



September 28, 2023
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Office of Catholic Schools has asked that each of its schools send out the Student Absentee Policy. As a whole, public and private schools are noticing an increase in student absences from school, as well as high levels of tardiness. Students cannot learn if they are not in attendance, they get behind in their work, and become overwhelmed with trying to get caught up again. This often leads to increases in depression or anxiety. It becomes a vicious cycle. At St. Gilbert our calendar has 180 days of school, 10% of that would be 18 days, 18 days divided by 3 trimesters would mean that we are paying attention to absences that are over 6 days in a trimester and are not the result of a medical reason. Per our handbook, we ask that vacations try to be scheduled around school closures for; summer, holidays and spring break if possible. **Student Attendance Policy**

School Directory:

Our school directory is complete and everyone will receive a link to an electronic version. If you wish to receive a printed/paper copy of the directory, please send in \$5.00 to the school office with an envelope labeled "school directory" and include your "family name" please.

Abbott Giving Matching Giving Campaign

We know that we have many families that work for either Abbvie/Abbott and that this is the time for your giving campaign. Here are details about choosing St. Gilbert as the recipient of charity giving and matching funds:

The Abbott employee giving campaign runs from Oct 2 - 13. Abbott provides a 100% match (up to \$5K annually) to most any charity chosen by the employee, and Saint Gilbert School is eligible.

Here is the website link for Abbott employees to access the donation site: <https://abbottegc.benevity.org/>
Simply type "Saint Gilbert School" in the search box, and click donate.

Tax Credit Scholarship News

Save Our Saint Gilbert Scholarships!

The Invest in Kids Act which grants tax credits to people who fund scholarships that allow Illinois students from low-income families to attend private schools is slated to sunset Dec. 31 unless state legislators approve an extension.

Last year, 25 Saint Gilbert School students received scholarships, and statewide, over 9,000 students of working class families received the same gift. If the program ends, many of these children will be forced to leave their "best fit" schools, causing trauma and ending the hopes and dreams of students and their families.

How can I help?

Contact your State Representative and State Senator. We have a chance to save the program this fall but we need you to contact your legislator with a personal message directed through www.savemyscholarship.org or use the QR code on the flier below. Personalize the message so our representatives know that the email is from a real voter – tell them you're from Saint Gilbert School and why the program is important for helping students in need.

What Else Can I Do?

We will be hosting our local representatives on October 10th or 17th. We need to fill the room with positive people and energy to let them see how many voters care. More information to come.

Donations:

Thank you to the following families for their donations to the Rebel Way Prize Cart; Nurre, Budge, and Metz. Remember that if you can help with donations for our Harvest Fest event we are looking for: water, pop, and no nut candy donations for the trick or treating. Please send it to the school office! Thank you for helping to make our event a success!

Happy Fall Ya'll,

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/29 - "5 weeks of September"-Surprise Dress Down Day! No Woodland buses (PM)

Wednesday 10/4 - Fun Run School Reward-All School Movie Day w/popcorn!

Thursday 10/5 - 11:00 Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences, No Buses Grayslake & Woodland (PM), Carmel Fine Arts Presentation 8:00 am-All School Assembly, Preschool students have school from 7:25-1:50 as normal, No Aftercare for any students in grades K-8, preschool students will have aftercare available until 5:00 pm. (note time)

Friday 10/6 - No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday 10/9 - No School-Indigenous People's Day

Fliers:

Save the Tax Credit Scholarship!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

2024 Light the Night Event

September 26, 2023

3rd Annual Harvest Fest

Save the date! St. Gilbert's 3rd Annual Harvest Fest Celebration is coming soon (Friday, October 20th). This is a community event held mostly outside in our large parking lot, playground area, and this year we will add a bonfire in our new garden area. There will be Trick or Treating, Games, Bouncy House, S'mores, Food Trucks, Pumpkins, 50/50 Raffle, Adult Beverages, and other fun features. Event Registration, purchase of drink and raffle tickets will be coming soon, however our main feature "Trunk or Treat" is ready for sign up: **Trunk or Treat Sign Up** We are hoping to get about 15 trunks, with attendees voting for the best trunk in town!

I am also looking for donations of water and pop and bags of non-peanut candy for this event. Please drop donations at the front office.

Mark your calendars for this must attend event!

Mrs. Buckley & FSA

September 26, 2023

Calendar Adjustment Notice

First Notice: On Friday, September 29th Woodland School District has an early release so we will have no Woodland buses (PM only), this is an addition to the calendar.

Second Alert: School Conferences are next week Thursday & Friday 10/5-10/6. St. Gilbert K-8th graders have an 11:00 early release on 10/5 and Parent/Teacher Conferences will be going on until 7:00 pm. Aftercare will only be available for our preschoolers who will have a regular school day. Aftercare will close on Thursday 10/5 at 5:00 pm. Preschool families whose children will be going to aftercare please send a lunch and two snacks for your children. Friday 10/6 St. Gilbert is closed to all students, and conferences will be scheduled for some K-8 students in the morning.

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

September 21, 2023

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to formally thank all of you for your efforts towards our major school fundraiser-our Boosterthon "Fun Run." We had a school goal of \$40,000 which we surpassed! Our estimate in profit is \$47,000. We have 53 submissions to corporate matching that would add an additional \$6,000.

Some other interesting statistics are as follows:

82% of students registered
76% of students had at least (1) pledge
We received pledges from (33) of the (50) states
Grandparent giving totaled \$17,000
Relative giving totaled \$13,000
Parental giving totaled \$23,000
Family friend giving totaled \$7,000

I always like to focus on results that you can see. We have just "scored" an end of season clearance deal on a "Greenhouse" for our school vegetable garden. For those of you who do not have 4th graders yet, we have a community garden where plants are started from seed over the winter/spring and then planted by 4th grade students as part of the study of plant cycles in Science. The garden grows all summer with the help of Ms. Bishop, 4th Grade Science teacher, and Mrs. Kozak, 2nd grade aide, and then food is harvested and given to the Avon Food Pantry. I want to thank both Mr. & Mrs. Kozak for finding the "deal" and their offer of assembly and ground preparation! We will see this project completed in the next couple of weeks.

I have been researching a popular recess game called "Gaga Ball." We would like to purchase additional games for our students at recess. A Gaga Ball pit can accommodate 15-20 children and is a safer variant of traditional dodgeball. I will also be purchasing recess playground stencils which we will use to add games such as hopscotch and four square to the parking lot area. I have asked Mrs. Bocox & Mr. Keeler to do an inventory of gym equipment and to give me a list of any additional items that they need to enhance our PE classes. We will feature each new item purchased with your donations, on our school website and social media. Again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity.

Boosterthon as an organization is the coordinator of this fundraiser, but I do want to thank some of our volunteers for being onsite during the event, and for helping to hand out prizes during the duration of our event. Thank you to Mrs. Murphy (dress down pass creator), Mrs. Teipel (Prize Coordinator), Mrs.

Nurre (new parent), and Mrs. Martinez for their help sorting prizes and distributing to classrooms. Lastly, a thank you to Mrs. Dahm our Social Media Coordinator for all her posts and reminders about our fundraiser. We will have our school movie day with popcorn treat on Wednesday, October 4th.

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/22 - No School for students!

Monday 9/25 - No Grayslake Buses (AM & PM)

SGS STEM Classes & Clubs:

The Elementary STEM Lab is building many different things and in need of materials.

We are currently building:

Houses, buildings and structures in our 7th grade Earthquake unit

Landforms of paper mache and straws in our 5th grade Flooding unit

Cars in our 2nd grade motion unit

Animal habitats in our 3rd grade Habitat unit

Forts in our Kindergarten cooperation unit

Quilt squares in our 6th grade Pixel Art unit

(1st, 4th & 8th grade are not building at this time but will be soon)

We are in need of the following items: colored fabric pieces, paper towel tubes, straws (all types of large plastic, bendy and paper), wire coat hangers, gauze, flour, air dry clay, popsicle sticks, wooden skewers, bed sheets flat, clothes pins, pvc pipes (any length or width), Lego or duplo blocks, "C" clamps, twine and colored masking and duct tape.

All donations to help facilitate these projects are greatly appreciated.

Amazon Wishlist link: <https://a.co/2W3828f>

Special Note: STEM Club Registration will be coming soon-keep yours eyes open for details!

Fliers

[Carmel High School Girls Feeder Basketball](#)

[2023 Girls Basketball Feeder Informational Flyer - \(Final\).pdf](#)

[SGS Band Registration & Info.](#)

[Grayslake North Homecoming Parade Details](#)

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September 15, 2023

1st Family School Meeting for the year!

As our FSA Chairs explained during our recent Parent Night; FSA provide community building opportunities, generates funds that help the school and assists with parish financial aide, and they coordinate teacher and staff appreciation gifts and meals. All parents are automatically part of FSA, however we do encourage and need your help in volunteer form for our many activities. You can be involved as much or as little as you want, we just need you to be INVOLVED!

First Meeting of 2023: Wednesday, September 20th @ 6:30pm

Topic: FSA Monthly Meeting

Time: September 20, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Please contact the school office or refer to the Friday email for Zoom link and passcode.

September 14, 2023

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your support of our fundraiser through Boosterthon, I am very confident that we will meet the goal that we set as a school to raise \$40,000! Tomorrow is our "Fun Run" to celebrate our students. There will be (3) outdoor run rotations. Parents are welcome to come to watch the run, school entry will not be allowed however, you can join the spectator area outside by the tracks in the gym parking lot. PK-2 (8:00-8:45), 3-5 (9:00-9:45), 6-9 (10:00-10:45). Parking is available in the large east lot by the chapel.

Our first iReady Diagnostic is almost completed for grades K-8. You will receive the reports when you attend Conferences on October 5th & 6th. You will be offered the option of a remote or in-person appointment. Conferences are for grades K-8. You will receive a sign up link by email. Families with (3) or more students will receive their links first.

There are extracurricular activities that have open registration going on; boys/girls basketball for grades 5-8 has been open for some time, if you are interested in playing please register, some of our teams could use a few more players. <https://www.stgilbertschool.org/athletics-registration>

Music on the Move Band Program for grades 3-8 is looking for some additional musicians. The band builds lifelong friendships, helps with organizational skills, and brings so much joy to others. Music Kids (lessons for guitar, violin, and piano/grades PK-8) has begun enrollment as well. [Music Kids Information & Registration](#) . Art Club for ages 6-8 will begin soon, classroom size is limited so don't miss out! [Art Club Grades 6-8](#)

Lastly, please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for P.E. classes that occur twice weekly. Uniforms of a gym shirt and shorts along with athletic shoes are required to participate in gym. Gym uniforms are available for purchase from the School Office. Open-toed, no back shoes, boots, or slippers are not allowed. The brand of Dude Shoes are not considered athletic shoes for gym classes. These are slipper type shoes that fall off easily when running and result in accidents and injuries.

Our positive reinforcement program of the REBEL Way is in full swing, students earn raffle tickets that earn them a trip to the cart when their name is pulled. Younger students have a certain number of tickets to earn to get to the prize cart. Thank you to the Schoen family for their donation to the cart. If you would like to contribute; extra birthday party prizes, small gift cards, other small toys and games make great additions. Drop off any donations with the School Office staff.

A feeling of Fall is in the air, enjoy your weekend!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 9/15 - Fun Run Event Day, Spirit Wear Day
Thursday 9/21 - Kindergarten "Apple Fest" 12:45-MPR
Friday 9/22 - No School, Teacher PD Day

Information/Flyers:

[Join Scouting/Information](#)

[Teen Ministry Information](#)

September 7, 2023

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tonight we welcome parents of 1-8 graders to an informational meeting for the start of the school year. This evening is for parents only, and will begin at 6:00 in the gym. You will hear briefly from myself, FSA and our School Board President, and then will be sent off to your child's classroom to meet with teachers and hear about the day to day operations of the classroom. We will run (3) 20 minute rotations for multi-child families. The evening will end at 8:00 pm.

Previously I communicated a schedule change that will occur next Tuesday 9/12; this is a reminder that we will be dismissing at noon due to the arrival of the "Relic of St. Jude the Apostle" at our church. There will be no buses from either district. We will begin parking cars for dismissal at 11:45. Aftercare will be open for its normal hours, but only families that have registered to use this service on a normal basis will be accommodated. The students will not have lunch as part of their school day due to the early dismissal. If your child is using aftercare please pack the normal lunch and snack for them.

A few homeowners in the South Creek neighborhood behind school have called to complain about cars blocking their driveways in the morning. Please be respectful of driveway entrances. There are multiple roads that serve as entrances to the South Creek neighborhood, please try to space yourselves to not disrupt the morning routines of people that live there. We want to be good community neighbors.

Mr. Rivera, our Athletic Director wanted me to tell you that basketball scheduling will be next week, registration is open for both girls and boys basketball, please register so we have accurate team information. Use this link for athletic registration: <https://www.stgilbertschool.org/athletics-registration>

Lastly, our two music programs will be starting in middle to late September. In the flier section you will find information from Music Kids in the form of a survey that they use to gauge interest in the different instruments that they provide instruction on (violin, guitar, piano). Music Kids serves children from PK-8th grades. Please fill the survey out if you are a new interested parent as well as current parents utilizing the program. There is still time to send back Music On the Move band registration forms. Band is for students in grades 3-8th. Third graders will receive recorder instruction in their weekly music classes, but parents can choose additional instruction with Music On the Move.

Fall Blessings,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

9/7 - Parent Night (Grades 1-8) 6:00-8:00 pm

9/8 - Picture Day/Dress Up

9/12 - 12:00 Early Dismissal (St. Jude the Apostle Relic Visit), No Grayslake or Woodland buses (PM)

9/13 - FSA Restaurant Night/Lou Malnati's

9/15 - Fun Run Event (during the school day)

Fliers:

Music Kids Survey

Music Kids Brochure

Restaurant Night/Lou Malnati's

SGS Art Club Registration

Grayslake North Feeder Information

Grayslake North Girls Basketball Clinics

Grayslake North Feeder Tryouts (Girls Basketball)

September 7, 2023

Invest in Kids Act Advocacy Training

Dear Parents, Guardians, Donors,

The Invest in Kids Act is set to expire this year unless legislation is put forth in the November session. If you are a scholarship recipient family, a donor family, or a supporter of school choice programs we need your voice. The first step in getting voices heard is to attend a "Training Session" that will be hosted at St. Gilbert on September 19th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please join us to learn more about how you can help. **Invest In Kids Act-Advocacy Training Meeting**

St. Gilbert School Board

September 6, 2023

Fun Run Fundraiser Kick Off Day

St Gilbert Catholic School Families,

Our St Gilbert Fun Run kicked off today! This year, our school is raising funds for safety updates and outdoor playground area upgrades. Our goal is to raise \$40,000, 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! All students who register by the end of the day will receive a dress down pass!
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.

Thank you for supporting our school!. We can't wait for the St Gilbert Fun Run happening on 09/15/2023!

SGS Family School Association

September 6, 2023

2nd Annual NFL Survivor Pool/Fundraiser

Get in on the action before the season starts this Thursday! Share with your friends or other alumni! This is a FunRaiser that helps St. Gilbert do smaller updates around the school. Last year between our two sports fundraisers we were able to save enough money to update our outdoor basketball hoops!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

The NFL Season starts Thursday Sept 7, get in on the Survivor Pool to help the school!

FOOTBALL AND FUNDRAISING

Like football? Like fun? Come join the SGS NFL Pick'em Survivor pool! Help SGS raise money to invest back into the school. Funds will be used for additional gym equipment. Please share with family and friends! Cost to participate is \$30, utilize Zelle to pay entry fee:

school.office@stgilbertschool.org.

Pick one game each week, survive and advance, lose and you're done. You can only choose a team once. 30% of the pot to the winner, and 70% to SGS. Please use your first/last name when signing up for ease of identification.

Sign-up using the free CBS app or on your computer here:

http://saintgilbertfundraising.football.cbssports.com/e/062e79b5fc06c799a1b4c9701364751f842119d2ce55acad5f54ed8d7256a56d6cc94b689894154c?tag=FFBC23_cpy_invite_new_mt

August 31, 2023 Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This past weekend we held our 9th Annual Golf Outing. It was a lovely sunny afternoon of golf with friends, family, and SGS supporters. I want to thank Mr. Rivera for all his hard work putting this outing together. It is purely his belief in volunteering to help a cause, and his love of golf, that created the tradition of this "outing." This is not expected as part of the Athletic Director duties. Next year I would like to grow this fundraiser to include an entire school/parish focus, but I will need more people willing to volunteer their time for planning, organizing, and soliciting sponsors for that to happen. Thank you to our hole sponsors, and our volunteers; Virginia Biegel, Meaghen Dahm, Paula Rivera, Norie Kouba, Marisela Brum, Greg & Ashley Teipel, Jenny & Matt Van Wie (kids too), and our alumni/Carmel Catholic students.

SGS is an "Allergy Aware" school. In each classroom & the lunchroom is an envelope that contains specific allergy information for students. Lunch is eaten in a lunchroom with (3) grades together at long cafeteria tables. When there are classroom parties, lunch is eaten in the classroom. Room parents should consult with the teacher and reference the allergy list when planning the menus for parties. We respectfully request that no nut products be packaged in lunches. This includes any item that contains; peanuts, almonds, walnuts, pecans, etc. Allergy Aware means that we as a school are aware of the allergy and have systems in place to communicate with other adults supervising food. It also means that the children have been educated and are aware of how to protect themselves from potentially ingesting food that they might be allergic to. The main line of defense is that the children know not to share food, and that they eat their own lunch, and if old enough, carry an epi pen with them to the lunchroom. The nurse will also bring epi pens to the lunchroom daily if one has been provided to her. Our hot lunch provider Kiddos contracts with different restaurants to offer food options, they cannot guarantee that all items have been prepared away from nut products or were packaged in facilities where no nuts were present. Hot lunch is an option available, not a requirement.

Our Family School Association coordinates monthly "Restaurant Nights" throughout the year. FSA receives a percentage of the sales from the evening, and these funds are then used to help support the efforts of FSA. The entire staff want to thank FSA for the Target gift cards they received as a "Welcome back to School" that helped teachers to set-up their classrooms. Our first restaurant night will be Lou Malnati's on September 13th.

Meal Details:

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
@ 34500 North Highway 45,
Grayslake, IL, US 60030 on
September 13, 2023 at 4:00-8:00pm
Visit Lou Malnati's Pizzeria's online order website
<https://order.loumalnatis.com/>
Or call 847-231-5550
Use code GRPRSFUND23 when ordering

We are almost through two weeks of school, and drop off and pick up are running very smoothly. Just a reminder that for K-8 school starts at 7:20, and for Junior High that means that the bell rings and they are in their first period class by 7:25. The 4-8 drop off door closes at 7:20, after that time please proceed to the Front Office Door. K-8 students are considered tardy when coming in after 7:20. PK doors in the front will be manned until 7:30, after that time please drop off by the Front Office Door.

Our largest fundraiser begins Tuesday, September 5th. This year we will be doing a "Fun Run" and students will be asking for pledges. I would like all families to contribute to this fundraiser, it is only through your generosity that improvements such as our Serenity Garden, and remodeled bathrooms can be accomplished. Tuition covers salaries & benefits for staff, general building upkeep, 1:1 technology devices, textbooks, and class party fees, it does not include large scale upgrades or tuition assistance. Our focus this year is on safety improvements, as well as improving outdoor play and learning spaces. The goal is 100% family participation, and at a minimum \$100 per family in donations to this fundraiser. You will hear more from your child's classroom teacher on specific class goals and daily prizes for students.

Subject:

"Don't Miss Out! Register for our St Gilbert Fun Run!"

We're only ONE week away from our St Gilbert Fun Run 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 \$40,000 for students & staff.
Thank you for supporting our school - we are grateful for our amazing school community!

Looking for helpers:

We need 1-2 prize distribution helpers between September 7-14 during the lunch hour 11:00-12:00. Parents will sort prizes earned into classroom bags, and deliver. Email: kris.buckley@stgilbertschool.org if you are able to help.

We are in need of a cheerleading coach for 5th-8th graders. There seems to be some interest in forming our cheer team, but we cannot open this sport without a coach. If interested please email: athletic.director@stgilbertschool.org

Snapchats don't last forever, but yearbooks do!! We have extra 2022-2023 yearbooks for sale. The cost is \$25.00. Please call or email the school office to have one set aside for you! school.office@stgilbertschool.org

Lastly, for our 8th graders I have selected a dedicated day for you to "Shadow" at Carmel High School, and that date is: September 12, 2023. Please see the flier for information: [Carmel Shadow Day](#)

Enjoy the long weekend with your family and friends!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

P.S. Thank you to the Mason family for donations for the REBEL Way positive behavior prize cart, and to the Budge family for their donation of small bottles of hand sanitizer.

Calendar Items:

Fri. 9/1 - No Woodland Bus (PM), Spirit Wear Day

Mon. 9/4 - No School-Labor Day

Tues. 9/5-Fri. 9/8 - iReady Diagnostic #1 (Standardized Testing)

Weds. 9/6 - 8:00 Mass (Student Council Officer Installation), Boosterthon Fundraiser begins

Thurs. 9/7 - Parent Night Grades (1-8) 6:00-8:00 pm. This is an in person event, parents only please!

Fri. 9/8 - School Picture Day - Dress Up!

Informational Fliers:

[Family Mission Opportunity](#)

[Healthy Kids Running](#)

[Grayslake North Basketball Clinic](#)

August 24, 2023

Thursday Tidbits

St. Gilbert School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the first "official" Thursday Tidbits of the new school year. For our new families, you can expect communication from me every Thursday around 2:30 with pertinent information, calendar reminders and other fliers that are sent to me for happenings around school and the local community.

I want to thank you all for your patience as we started school with no buses, then had some late buses for their first morning drop off, trains, construction, and general traffic on 120. Already on day three I can see you all getting the hang of it and things are flowing more smoothly. For those of you who arrive early for car pick up in the afternoon; please park in the east parking lot and wait for us to tell you to come over. No cars are allowed in the west parking lot by the school office to allow for our buses to pull in. We have a staff assigned to head over to the east lot when it is time for you to come over, cars from that lot will be allowed entry before any parked along 120. We also need everyone to be using the PikMyKid App to announce their arrival. To ensure students get home by the method you have selected, especially if you are changing that method, it must be entered into PikMyKid by 1:00.

Hot lunch will start next Monday 8/28 for those who have ordered online through Kiddos. Lunches arrive packaged and labeled with your student's name and they will pick them up as they walk into our lunchroom, arranged by grade/homeroom.

If you would still like to order milk for lunch please submit the following order form: [Milk Order Form](#)

Lastly, this is a gentle reminder to return any forms that were given to you at supply drop off. We are really looking for the "Student Data Form" that tells us contact information and allergies or medical issues we should be aware of.

Keep cool everyone!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Saturday 8/26 - SGS Golf Outing @ Bonniebrook Golf Course

Monday 8/28 - Chess Session #1 Begins 2:00-3:00

Tuesday 8/29 - Music On the Move/Band Demonstration (grades 3-8 during school day)

Friday 9/1 - No Woodland Bus (PM), Spirit Wear Day (these occur 1st/3rd Fri. of every month)

Fliers/Links:

www.chessutopia.org.

Spirit Wear Store

August 23, 2023

SGS Handbook Review/Acknowledgement 2023-2024

Students & Parents,

Please review the attached St. Gilbert School Handbook for 2023-2024. **Parent/Student Handbook** Please pay particular attention to the new section number 8.0 - Forms. Forms that were usually completed by parents each year, are now located in the forms section and do not need to be completed unless you would like to opt out of Student image and work publishing for your child.

Our new Code of Conduct for Preschool, Kindergarten through 3rd Grade, and 4th through 8th grade is included in the forms section. It is important that you review the appropriate grade level Code of Conduct section with your child.

Once the handbook has been reviewed please click this link and supply your email and student's last name for verification purposes: <https://forms.gle/xyrDofKJ33DeJvR29>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

August 22, 2023

Heat Advisory Accommodations

Dear Families,

The next two days (Weds. & Thurs.) we are under a heat advisory. Please be sure to send your child with a water bottle so they can stay hydrated. We do have air conditioning in all classrooms, but sometimes with all the children in a room it gets warm. I am allowing all students to wear shorts and gym tops or SGS spirit wear for the next two days in place of their full uniforms. Please be aware that shorts in the JH need to be athletic in nature (no jean shorts allowed). We do plan to go out for recess and will have water available outside along with shady areas to sit in the garden. All gym classes will remain in the building for class.

Stay cool!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

August 21, 2023

Calendar Change Dismissal Notice

Fr. John has informed me that St. Gilbert Parish is one of only (3) Archdiocese of Chicago parishes that will host the visit of a relic of St. Jude the Apostle. The visit will take place on Tuesday September 12th, beginning at 1 PM, in the church, continuing with 7 PM Mass in honor of St Jude, and veneration continuing until 10 PM.

The relic, which is usually displayed at the parish church of San Salvatore in Lauro in central Rome, is on loan to various churches and shrines in this country through a special arrangement with the Vatican and the Vicariato di Roma, the local Church of the city of Rome. Fr. Carlos Martins accompanies the relic and oversees the visits, and will be here to celebrate the 7 PM Mass. We have been informed that there will be much interest in viewing this relic, and to expect visitors by the thousands. Due to the arrival of the relic and the expected increase in traffic and parking required to host a holy relic, Fr. John has asked that we dismiss the school children early on September 12th. We will be dismissing at 12:00, and we will not be having our normal lunch periods on that day to keep the students in their core classes longer. I have reached out to the bus companies to see if they could add an early dismissal to their routes, but have been told it is not possible. Please make this change to your school calendar at home, as all students will be dismissed at noon on 9/12/23 with no afternoon bus service for either district. Aftercare will remain open for their usual hours, however, only students who are enrolled and use aftercare on a regular day-to-day basis will be able to be accommodated. If you are interested in more detail about this relic I have included a flier: **St. Jude the Apostle Relic**

St. Jude the Apostle pray for us!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

August 18, 2023

Start of School Tidbits - Volume #3

1. We are opening up a Spirit Wear Shop, so get your spirit wear items ordered today! Spirit Wear Days occur the 1st & 3rd Fridays of every month.

Spirit Wear Shop Flyer

2. We will have our first mass school mass on Wednesday, August 23rd. We are excited to welcome our choir members back, and hope to add some new ones as well. Choir is open to grades 4-8, and they perform at mass every Wednesday. They have one practice per week right after school. See the

registration flyer for details.

School Mass Choir Flyer

3. School Picture Day is Friday September 8th. Picture order flyer:

Picture Day Flyer

4. The first day of school is August 22nd. This is a full day beginning at 7:20 and ending at 1:50. Make a note on your calendar that there are no buses in either direction from Grayslake (D46) or Woodland (D50) on this date. Busing will begin for both districts on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Have a great weekend SGS families,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

August 18, 2023

Introduction Part-time Specials Teachers

We are growing.....and with the addition of two classrooms, this increased our need for some additional staff to cover the special areas of; gym, art, and music. Please join me in welcoming these new staff members.

Introduction of Monday Art Teacher

Hello my name is Mary Farrell and I am excited to be coming to St. Gilbert's to teach art to Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade students.

Having descended from a family of diverse artistic backgrounds, I have always spent my free time creating and crafting. My legacy includes a professional seamstress, floral designers, and many talented artists and crafters.

My degree is in Fashion Design and I have sewn for interior designers in my adult life. I have also taught Art in Montessori School, Young Rembrandts, and with the Girl Scouts. I worked as a gardener for 3 years and love creating in my garden too. I have always tried to instill in my two daughters the importance of Art and being creative throughout their lives in whatever they do.

I have recently retired from a career in sales and now want to do what I enjoy, Art. I always look at things wherever I go and think, "I can make that!"

I think some of the happiest people I know are those who create. Art brings me joy and I hope I can bring that joy to your children.

Introduction of Friday PE Teacher

My name is Cole Keeler and I am a graduate of Iowa State University. I earned my B.S. in Kinesiology Exercise Science! I am originally from Iowa and moved to the Chicago area about 3 years ago. Currently, I am a full-time employee at Illinois Bone and Joint Institute as a Rehab Technician and as a Personal Trainer/Strength and Conditioning Coach. At ISU, I played Trombone in marching band and basketball pep band. I played baseball and football in high school and also coached High School Baseball for 4 years where we accomplished a State baseball berth. I also love to golf, play bags (cornhole), and workout in my free time. I love to watch sports; my favorite teams are the Cyclones, Vikings, and Red Sox. I love dogs and currently own an Australian Cattle Dog, her name is Roxie.

I can't wait to join the teaching team at SGS in Physical Education and to meet all of the kids. I aim to have so much fun with all of them and hope to help teach them the importance of physical activity, teamwork, and fitness knowledge.

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Start of School Tidbits-Volume 2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's volume you will find important information about arrival and dismissal. We will start the first day of school with no busing from either of our two districts. There are maps included for how to arrive in the morning and the afternoon. Please take the time to look these maps over. In the afternoon we use an App for pick up called "Pikmykid". There are instruction sheets for how to set this up and designate how your children are going home. Please be advised that you must select where the children are going right out of the classroom; examples (bus, car, aftercare). Our youngest children need to be guided by staff so that they arrive in the correct place.

There is no busing provided by either district for preschool children. You will receive your "car tags" at supply drop off.

During the first week or so I ask for you to be patient, kind, and understanding. We have over 50 new families that have to learn the drop off and pick up system. 120 is a difficult road on a good traffic day, and there are construction projects in the area that will impact the volume on this road. Leave earlier, be considerate of our neighbors behind us, drive slowly in their neighborhood and do not block driveways. Staff are here to help, please be considerate even when you might be frustrated. It really takes about a week until everyone will get the hang of it, and drop off and pick up will be a breeze!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Arrival & Dismissal Map

PikMyKid Parent User Sheet

PikMyKid Quick User Guide

Parent Check In Instructions

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Start of School Tidbits-Volume #1

Upcoming Events:

Friday, August 18 - Junior High (6th-8th) welcome back bonfire & s'mores 7:00-9:00/in new garden off playground

Saturday, August 19 - Grayslake Summer Days Parade-Start time 5:00/Downtown on Lake/Center

Sunday, August 20 - 8:00-10:00/Used Uniform Sale (gym), 12:00-2:00/Popsicles on the Playground PK & K, New Family & Buddy Family Wine Welcome 5:30-7:30/serenity garden/adults only

Monday, August 21 - 3:00-6:00 Supply Drop-Off & Meet the Teacher

Tuesday, August 22 - First Day of School

Special Note: If you have used uniforms to donate please drop off at the office this week for the sale!

Club Registration:

First session of chess will start very soon, and we are happy to announce that Mr. Frank Swindell has returned to take the helm of his chess club. This club is for K-8 students, use this link to enroll: www.chessutopia.org.

Chess Flyer-2023-24

Altar Server Sign-Up (Grades 5-8)

Altar Server Flyer

Kiddos Hot Lunch:

Now that classroom assignments are out let the hot lunch ordering begin! Kiddos website is open to place orders, and we are excited that they have added three new restaurants to the offerings (Raising Canes, Panda Express & Giordanos).

Kiddos Brochure/Ordering Information

School Milk Orders

New this year is the option to pay for an entire year of milk. Please be aware that NO REFUNDS can be made if you change your mind and/or move since this is a Federally Funded service. The option to pay by Trimesters will remain. Choices are white or chocolate milk.

School Milk Ordering

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New Classroom Teacher Introductions

We are excited to welcome three new classroom teachers to our stellar teaching team! Here is a bit about each of them.

Introducing Mrs. Khosla-Kindergarten (KB)

Hello, My name is Neha Khosla and I'm absolutely delighted to introduce myself as a new addition to the teaching team. Over the past six years, I've had the privilege of serving as a teacher's assistant at St Gilbert School (Kindergarten level) and more recently, as a long-term substitute for Junior High Mathematics. I have a Master's Degree in business, with a background in Marketing, I bring a unique perspective to the classroom, I am able to connect with kids and cater to their needs and at the same time keep the learning going. My home is in Libertyville; I live with my two incredible daughters, a supportive husband, and the most loved member of the family, our furry daughter "Coffee". When I'm not guiding young minds, I relish spending time with my daughters and embarking on leisurely strolls with Coffee. The boundless energy and curiosity of children has always inspired me, and I can't wait to channel that enthusiasm into our Kindergarten journey at St. Gilbert School. Together, let's cultivate a love for learning and create lasting memories in the classroom.

Introducing Mrs. Patula - First Grade (1B)

Hello! My name is Christa Patula and after 20 years of teaching in a nearby public school, I am thrilled to be joining St. Gilbert's as a first grade teacher. I earned my BS in Elementary Education from Illinois State University and my MA in Teaching and Leadership from St. Xavier University. In addition, I hold middle school endorsements in Language Arts and Social Science. My husband and I reside in Grayslake with our three children, who attend SGS. If we're not at St. Gilbert's, you can find us running to and from the hockey rink and gymnastic practices.

As a parent, it has been a blessing to know my children are in an environment where they feel safe and cared for; and where they have grown academically and in their relationship with God. As a teacher, I am looking forward to sharing that same love for faith, learning and discovery that the dedicated staff have instilled in my own children, with my students as well.

Introducing Mrs. Galuska - Junior High Math Teacher/7th Grade Homeroom

I graduated from Bradley University, and I have taught French, general science, and math at the high school level, at College of Lake County, and most recently at Prince of Peace School where I was the accelerated math teacher for the past two years. I am married and have 4 daughters and a son. My two

oldest daughters are both teachers, my third daughter is in her last year studying nursing at Lewis University, and my fourth daughter is starting her second year studying communication disorders at Truman State University. My son Steven will be in 8th grade here at St. Gilbert. I love to hike, camp, bake, sew, and play board games, and I enjoy volunteering at my parish, St. Mary of the Annunciation in Mundelein. I am excited to be teaching at St. Gilbert this year, and I'm looking forward to meeting all my students!

August 1, 2023
Bears Camp Announcement

Dear Families,

Registration for this event is now closed. No further registrations will be accepted.

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

July 26, 2023
Chicago Bears-Training Camp for schools

Dear Families,

The Chicago Bears have invited our families to participate in a "Back-to-School" event they are sponsoring, along with their training camp. Please see the fliers below for details and use the QR Code to register if you would like to attend!

Make the most of your final days of summer vacation.....

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

2023 Back to School Chicago Bears Event

Chicago Bears Event Registration-QR Code

July 13, 2023
2023 School Yearbook Pick Up

The school yearbooks have arrived, and pick up dates and times are as follows:

1. July 23, Sunday - 10 to 11:30AM (inside the bldg - by the gym doors)
2. July 29, Saturday - 10 to 12PM (outside the bldg - by the gym doors)
3. July 30, Sunday - 10 to 11:30AM (inside the bldg - by the gym doors)

After this, yearbooks will be in the school office and can be picked up from there M-Th 9:00-12:00 until school begins.