



## January 30, 2026 Book Blast is Ending - Last Chance

Dear St Gilbert Catholic School Families!

Our Book Blast event has just a few days left, and the response we've had is AMAZING. Thank You!

Next Steps:

- Already registered? Ensure you have sent at least 10 invitations, so your student qualifies for their prizes and is entered into our drawings!
- Not registered? There's still time! Click below to register your student, invite friends and family, and give your student a chance to win the Epic Treasure Chest!

Get started here: <https://app.booksarefun.com/StGilbertCS60030>

Remember, 100% of all contributions stay with the school in the form of books for our students, books for our school, and classroom supplies for our teachers.

Thank you to those who have sent out invitations, donations for books are coming in for your students and ensuring that all students at St. Gilbert will received at least (1) book on delivery day!

## January 29, 2026 Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all the families who supported their students with our first time ever roll out of "Book Blast." This program replaced one of our two Scholastic Book fairs this year. As a faculty we support literacy, and encourage reading. This program guarantees to put at least one book in the hands of all our students. Teachers who have been encouraging students will also earn "classroom shopping sprees" based on student participation. As of this morning the following teachers have \$100 to spend on classroom books, and items that encourage and support literacy; Mrs. Beagles (KA), Mrs. Spradlin (1A), Mrs. Jacobson (2B), and Mrs. Dolan (2 year old Preschool). The program will continue through next week. Books will be delivered to our school in March, on a day that will be announced and celebrated school-wide.

Thank you for your continued support in dressing your children for the weather! It has been quite the couple of weeks with the cold, often snowy days. This week we kept the children inside for two days, and we noticed that they really need fresh air, and a chance to burn off some of the energy they work to contain, while sitting all day at a desk during their lessons. If they have the correct outerwear the recess experience is so much more enjoyable.

Tomorrow we will conclude our special celebration of Catholic Schools- thank you for helping your children follow our daily themes and activities. Thank you for the sacrifices that you make to provide a Catholic education to your child(ren). We are grateful for all our school families, you form our faith-filled community!

A special "thank you" to our teachers that planned the Open House Family Mass; Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Spradlin, Mrs. Patula, Mrs. J. Jacobson. Our CSW teacher committee guided us through the rest of the week; Ms. Bishop, Ms. Fout, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Galuska, and Mrs. Bocox. There were lots of hours of planning and working on Sunday to make the school a vibrant and welcoming place for visitors and families to tour-thank you for your dedication and service to St. Gilbert teachers!

Blessings & Gratitude,

Mrs. Kris Buckley & Staff of SGS

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**Friday 1/30** - "Appreciate your Teacher Day", Last Treasure Chest Giveaway-Book Blast!

**Thursday 2/5** - Spirit Wear Day (due to no school on Friday), Book Blast Concludes

**Friday 2/6** - Teacher PD / No School

### **Little Bits:**

Notice: 3rd-5th Grade Art Club is now closed to further registration

### **Willy Wonka Donations Needed**

### **Book Blast Treasure Map**

### **Kiddos Hot Lunch-New "Sick Credit" Policy**

### **January 27, 2026 Book Blast Day #2**

Don't Miss Out - Treasure Chest Giveaway Tomorrow!

Dear St Gilbert Catholic School Families,

WOW! In just 24 hours, families have answered our call, sending invitations to friends and family. We love seeing families as excited as we are about giving students more books and supporting teachers.

**Get started here: <https://app.booksarefun.com/StGilbertCS60030>**

Complete your Treasure Map tonight and your student(s) will be entered to win a Treasure Chest. Drawings start tomorrow!

Thank you!

### **January 26, 2026**

## Register for Book Blast Tonight! - Help Your Student Build Their Home Library!

Dear St Gilbert Catholic School Families,

We're excited to partner with Books Are Fun and the Book Blast program to grow our students' home libraries and encourage more reading over screen time! Tonight, we're asking you to take 7 minutes to support your Student Home Library initiative.

Today, our students learned about the Book Blast Program and the importance of having their own books at home. Tonight, we are asking you to take 7 minutes to support our Student Home Library initiative.

**Get started here:** <https://app.booksarefun.com/StGilbertCS60030>

### How it works:

1. Click the link and register your student(s).
2. Invite at least 10 friends or family to support your student(s). (Info is secure and only used for this program.)
3. Need help? Watch this short video: [Family Explainer Video](#)

### Win a trip to Disney!

- Each supporter who clicks your student's link earns an entry for a chance to win a Disney trip. More clicks = more entries! For example, if five different people click the link, your family gets five entries into the drawing!
- Pro Tip: After sending invitations, follow up with a phone call to make sure they received the message.

### Why I love this program:

- Every student gets new, age-appropriate books.
- 100% of contributions go to books and classroom supplies.
- Takes less than 10 minutes and NO financial requirement from you.
- Check out the attached book list—it's amazing!

More books at home = more reading! We're aiming for 100% participation

See Book Blast in action at Fulton Elementary: [Fulton Elementary News Clip](#)

Thank you for helping our school and community.

**January 22, 2026**  
**Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It seems like we are in the heart of winter all of a sudden! We had some spring-like weather a week ago, but now we are all like hibernating bears; hunkered in our winter coats, and hurrying into school from the cold. Wintertime in schools is often a time when we fall into a consistent daily routine, and focus on our studies. The holiday hustle and bustle is over, and outside activities are still months away. This week and next we are finishing up iReady testing for those who were absent. Results will come home in early February. We will also have a time for phone/google meet check-in conferences on February 13th. This will be a half day,

with dismissal at 11:00 for students. Aftercare will only be open for Preschool Students who have been regularly using the aftercare program, and it will close at 5:00 pm on that day.

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. On Sunday, January 25th we invite all families, and especially their grandparents to the 11:00 mass. Let us join together as a Catholic community of faith & families. You may visit your child's classroom, and take a peek at the classroom of their next grade before mass from 10:30-11:00, or after mass from 12:00-12:30. We will be doing scheduled tours for prospective families from 9:00-11:00.

Schedule for CSW: [Catholic Schools Week 2026](#)

Stay warm & safe out there!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**Saturday 1/24** - Musical Dance Clinic 9:00-12:00 in the gym

**Sunday 1/25** - Open House, 11:00 Family Mass, Prospective new family tours 9:00-11:00

**Monday 1/26** - CSW Begins, Promoting Student Literacy "Book Blast" kickoff- Attention, Agents! Our Book Blast event starts next week.

We will set off on a mission to build our students' home libraries. Follow the steps on the Treasure Map coming home next week to embark on this operation to earn exciting prizes and books.

@go.booksarefun #bookblastadventures #bookblast #booksarefun #literacy

**Other Bits:** (fliers etc.)

**11:00 a.m. Family/Grandparent Mass** – Students who attend in uniform will receive a casual pass. Passes will be distributed to students in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

### **3-5 Winter Art Club Registration**

### **Willy Wonka Musical Set Requests**

**January 22, 2026**

**School Closure/eLearning Day 1.23.26**

Dear Students & Families,

Tomorrow, Friday January 23rd, school will be closed due to the extreme cold that is forecast for the early morning hours. We will be doing eLearning for the day, so students have been sent home with their devices and instructions from the teachers to check work that is posted on the LMS systems; SeeSaw (grades K-2), Google Classroom (grades 3-8). Teachers will be available to answer parent or student emails that pertain to work during the hours of 8:00-1:00.

Stay safe and warm,

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

**January 15, 2026**  
**Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have almost completed week #1 of our iReady Winter Diagnostic. This week the focus was on mathematics. Some grades have also started the reading test. We are set to finish this by the end of next week. Continue to focus on providing a good night's sleep, healthy breakfast, and send water & a snack daily. I am excited to look at the student's growth scores when we conclude all the tests and makeups.

Last week we had a "surprise" Bears dress down day - tomorrow is a Spirit Wear day already, but you can wear Bears gear to support our Chicago team as they play in their second Playoff game on Sunday!

Stay warm out there-it seems like winter is back.....

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

**Calendar Reminders:**

**Friday 1/16** - Spirit Wear/or Chicago Bears Wear

**Monday 1/19** - No School (MLK Day)

**Wednesday 1/21** - Spelling Bee 12:30-1:30

**Catholic Schools Week 1/25- 1/30** (details will be coming soon)

Family Mass w/Grandparents at 11:00 on **1/25/26**

**Little Bits: Fliers etc.**

SGS Sports Cushion Order

Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/189WHNtsa6n8RrCQoJufCXkJCHxiHH4m\\_SyxTdj7ktEg/edit?ts=6966434b](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/189WHNtsa6n8RrCQoJufCXkJCHxiHH4m_SyxTdj7ktEg/edit?ts=6966434b)

[St. Gilbert Parish Blood Drive](#)

[Scouting Flyer](#)

[Junior Knights Flag Football](#)

[Junior Knights Tackle Football](#)

**January 8, 2026**

## Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is the first Tidbits of 2026! Happy New Year to all....our major event in January is Catholic School's Week from January 25-January 30th. Open House and tours for new families will be on Sunday, January 25th. If you have friends or neighbors who are looking for a preschool/ school for their children please make referrals to St. Gilbert School-you will earn a \$350 credit on your tuition once they complete a full year of enrollment. Watch for communication to current families as far as re-enrollment decisions-we begin this process mid January.

Next week Monday 1/12 we begin our Winter iReady Testing. This is the second segment of testing in the subjects of reading and math. Grades K-8 participate in these Diagnostic Tests. The main purpose of testing session #2 is to see if students are on grade level and progressing along the path for what is expected in that grade halfway through their school year. As parents, it is good to be aware of academic touchpoints as your students learn and grow, to determine if additional resources or help might be needed. Encourage your students to have a "positive attitude" about testing, that it is a time to show all that they have been learning. Please be sure that students are rested, eat a good breakfast, are sent with a healthy snack, and do not arrive late to school.

We will not be allowing late students to enter classrooms where testing has begun (this is particular to the Junior High grades.) Students who come in late to first period testing disrupt the thought processes of students who were on time and started their testing. Be advised that Junior High students who arrive late will be sent to the Learning Resource Test Monitoring room.

It is the new year and I want to gently remind parents who drive in the morning and afternoon to be patient and considerate of your surroundings and others when driving to pick up your children. We are all trying to do the best we can to get your students into school, and to leave school in a safe manner. At no time should there be any cars idling/stopped on Wicks Street behind school in the morning coming in from the west. Buses need a large turning radius to get out of the driveway, and Wicks is a residential road that cannot accommodate (3) lanes of traffic. Community members who live in the houses behind us must be respected; please do not block their driveways, or block the (4) way stop in the neighborhood, or clog up Wicks so that they cannot get through to get to the train station, or out of their neighborhood. I am relying on you to make good decisions as adult drivers, I do not have staff to police areas off our grounds. Thank you to so many of our families who follow good rules of the road. I appreciate your patience and assistance in making our traffic process run smoothly.

I want to let everyone know that our Varsity Cheerleading Team qualified to participate in "State" and they will be going to Peoria this weekend to compete. We wish them much success, and are so proud of how far our Cheer Team has come in just (2) short years! They also earned a banner in the gym, so watch for that to get hung up in the new year!

We are also excited for the Chicago Bears to be headed to the playoffs-so I am declaring Friday 1/9/26 to be a "Bears Dress Down Day" for the entire school! Show your support for our Chicago Bears as they play the Green Bay Packers on Saturday.

Bear Down St. Gilbert Rebels!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**Friday 1/9** - Chicago Bears Dress Down Day

**Saturday 1/10** - Varsity Cheer Competes at State, Skate in the Park Event (Village of Grayslake)

**Wednesday 1/14** - No Grayslake Buses (PM)

### **Little Bits:**

5th-8th Grade Registration for Spring Sports: <https://www.stgilbertschool.org/athletics-registration>

### **Flu Season Parent Letter**

Gym Uniform Store to purchase items: <https://stgilbertgym.itemorder.com/>

### **Fuzzy Sock Drive for Foster Children**

### **Used Uniform Donations**

**December 18, 2025**

### **Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There has been much joy coming into the school these final days before Christmas. Today was "dress as your favorite character from a Christmas song or movie" and it made me smile to see all the creativity in the young and old, coming in the doors for school. Never fear parents, there has been learning going on daily at the same time as all the festive cheer! Tomorrow we will have a fun day filled with prayer, song, and celebrations with friends.

All the teachers and staff wish you a blessed holiday season as you share the wonder of Jesus' birth with family and friends. Stay safe if you are traveling over Christmas, take time to rest and thank God for your blessings.

We wish you a Merry Christmas,

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**12/19** - Christmas Sweaters, Christmas Parties

Christmas Break **12/20-1/4**

School resumes Monday **1/5/26**

### **Little Bits:**

Brad's Bookworms: <https://schneider.house.gov/students/brads-bookworms>

NFL Alumni Family Football Trivia: [details/flier](#)

Grades 5th-8th it is time to register for Spring Sports! Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Track and Field; use the following link: <https://www.stgilbertschool.org/athletics-registration>

## **December 11, 2025 Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tonight we will celebrate the wonders of the Christmas season through the eyes of our 1st-5th graders. This concert begins at 5:30 in the church. Students and families may begin arriving at 5:00. Students should report to their homerooms beginning at 5:15, please leave coats and any other belongings with parents in the pews as you will dismiss after the concert with your family. Fifth grade students need to arrive at 5:00 to be dressed in costumes in the Art Room. These students have been practicing their songs, lines, and instruments for months....they are sure to amaze us all with their gifts and talents.

St. Gilbert Ornaments will be sold in the narthex if you are interested; \$6.00 for (1), \$10 for (2).

Christmas bells are ringing.....

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**12/11** - Grades 1-5 Christmas Concert 5:30 pm in church

**12/12** - Fr. Mario's Birthday!!!

**12/15 -12/19** - SGS Christmas Spirit Week **Christmas Spirit Week 2025**

**12/15** - Reconciliation grades 4-8 (during school hours)

**12/16** - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

**12/18** - Aftercare closing at 4:30/Staff Christmas Party

Christmas Break **12/22/25-1/2/26**

School Resumes **1/5/26**

### **Other Bits:**

**Dress Down Passes/Christmas Gifts**

**SGS Christmas Ornaments 2025**

**SGS Christmas Spirit Week**

**Still looking for this year's Christmas tree?**

Stop by the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree lot this weekend! We have a wide selection of beautiful 7-8' Fraser and Canaan firs available.

Weekend hours 9 AM - 8 PM. All proceeds from this fundraiser goes towards supporting our St. Gilbert community.

Thank you!

**Childhood Cancer Survivor Event: Grayslake North High School (Part of the proceeds of t-shirt sales will go to Carter Halloran & Family)**

Next Thursday, December 18th, we are having a Childhood Cancer Awareness Night. Joey Clark, a current student and wrestler, beat cancer prior to coming to Grayslake North and this is something that he is passionate about doing and finding ways to give back. He is involved and speaks regularly at events about Childhood Cancer.

We also have a youth athlete in our Grayslake community, Carter Halloran, who is currently battling childhood cancer. His Dad, Jon, was a teacher of mine at Carmel. Carter and the Halloran Family will be in attendance next Thursday night as well. It will be really special to have them present!

I worked with Joey as he had a dream of having t-shirts to wear for the night of our Childhood Cancer Awareness Night. His sister, Rosa, helped design them and then I worked with American Outfitters to get a deal where we can order these shirts, have them delivered to the school individually packaged, and then we will have them for our event. However, the link is **ONLY OPEN UNTIL TOMORROW NIGHT** at 11:59 PM! Please please share this and be sure to order a shirt and help support our Childhood Cancer night. Each shirt is \$10 and we have both Adult and Youth sizes available. \$2 of each shirt will go back to the Halloran Family as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions! Looking forward to this great night!

<https://chstrong.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

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Grayslake North High School-Head Athletic Trainer  
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**Lake Villa LaCross Program**

**December 8, 2025  
Aftercare Early Closure Notice**

**Early Aftercare Closure 12/18/25 @ 4:30pm**

This message is for families that use Aftercare either on a regular basis or just once in a while. On Thursday, December 18, Fr. Mario will be celebrating Christmas with the entire staff in the form of a party. On this date, we will be closing Aftercare early at 4:30pm to allow those staff members to attend the last half of the party.

Please make a note on your calendars and plan accordingly for an early Aftercare closure on 12/18/25 at 4:30.

Thank you for your understanding and support of our Aftercare staff!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

## **December 4, 2025 Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We start our holiday celebrations this Friday 12/5 at 9:00 am in the church, with a wonderful Christmas Story Concert, with performances by our youngest students; Preschool & Kindergarten. We are expecting over 400 guests for this concert and have opened up our West parking lot (enter through the gym doors) in addition to the large East lot (enter through the main church doors.) The students have been practicing for weeks, and are sure to amaze you with their heavenly voices.

Next week Thursday, 12/11 at 5:30 pm our 1-5 graders will celebrate the Christmas season through song. This is an evening performance located in the church. Here is note from our music director, Mrs. Nuzzo:

"The Christmas Pageant is fast approaching! 1st-5th grades will present the story of the birth of Jesus on December 11th at 5:30 in church. 5th graders will need to arrive by 5:00 to get into their costumes (meet in the art room!) and 1st-4th graders need to arrive at 5:15, and then leave their belongings in church with parents before going to their classrooms. They are very excited to retell the story, sing and play instruments for you! If for any reason your child cannot be there that night, please email me directly at [Kara.Nuzzo@stgilbertschool.org](mailto:Kara.Nuzzo@stgilbertschool.org) so I can make sure all parts are covered. Attire is Christmas fancy for those not in other costumes."

The results are in for our yearly **School Christmas Ornament Contest**, run by Mrs. Baynes, Art Teacher:

Congratulations to our 2025 Christmas Ornament Contest Winners!

This year's winner is Adeline W. in 6B with her Roaring Rebels design!

In 2nd place is Vivian R. in 6B with her Angels Among Us design, and

In 3rd place is Ava F. in 8A with her snowman design

\*We had 3 additional finalists: Ava M. in 8B, Ethan S. in 8A and Nolan B. in 6A

Congratulations everyone! Thank you for your creative designs!

Please see attached order form to get your 2025 Roaring Rebels Keepsake Ornament! **[Christmas Ornament Order Form 2025](#)**

Christmas Ornaments will be sold at both concerts in the back of the church. Cash is preferred. These do sell out every year, so get yours today!

I hear a host of angels singing!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**Thursday 12/4** - Christmas Bazaar drop off of items 2:15-5:00 pm.

**Friday 12/5** - Spirit Wear Day, PK & K Christmas Concert 9:00 am in Church, Christmas Bazaar Drop off items 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

**Sunday 12/7** - Parish Christmas Tree Lighting after 5:00 pm mass [Christmas Tree Lighting](#)

**Monday 12/8** - Holy Day (All School Mass at 8:00 am), Winter Cheer Camp Grades K-4 from 2:00-4:00

**Wednesday 12/10** - No mass, No Grayslake buses (pm)

**Thursday 12/11** - Santa Secret Shopping Begins!, 1-5 Christmas Concert 5:30 pm in Church, Christmas Spirit Wear Dress Down (school purchased spirit wear only)

### **SGS Sports Central:**

**12/8** - Boys Basketball 7th & 8th away @ Frassati (6:00/7:00)

**12/9** - Boys Basketball 6th & 8th HOME vs. Westlake (5:00/6:00)

**12/10** - Girls Basketball 6th & 7th HOME vs. St. Joe's (5:30/6:30)

5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball in POP Tournament **12/11-12/13** (various times)

### **Other Bits:**

Christmas Bazaar [Christmas Bazaar Shopping! Used Christmas Donations: Christmas Bazaar](#)

Link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CABAB22ABFDCE9-60676548-christmas#/>

[Christmas Dress Down Passes](#)

[Christmas Ornament Orders](#)

[Christmas Cash 2025](#)

Santa's Secret Shop: Pre-loaded vouchers directions:

Shop--

[2130080.holidaytreasures.com](https://www.2130080.holidaytreasures.com)

Online Vouchers-

[Student Vouchers - Gift Vouchers - Holiday Treasures Gift Shop](#)

Dave & Busters Game Card Fundraiser (FSA) [Dave & Busters](#)

[Used Uniform Donations](#)

## Parish Christmas Dinner 2025

**December 2, 2025**

### "Christmas Dress Down Passes"

Dear SGS Families,

Back by popular demand, is our sale of "Christmas Dress Down Passes." [Dress Down Pass Details](#) These passes make great stocking stuffers, St. Nick treasures, and more. They can be used through the end of the 2025-2026 school year. See the graphic attached for details on costs, and limits for purchase. Our celebration of the season starts this week with our Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Concert on Friday 12/5.....and will continue as we go through the Advent season until Christmas.

May you see the joy of the season through the eyes of a child,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

**November 20, 2025**

### Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tomorrow students will be bringing home their first Trimester Report Cards. Please sit down with your child and praise their efforts, and agree on some goals together. Take a look at their attendance and timeliness getting to school in the morning. Praise them for good efforts in this area, which is an important indicator of success in school.

This Friday ends our Spirit Week, and we will be having our Pep Rally at 12:30. Parents that plan to attend we will be using Door #8 (which is accessed by parking in the East Lot and coming up the driveway behind the rectory.) We will have staff at the door checking you in, just provide your last name and # entering to our door attendant. You will exit the same way, and you will be able to take your child with you. Please let their teacher know if you plan to attend and take them.

Thank you Fusz family for prize cart donations!

Go Rebels!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

### Calendar Reminders:

**Friday 11/21** - Spirit Wear & Pep Rally 12:30

**Monday 11/24** - No Grayslake Buses (pm), Chipotle (Grayslake) Restaurant Night

**Tuesday 11/25** - No Grayslake Buses (pm)

**11/26-11/28** - Thanksgiving Break

**SGS Sports Central:**

**Monday 11/24** - 6th & 8th BB home vs HRK @ 6:00/7:00

**Other Information:**

**Student Vendors: Christmas Bazaar**

**Adult Vendors: Christmas Bazaar**

**Used Christmas Donations: Christmas Bazaar**

**Christmas Bazaar Shopping!**

**FSA Restaurant Night-Grayslake Chipotle**

**St. Gilbert Giving Trees 2025**

**PADS Christmas Wish List 2025**

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

**November 14, 2025**

**Food Drive Results & More Holiday Fliers**

Thank you so much to all our families who participated in the Be the Light — Full Hearts, Full Plates food donation drive. We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity. Our conference room was filled with canned goods, bagged meals, cereal, and so much more.

Today, we loaded up vehicles with donations and were honored to deliver food **and a \$1,000 check** to each food pantry: **Lord of Glory and Avon Township Food Pantry.**

As Jesus teaches us:

**“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” — Matthew 25:35**

Thank you for being a light to others!

Your kindness is making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.

**More Holiday Fliers:**

We heard you and made the changes! We have added adult and youth sizes to the Preschool Christmas tees in our Spirit wear shop. Only 3 more days to order from this Spiritwear shop. November 17th is the deadline. December 11th will be a special day to wear any Christmas spirit wear that you purchase! Don't miss out and place your orders today: <https://stgilbert25.itemorder.com/>

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive 2025**

**Christmas Cheer Clinic**, registration link: <https://forms.gle/fi69ts9gJucWgQb89>

Christmas Bazaar: [Bazaar Info.](#) , [Bazaar Donations](#) , [Craft Vendors](#)

## **November 13, 2025 Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I was so pleased to see so many children ready for cold weather and snow this week! Great job parents on getting them new boots, snow pants, jackets, hats & gloves. A great time was had by all playing in the snow and building "leaf/snow" bundles. As a reminder, students will go outside for recess even in cold weather, unless the temperature is "0" or below-real or feel temperature. Students will only be allowed to play in snow if they have boots, snow pants, and gloves. Please send them with reusable bags for all their extra winter items-lockers and hooks cannot hold all items, and a nice bag will help them keep things organized and together. When they return home please take out items and hang them to dry. An item that is often forgotten is shoes for when they take their boots off! Thank you for your assistance and preparation of students for the change in weather.

\*Thank you to the Kruse family for their donation of recess balls.

Gym Uniform Store Link: <https://stgilbertgym.itemorder.com/>

Upcoming club sign up: [Winter Chess Club](#)

Fall Blessings,

Mrs. Kris Buckley

## **Calendar Reminders:**

Spirit Week is **11/17-11/21 Spirit Week 2025**

## **SGS Sports Central:**

5th Grade Boys play at 8:00 am on **Sat. 11/15** at home

**11/18** - 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball at home vs. Frassati (5:30/6:30)

**11/20** - 6th/7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at home vs. St. Pat's (5:30/6:30/7:30)

## **Lots Happening around SGS for the holidays-check out all the fliers:**

Our new SGS Spiritwear Shop is open until November 17th. Check out the special Christmas items along with so many cute new SGS favorites...perfect for students, parents, and teachers to show off their school spirit this season! December 11th will be a special day to wear any Christmas spirit wear that you purchase! Don't miss out and place your orders today: <https://stgilbert25.itemorder.com/>

### **"Be the Light Food Drive"**

### **St. Gilbert Giving Trees 2025**

### **PADS Christmas Wish List 2025**

### **International Fest**

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

## **November 6, 2025**

### **Thursday Tidbits**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today marks the end of Trimester #1. Students will bring home a report card for your review 11/21. As November starts, it seems like a roller coaster as we head towards Christmas time. Here are the dates of some of our larger events that you might wish to add to your family calendars:

**11/17-11/21** - School Spirit Week (end with a Pep Rally on Friday at 12:30)

**12/5** - PK & K "Christmas Blessings Concert" 9:00 am, in Church

**12/11** - Grades 1-5 "Oh Holy Night" Christmas Concert 5:30 pm in Church

**12/19** - Classroom Christmas Parties and final day of school before Holiday Break

### **Calendar Reminders:**

Friday 11/7 - No School

Monday 11/10 - Family School Association "Friendsgiving" 7:00 pm, Chapel Hall

Wednesday 11/12 - No Grayslake Buses (PM), 5th Grade Field Trip

### **SGS Sports Central:**

\* This is a second call for uniform turn in for the sports of; Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer & Cross Country (Uniforms should be washed, placed in a bag labeled with your child's name and grade, and sent c/o the Office.)

**Tuesday 11/11** - Home game for 7th Grade Boys Basketball @ 6:00 vs. SMCA

**Saturday 11/15** - St. Gilbert hosts all 5th grade boys basketball games beginning at 8:00 am

### **Fliers & Important Happenings:**

Our new SGS Spirit Wear Shop is open — just in time for the holidays! Check out the special Christmas items along with so many cute new SGS favorites...perfect for students, parents, and teachers to show off their school spirit this season!

Order Deadline: November 17th

Delivery: Items will be sent home with your student the week of December 1st  
Shop here <https://stgilbert25.itemorder.com/>

### **"Be the Light Food Drive"**

**Christmas Cheer Camp Grades K-4** , Sign Up Link: <https://forms.gle/k34VQdRqwf4Rh3eQ7>

Gym Uniform Store Link: <https://stgilbertgym.itemorder.com/>

### **Santa's Secret Shop**

**November 4, 2025**

### **Mass Update & Food Drive**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please see Mass updates and procedures in the email sent to school families. We look forward to welcoming our parish family at our all school masses, you have been missed.

As many of you are aware there has been a huge strain on the local food banks in the past month. Our Student Council is coordinating a food drive that will benefit two local pantries. We have been in contact with them to see what is needed, and they have shared a list, also explaining what the purchasing power of a cash donation can provide. They work with their suppliers to buy quantities of food in bulk at a lower price, so your donation can go very far to feeding families in need. Please see details here: **[Be the Light: Food Drive](#)**

Thank you in advance for your generosity to the families who need help in our community!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal