A. in Education. My husband Robert and I have three children, the oldest of which is now a high school sophomore, and the younger two attend SGS. As a family we connected with SGS when my oldest child was in first grade as we shifted from public school, and we have been delighted with the SGS experience since. I have always enjoyed being in the classroom at SGS, whether spending numerous years as a lunch parent before eating lunch in the gym was a thing, to subbing in just about every classroom at some point. I am excited to be a part of the junior high team and the SGS family in a different capacity. I believe students are most engaged when classroom learning is meaningful and fun. I am a hands-on learner myself and enjoy the outdoors immensely. I am looking forward to teaching sixth grade!

Fun fact: I spent my senior year of high school in Germany as an exchange student.

Mrs. Kelly Zygmunt: My name is Kelly Zygmunt and I'm the new 4th grade teacher! I am an alumnus of St. Gilbert School and taught Kindergarten here from 2015-2017. I graduated from Roosevelt University and got a job right out of college teaching 4th grade at Fremont Intermediate School. I taught there for 6 years and made the jump to St. Gilbert School to teach a faith-based education. Teaching reading and writing is my absolute favorite, and my students will quickly learn that reading is a huge part of our classroom culture.

My husband and I are high school sweethearts, and we have 2 sons and 2 daughters. They are 10, 8, 5, and 3. I'm beyond excited to be back in the classroom after taking a break to stay home with my kids.

Thank you for welcoming my family and I back to the school. Being a member of the SGS community is truly a blessing.

Mrs. Doris Orna: My name is Doris Orna. I am thrilled to be working with St. Gilbert School third graders. Three years of my early career were spent in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Later, I began working as a Special Education teacher in Illinois public schools. I decided to retire early. So, I am now able to return to the Chicago Archdiocese. I have been a classroom reading teacher and reading interventionist at Our Lady of Humility and St. Mary School for the last few years. I hold teaching credentials in General Education, Special Education, and Reading Recovery. I have over

20 years of teaching experience in both public and private schools. My hope is that my experience will help me to meet the needs of my 3rd grade students. Personally, I am married and have two grown children. Sarah graduated from Roosevelt University and will begin her first teaching position with Chicago Public Schools. Soon, my son Tom will enroll in college. I enjoy reading, cycling, and swimming greatly. This summer, I traveled to Memphis to experience blues music and great southern cuisine.

July 27, 2022
New Hot Lunch Program & Class Lists
School Updates #1

Dear School Families,

The summer is a time to spruce up the building, and work on school improvements. A frequent question that I get from families on tours, is if we would consider getting a hot lunch option for every day. Over the summer I did some research into this, and talked with some of my colleagues, and I have decided to work with a company called Kiddos to offer daily hot lunch. Kiddos partners with local restaurants to offer a wide range of meals. Parents place and pay for orders online, and food is delivered to school right before the start of the lunch period. All orders are packaged and marked with the student's name for easy pick up when they enter the cafeteria. I am including an informational flyer from this company [Kiddos Lunch Program](#) , and in early August I will be sending out the first ordering information. This is an offering; you decide if you wish to participate and how often. Parents place orders by using the student's assigned classroom/teacher from a drop-down menu. This will dictate an earlier than normal release of classroom assignments. All the online products we use require students to be entered into databases by their assigned classes, so look for the announcement of class assignments to come out August 1st in the afternoon.

We are getting closer to the start of a new school year, so I will be sending more updates each week on a variety of topics, to ease you all back into the upcoming school year!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

June 30, 2022
Updated Covid Protocols Fall 2022-23 School Year

[Updated Covid Protocols Fall 2022-23 School Year](#)