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# GIBAULT

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Gibault's Elite Eleven!

Gibault is proud to announce the students who have been recognized as 2012 Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement: **Allison Farr** (Immaculate Conception), **Alaina Geppert** (St. Agatha), **Erin Goldschmidt** (St. John-Smithton), **Kristin Kreher** (St. John-Smithton), **Amber Laurent** (St. John-Smithton), **Natalie Loless** (Immaculate Conception), and **Logan McBride** (Ss. Peter & Paul), **Yosh Orlet** (Immaculate Conception), **Alexis Schrieber** (Ss. Peter & Paul), **Reed Spurgeon** (Valmeyer) and **Hannah Wessel** (Immaculate Conception).

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announced its recognition of select high school students as 2012 Illinois State Scholars. Selection is based on ACT scores and class rank at the end of the junior year. "Illinois State Scholars represent the best in educational excellence in Illinois," said John Sinsheimer, ISAC Interim Executive Director. "The Commission applauds their success and salutes their families and the teachers at Gibault on this achievement." Gibault students continue to outperform the state (ACT score of 20.9) and the national (ACT score of 21.1) averages. The Gibault average ACT score is 23; the average of the eleven state scholars is 30.4.



Area Schools	# of Seniors	# of IL State Scholars	% of Scholars
Belleville West	509	47	9.2
Columbia	147	18	12.2
Freeburg	158	21	13.3
Gibault	71	11	15.5
Red Bud	111	12	10.8
Sparta	88	7	7.9
Valmeyer	35	3	8.6
Waterloo	200	23	11.5



## Message from the Principal

I am really excited about a new direction in which Gibault is headed—a “textbookless” and “paperless” school. OK, not completely without textbooks and paper but pretty darn close. And I don’t mean textbooks on electronic devices; instead, teachers will make resources available online as part of more traditional teacher lesson plans. Students learn directly from primary sources, research, scholarly articles, simulations, lectures, videos and more. They keep daily blogs full of reflections and questions and partake in discussions with their teachers, classmates, and students worldwide. This type of learning changes traditional textbook learning to a more social, immersive experience.

It seems like a natural progression and development in teaching. This method allows students to interact with each other around the content. It also lets the teacher post questions and start a discussion thread around a certain parts of the assignment. The goal is to make the teacher more effective by taking away the limitations the textbook has on the subject and therefore the student. Steve Blum of SonicBlum said it best, “Textbookless learning is like driving a car without a horse and carriage attached to the front.”

Students of today have grown up with laptops, smartphones and learning from the internet. A textbookless solution is not so foreign to them. Their brain is already tuned into it. It’s more likely that we—teachers, administrators, parents, and traditionalists—are more hesitant. Information, resources and answers are available: up-to-date anywhere, anytime. Most textbooks are likely out of date by the time they are printed.

Technology is just intrinsic to our students. The subject matter isn’t going to change. The vehicle of delivering it will. Over the next 18 months, we will be integrating the curriculum into daily lesson plans for use electronically. Some teachers have already introduced the concept this quarter. They will share their experiences with colleagues as we move in this direction.

**Our working plan:** each student will have access to an electronic device—whether it is a laptop or a tablet. Students who don’t have their own device can purchase one affordably through school. This allows us to keep up with technology each year.

The best part of being a small school is that it allows us to do things that bigger schools aren’t always able to do. Please free to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas: [russhart@gibaultonline.com](mailto:russhart@gibaultonline.com).



# 2011 Gibault Catholic High School Calendar Winners

## JANUARY

KENNETH KOHLER  
CHARLOTTE BODE  
DOUG COOPER  
JAMES DETERDING  
AUGUST LOCK  
LOUISE KELSICK  
ROBERT & ROSE NIXON  
MIKE WELGE  
GENE & WILMA LINKER  
BRENDA RILEY  
MICHELLE WARD  
STEPHANIE BRAUN  
RON CASEY  
DAVE ROEVER  
BRENDA & STEVE DAVIS  
DOLORES & BOB DAUBER  
BRIAN TIMMERMANN  
CLARE AMANN  
MARK & RAELEEN NEARY  
SHERI WOMBACHER  
SUE LEWIS  
SUSAN MACKIN  
MAXINE BEASLEY  
MIKE & JACKIE WIRTH  
LINDA ANDRES  
CHARLIE SABO  
KEVIN BREITENSTEIN  
TERENCE MCAULIFFE  
BOB & JESSICA WACHTEL  
CURTIS CROOK  
DALE & LOIS PAPANBERG  
-BONUS \$100- JANET WOLFF  
-BONUS \$200- AARON LITTEKEN

## FEBRUARY

BETTY SMITH  
BRET MANTIA  
BETH PELATE  
JOSEPH KNAUP  
DALE ANDERSON  
ALEX SCHMIDT  
RUHI & BECKY TURAN  
JOANN HARLIN  
JIM JEFFERSON  
JEFF & MEL SCHREDER  
ANN & FRANK HART  
BARB BROUK  
BARB & MARK FIORE  
KENT FISCHER  
JACKIE REICH  
PAUL SYDOW  
ALEX DEATHERAGE  
GLENN MCBRIDE  
MARK DAVINROY  
DENNIS & CINDY RUETER  
LEE ANN CLIFTON  
SR. GEORGIA KAMPWORTH  
AMY HOFFMAN  
GINGER TRUAX  
DIANE ZIKA  
SUE WILLS  
KIM PENNOCK  
SHERI WOMBACHER  
-BONUS \$100 -JEFF RODENBERG  
-BONUS \$200 -LESLEY & PHILIP  
LARSEN

## MARCH

CURT SCHRIEBER  
STEVE WARD  
GARRETT KOHNZ  
LINDA FIORE  
BEN EICHENSEER  
LINDA FLETCHER  
JOHN & CINDY TOAL  
FRANK & PAT HUELS  
JONATHAN LAURENT  
MARY BELZ  
IRA & NORMA SAXTON  
KAY GREGORICH  
JOYCE CRITES  
STEVE WARD  
BARB & KEN PAJARES  
TERRI SOUDER  
DAVID TOAL  
JANET WOLFF  
MIRIAM JUNG  
CHARLOTTE GUTJAHR  
CURT SCHRIEBER  
PAM & MIKE FOURNIE  
RICH & DONNA SCHILLING  
BRIAN CARR  
PAT SONDAG  
GINA KERNAN  
STEVE & LYNN NEFF  
GABBY SCHMITZ  
LINDA SCHMERSAHL  
PAT SCACE  
BRENT HERRMANN  
-BONUS \$100 - KEVIN MCHUGH  
-BONUS \$200 - MARLENE & GENE  
HERRMANN

## APRIL

JANICE MERGELKAMP  
TERRY SOUCHEK  
THOMAS & KATHLEEN CROUCH  
JOANN KURKJIAN  
GAIL MEYER  
LARRY HAUDRICH  
BEN & ALEX RONGEY  
TAMI LUELLEN  
JAMES DETERDING  
LAURA BLAES  
JOE & DEBORAH STREITZ  
TERRY SOUCHEK  
AMY & BOB BARBEAU  
RITA BREITENSTEIN  
JEANETTE POSEY  
CARLEEN SCHREDER  
JOANN HARLIN  
ERIC KOHLER  
SCOTT MASSIE  
HALEY RIEBELING  
DAVID TOAL  
KARLA HALLORAN  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
NORMAN NEFF  
MARK LIBMAN  
JAMES BALLARD  
RON HUBER  
LISA MCCARTHY  
NICK BLECHLE  
CLAY GILPIN  
-BONUS \$100 - SHANNA WITGES  
-BONUS \$200 - MARK DAVINROY

## MAY

DENISE SUEME  
DAN & SUE BRAUN  
MARVIN & MONICA HITZEMANN  
MARTY & JEREMY KOVARIK  
PAUL SYDOW  
GLYN RAMAGE  
ALVIS & PATSY HOFFMANN  
LORRAINE LUNDY  
MATT SCHWEIZER  
JULIE DOOLEY  
BRET MANTIA  
SCOTT & KAY SMALL  
GREG LANE  
ROGER & CLETA WALDRON  
JERRY MCFARLAND  
ART & RHONDA BUCKOWITZ  
MATT SCHWEIZER  
IAN FOURNIE  
DEBBIE ADAMS  
THOMAS FRUTH  
SHARI HASENSTAB MURPHY  
LOUANN WOLZ  
MARGARET RAISCH  
LISA MEYER  
KEN & JUNE VALENTINE  
AMBER LAURENT  
JANET THOMAS  
DENNY & LINDA BARBEAU  
CURT SCHRIEBER  
CATHERINE LINNEMANN  
KAREN NAUMANN  
-BONUS \$100 - MADONNA DEGENER  
-BONUS \$200 - KELLY SMITH

## JUNE

CIERRA COLBERT  
DEB HULLING  
MICHELLE O'DAY  
CURT SCHRIEBER  
BARB SONDAG  
CLARENCE HOFFNER  
MEG BIRCHER  
GINA KERNAN  
RICK POST, SR.  
LYNDA FAHY  
LAWRENCE & VIRGINIA SPIER  
MIKE LAURENT  
TOM KREHER  
MATT & KATHY YARBER  
TERRY SOUCHEK  
KENNY & BETTY MEYER  
KATHY PAJARES  
ANN & FRANK HART  
SR. BARB KUPER  
ROGER & CLETA WALDRON  
KEVIN EFFINGER  
BRIAN REINHOLZ  
DIANE O'CONNER  
WATERLOO KC  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
DIANE ZIKA  
BEN BREITENSTEIN  
KAREN HOLLANSWORTH  
CASPER & MARJORIE BEELMAN  
TERRI MCFARLAND  
-BONUS \$100 - DANIELLE KEIM  
-BONUS \$200 - BRENDA LARSON



“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor dark of night...” could keep twenty-two Gibault students and chaperones from traveling to Washington, DC for the 39th annual March for Life. “It seemed like every possible evil was trying to stop us from making this trip,” said Barb Reinholz, coordinator. The students were traveling with over 1,100 high school students from the St. Louis area with Life Really Matters. Seventeen buses left from St. Clare in O’Fallon, IL, after celebrating the Eucharist with Bishop Rice on Friday, January 20th. The ice spread across Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, turning the 16-hour trip into a 30-hour trip for some of the buses. We were one of the lucky ones to arrive in only 24 hours.

This trip is a pilgrimage, educating the students both spiritually and emotionally to a better understanding of the abortion issue. Speakers, movies, prayer and adoration, Eucharist and Reconciliation, are all part of the total experience. A special thanks to Dr. Kirk who prepared the students, with his testimony, prior to the trip. It is hard to estimate how many people attended this year’s March, but having that many people together in support of LIFE is truly inspiring. The highlight of the trip was seeing some of our students confront Pro-Choice demonstrators in front of the Supreme Court Building. Please keep the Pro-Life movement in your prayers, especially during this election year.

The students attending were: Adam Beccue, Tim Braun, Aubrey Davitz, Jacob Hemen, Caroline Kernan, Kelly Knepfelkamp, Adam Kreher, Kelsey Osterhage, Lauren Pass, Sam Range, Andrew Reinholz, Matthew Reinholz, Natalie Schweiger, Will Shepherd, Devin Vonderheide, Ellie Wessel, and Samantha Wilke.



# Life Really Matters

January 23, 2012



# 2011 Gibault Catholic High School Calendar Winners

## JULY

JOHN HENRY SCHMITT  
JEROME WEILER  
KAREN WATERMAN  
BRIANNE MASSIE  
GINA HABERL  
JACKIE THOMAS  
THOMAS & KATHLEEN CROUCH  
STEVE WOLF  
CINDY SALMAN  
MARIBETH HOLLINSHEAD  
RUTH WITTENAUER  
DONNA RHEINECKER  
BRIAN & MELANIE WEILER  
LARRY & MARY ANN BRANZ  
JONATHAN LAURENT  
JESSICA GIANINO  
AMY & STEVE NOVARIO  
RANDY UNTERSEH  
MAXINE CROSSON  
MATTHEW REINHOLZ  
GREG BROUK  
LOIS & ROGER SMITH  
ELIZABETH FIELDS  
PAT ROW  
STEVE REICH  
KAREN SCHAEFER  
STEPHEN WISE  
BILL KILLY  
SHERRY KAPP  
DAVE SHIELDS  
SANDRA WHITWORTH  
-BONUS \$100 - CURT SCHRIEBER  
-BONUS \$200 - JEFF BERGMANN

## AUGUST

LORRAINE DAVIS  
MARGARET RAISCH  
LUCY OSTERHAGE  
PAT HERZING  
GARY RIDENHOUR  
RICK WITTENAUER  
TIM RACZ  
FR. BLAES  
JENNIFER WALKER  
MARK KOHLER  
CHRISTINE KOHLER  
RUTH WILKE  
TOM ENRIGHT  
STEVE & DONITA WIGHTMAN  
MARTY & JEREMY KOVARIK  
ANTHONY ROTH  
BOB & JENNIE GRIFFIN  
BRETT HART  
SCOTT GOVIER  
BOB & JESSICA WACHTEL  
DAVE WORKMAN  
MICHAEL SCHORN  
TIFFANY KENNER  
STEVE REICH  
MINNIE BLACKBURN  
BRAD & CLAUDIA PAPANBERG  
JILL PAPANBERG  
CHERYL HENTGES  
PATTI MUICH  
BRAD & AMY ALBRECHT  
ANNA KIPPING  
-BONUS \$100 - TOM BRAUN  
-BONUS \$200 - M. HUDDLESTON

## SEPTEMBER

TIM RACZ  
MARY BENSON  
THOMAS & KATHLEEN CROUCH  
MARGARET RAISCH  
JEANETTE POSEY  
KATY GYORE  
FAY STAMM  
EMILY GORDON  
ANDREW BRAUN  
DIANE ZIKA  
MARTIN & MARY LESKO  
LYNDA FAHY  
ROBERT GARNER  
LORRAINE LUNDY  
LYNN & BRAD HORKY  
LAUREN CRAYNE  
JAMES HUBER  
JANET WISSELY  
GAIL MEYER  
DOUG & BEVERLY EPLIN  
PAT HERZING  
JULIE WITTENSTROM  
OLIVIA HOLLMAN  
GLYN & SANDY RAMAGE  
MIKE KIRK  
PAT HUFF  
BARB BROUK  
ANTHONY ROTH  
DAVID BUETTNER  
NATHAN & KARA SCHREDER  
-BONUS \$100 - MARY GOTTO  
-BONUS \$200 - GABBY SCHMITZ

## OCTOBER

PAM HENDRIX  
ALLIE FARR  
SUSY HEAVNER  
JENNA DUNKER-SCHNEIDER  
CATHY REICH  
JOHN & BETHANI SHEPLEY  
BUTCH & VERLA HOFFMAN  
BRIAN TIMMERMANN  
EULA BERSHE  
TONY FRANCESCON  
CONSTANTINE FAMILY  
KYLE EVERETT  
ROBERT KOBERLIEN  
TERRY SCHREDER  
FR. CARL SCHERRER  
JOE O'CONNOR  
PAUL JUENGLING  
DENNIS GRETEN  
ANGIE DAVIS  
KEITH & CATHY HUELS  
JIM YAEKEL  
ANDREW & DOROTHY LAMCZYK  
JOANNE PATTERSON  
MARY MCMANUS  
CLYDE & ANN CANMAN  
GRACE WOLF  
VINCENT BECKERLE  
DON SCHMIDT  
PETE WESSEL  
NIKKI SCHMIDT  
MARY LAMIE  
-BONUS \$100 - MARIE KELLEY  
-BONUS \$200 - HATTIE KELLER

## NOVEMBER

ANN HAUBRICH  
JOE & JUDY GUNDLACH  
TERRY SOUCHEK  
CAROL MILLER  
ANNE WITTENAUER  
TOM FARR  
SHARI MONEY  
LEE ANN CLIFTON  
LOIS MUERTZ  
LUANN GREGSON  
MARY LAMIE  
GLORIA DONJON  
MIKE LAURENT  
MARGARET RAISCH  
JEREMY MEES  
TAMMY BRINKMANN  
CARL NIEMANN  
SUZANNE WIEGAND  
MARTY & JEREMY KOVARIK  
KIMBERLY GRACE EDWARDS  
JACKIE HOGREFE  
BETH LIPE  
KURT HABERL  
MIKE WELGE  
RITA BARKER  
TOM KREHER  
GEORGE OBERNAGEL  
RICK POST, JR.  
MEGAN SCHILLING  
HELEN GODARE  
-BONUS \$100 - RAY & PATTY BREWER  
-BONUS \$200 - JERRY & GRETCHEN WOLKIEWICZ

## DECEMBER

KAREN ASBURY  
LINDA SALISBURY  
MARY KENNEDY  
BOB & JENNIE GRIFFIN  
BILL BAUDENDISTEL  
COLLEEN HAYES  
DION SCHERR  
EVAN FORD  
CHRISTY HAUDRICH  
TOM ENRIGHT  
JON MEYER  
TAMMY READ  
MARK SCHRADER  
SARAH BECKER  
BETTY BARBEAU  
LEE ANN CLIFTON  
JANE & DAVE BRIESACHER  
SR. GEORGIA KAMPWORTH  
IONA HEIDEL  
TERRY VIETH  
JANICE MERGELKAMP  
ANNA KIPPING  
KEITH & KERRY BRINKMANN  
JAMES & PATTI WITTENAUER  
BILL MOHR  
JONATHAN LAURENT  
PATTI GREGORY  
ARLINE WITTENAUER  
DOUG SONDA  
RON ROEVER  
SHARON WALLS  
BONUS \$2,000 - CHRIS & JUDY HABERL  
BONUS \$1,000 - RAELEEN NEARY  
BONUS \$ 500 - JENNY POSEY  
BONUS \$ 250 - DAN & PAM RIDDALL

# VISION 2012-2013



The Gibault vision is to provide the best for our students' education and future. In the Principal's Message, Mr. Hart presented our move in a new direction - the one-to-one (1:1) school-incorporating more technology in the classroom. Some teachers are already using "My Big Campus" in their classrooms. In order to facilitate a campus-wide program, we need to upgrade our technology resources - this requires an upgrade in our wireless infrastructure, increased band width for our increased internet use, and new software. In addition, Gibault will be issuing tablets to all students. To launch this new initiative, significant costs are involved. Please consider directing your donation to the "**One-to-One Classroom Project**".



Even as we move into a new direction with technology, we still need to make physical improvements to some of the classrooms. In the summer of 2012, we will begin **Phase I** of the renovation of the biology lab. The first phase includes professional asbestos removal, rerouting of some gas lines and water lines, and structural changes; the second phase will include the new lab tables and technology improvements. We are still looking for donations for **Phase II**. Help us "**Give New Life to Our Science Labs**". You can direct your donation specifically for the science lab by marking the envelope "**Science Lab**".

**You can contact Sev Kovarik with any questions about either one of these "Vision" donations at [sev@gibaultonline.com](mailto:sev@gibaultonline.com) or 618-939-3883.**

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**Graduation**

May 27, 2012

**Golf Tournament**

June 4, 2012

**Oktoberfest Auction**

October 20, 2012