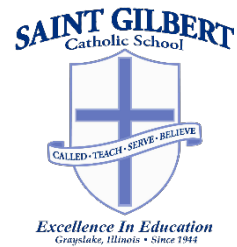


December 19, 2024

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,



We are getting closer to the birth of Jesus and the start of winter break.....spirits are joyous at St. Gilbert! Tuesday night we enjoyed the heavenly singing of our 1st through 5th grade as they shared the story of the birth of the Lord.....5th grade helped to tell the story, as actors, and did a fantastic job! This morning our youngest singers (Preschool & Kindergarten) gifted us with their sweet voices and their version of the Christmas Story. We are so blessed to be able to share the “good news” and to celebrate all the gifts of our children as a faith community.

At this time the 3rd-5th grade Art Club is closed to registration, there is no more room in the Inn!

Sports Registration is now open for Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, and Track and Field. I go to a scheduling meeting January 13th, and will only schedule for teams that have enough participants and a coach. If you are willing to coach any of these sports please email me your interest. kris.buckley@stgilbertschool.org

Please register your student as soon as possible so that I have accurate numbers. Use the following link to register, upload documents, fill out agreements & releases and to pay the fees. <https://www.registermyathlete.com/>

St. Gilbert Ski Club starts early January, here are the details: [2025 St. Gilbert Ski Club](#)

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 12/20 - Christmas Sweater or shirt dress down, Classroom Christmas Parties
Christmas Break - **12/21-1/6**
School Resumes **1/7/25**

The entire Staff of St. Gilbert wishes you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Additional Fliers:

[Lake Villa LaCross Program](#)

[St. Gilbert Burger Bash 2025](#)

December 19, 2024

Special Function Alert!

Bulls Game during Catholic Schools Week

Parents/Guardians,

The Archdiocese of Chicago schools have been invited to a special Chicago Bulls Game night. The game will be during Catholic Schools Week, and there is special pricing and group seating. You will also be able to select the Archdiocese school that you are representing, a portion of ticket sales will come back to the school. There is also a competition between schools to be a part of the game festivities. If you would like to attend with your family and friends please use this link to purchase tickets. [Bulls Game Ticket Offer](#)

This has been arranged by the Office of Catholic Schools.

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

December 12, 2024
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that next week are our final days before Christmas break! Students and teachers are practicing their songs, and parts, in anticipation of performances from PK-5th. Our older students are working hard in their practices for the musical, Aladdin, that they will put on in February. A spirit of joy and good will is in the air at St. Gilbert, you can't help but smile when you walk through our hallways....so many cute Christmas projects are hanging on the walls, showcasing the talents and creativity of our students.

I want to say that I appreciate your support in reading the resources I sent home about the importance of school attendance. At the end of each month I run an attendance report, and look it over for absence and tardy trends. The month of November showed improvements in those who had more than (5) absences the month prior. Keep talking with your students about how important it is to attend school, and that at this time in their life this is their "job" just like their parents have to go to work every day. In the work world we can't call in or not show up for an excessive amount of time without putting our job in jeopardy, it is the same for our students.

Thankful for all of God's blessings as we await the arrival of his son, Jesus.....

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

12/17 - 1st-5th grade Christmas Pageant 5:30 pm in church

12/19 - PK & K Christmas Program 9:30 am in church, SGS Aftercare closing at 4:00 pm for staff Christmas Party.

12/20 - Classroom Christmas Parties, "Christmas in the Round" 9:30 am in the gym.

Christmas Break **12/21-1/6**

School Resumes **1/7/25**

SGS Sports Scene:

12/16 - Home Girls Basketball games vs. Westlake 5:30 & 6:30

8th Grade Boys in Loyola Tournament

8th Grade Girls in St. Raymond Tournament

Fliers:

Christmas Spirit Week Details

*Dress Down Passes as gifts: Passes are \$5.00 each, limit of (5) per child. Send in order through the school office, payment by cash, check, or Zelle.

SGS Christmas Ornaments will be sold at the Christmas shows until the supply is sold out. If you would like an ornament please place your order through the office, each one is \$7.00 and they are lovely! **Christmas Ornament Order Form 2024**

January Cheer Clinic Information

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1emZRvAnz9GojeEbEtHwNChxBIDRnOI9zbCcS6NYdNgw/edit>

December 11, 2024
Winter Cold Weather Clothing Alert

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is a friendly reminder that the temperature is going to change drastically from today to tomorrow, there is also the potential of some snow. If students will be playing in the snow on any winter day they must have; boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats, and gloves/mittens. For cold temperatures we will still send the school outside for recess so encourage your students to wear winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens. Aftercare will go outside for a second "recess" so it is imperative that they have "winter wear" due to the fact that they could be outside for as long as an hour. We will remain indoors for recess when the temperature or wind chill is below 0. Please try to label all pieces of clothing with your child's last name. We have many gloves, hats, and coats without names in our lost and found. For our younger students, a reusable plastic bag with handles is best to hold all their winter items, please label bags as well....sometimes these get left on the bus or in the hallways of the school and we can't reunite them with their owners if names are not present.

Thank you for your help keeping 390 students prepared for SNOW! (and cold.....)

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

December 8, 2024 Superintendent Visit Update

Superintendent Greg Richmond has rescheduled his visit for tomorrow. He has caught the bug that seems to be going around.

As soon as we have a new date, we will let you know.

Enjoy the beautiful weather today.

December 4, 2024 Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now in full swing into the Christmas holiday season! This week (12/5) our band students will perform a Holiday Concert with band students from other schools at St. Joe's in Libertyville at 6:00 pm.

The Superintendent of the Archdiocese schools, Mr. Greg Richmond will be visiting our school to present the students and staff with a certificate of accomplishment. He will be given a tour of the school, visit a few classrooms, and talk with Fr. John and myself. I need all our students in full, clean, and spiffed up uniforms on Monday, December 9th. We will be showcasing the musical talents of our Student Angel Choir, and Mark A. from 5th grade who will be playing a montage of songs on the piano as we welcome Mr. Richmond into our assembly in church. The school is being spiffed up even more than usual & student work is being hung in the hallways. Our Student Council will greet him when he arrives and talk at our assembly about our ongoing PADS program to help feed those less fortunate. Collections for PADS go on throughout the months of November-March. This is a special day for St. Gilbert School and we are all looking forward to his visit.

There will be two other Christmas performances, the first is our Christmas Pageant that is performed by our 1-5 graders. Here is a note from our music director, Mrs. Nuzzo.....

Save the date! On Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30, our 1st through 5th grade students will be performing in the annual Christmas Pageant in church. The telling of this nativity play is a blend between the traditional story and modern day people, accessible to even our youngest participants. Please have your 1st-5th grade student(s) here by 5:00 for a quick warm up for the younger students, and costuming for the older ones. Parents, show students where you are sitting in church, and they should leave their coats with you. They will return to your seats after their songs/parts are complete. We're looking forward to seeing our students in their "Sunday best"!

On December 19th our PK and Kindergarten students will perform a Christmas Concert at 9:30 am during the school day. This concert will be in the church. Parents and other guests please park in the large church lot. We will open the church doors for entrance for guests at 9:00am.

The Student Council has planned a "Christmas Spirit Week" for Dec.16-20 along with a Door Decorating Contest and Trivia Games. See this flier for specifics of dress down themes for this week: [Christmas Spirit Week](#)

On December 19, our Aftercare Program will close at 4:00 pm to allow the staff to attend a Christmas Party at Center Cut, hosted by Fr. John. We will hand out reminders of this change to all our regular users of Aftercare over the next few weeks. Thank you for your understanding and support of our Aftercare staff during the holiday season.

Our last day of school before Christmas break is December 20th. This is the day of our classroom Christmas parties, and our special tradition of "Christmas in the Round" where all our students sing Christmas songs together in the gym. This is a magical time of year to be in a school. Our youngest students have wide-eyed excitement for all the special things being planned, and our oldest students step up to lead and bring joy to all.

With joy and excitement for what is to come....

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Items:

Thursday 12/5 - Band Concert @ St. Joe's Libertyville 6:00 pm.

Friday 12/6 - Spirit Wear Day

Monday 12/9 - Superintendent's Visit (Students in uniforms, looking start of school best!)

Wed.-Fri 12/11-12/13 -Santa's Secret Shop

Wednesday 12/11 - No Grayslake Buses (AM)

SGS Sports Center:

5th & 6th Grade Boys Tournaments @ POP **12/5-12/7**

8th Grade Girls Basketball home game 6:00 pm. **12/11**

8th Grade Girls Tournament @ St. Raymonds **12/12-12/15**

8th Grade Boys Tournament @ Loyola **12/13-12/15**

Fliers & Other "Bits" of Info:

[SGS Ornament Order Form](#)

Dress Down Passes: Send in a note to the office with family name & amount, \$5 each, maximum (5) per child.

[3-5 Winter Art Club Sign Up](#)

[Winter Cheer Clinic](#)

google form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1emZRvAnz9GojeEbEtHwNChxBIDRnOI9zbCcS6NYdNgw/edit>

[Christmas Spirit Week](#)

[Youth Ministry Programming](#)

December 3, 2024

St. Gilbert Christmas Ornament 2024

Dear Families,

We started a tradition a few years back of a student contest to create our design for our annual Christmas Ornament. This year as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary our design was inspired by "blessings." If you would like to purchase an ornament for your tree this year please see the details in this flier:

Christmas Ornament Order Form 2024

Supplies are limited, don't delay....order your ornament today!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Mrs. Baynes, Art Teacher

December 2, 2024 Winter Cheer Clinic

We will be holding a cheer clinic [Cheer Clinic Information](#) at SGS in January, with the assistance of Carmel High School's Cheer Team. Here is the link to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1emZRvAnz9GojeEbEtHwNChxBIDRnOI9zbCcS6NYdNgw/edit>

This is for grades 3-8.

Mrs. Buckley, Principa1

November 25, 2024 Parent Parking Direction/Pep Rally on 11.26.24

Parents,

Our Pep Rally will begin at 12:30 tomorrow, Tuesday the 26th. If you are planning to attend we will be allowing parking in the lot by the gym entrance. If you are planning to take your child home with you after the Pep Rally please communicate this to your child's homeroom teacher. The teachers will have students packed up before they head to the gym. If you do attend we will be asking for you to be ready to leave out of that parking lot as soon as we send the kids back to their classrooms. Please exit through the back driveway onto Wicks St. We do not have busing from either school district in the afternoon tomorrow so there will be many cars that need to be pulled into that lot after you have departed. Attending the Pep Rally is not mandatory, seating is limited due to the whole school being in there at once. Priority seating will be for the 8th grade parents as 8th graders will be called down by name for the sports that they play and performing their traditional "8th grade dance."

We got spirit yes we do!

Mrs. Buckley, Principa

November 21, 2024 Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There is so much wonderful learning happening at St. Gilbert School! Every day I visit classes, and hear teachers guiding students, and students engaging with new material. I love seeing students getting out of their cars in the morning with instruments, poster boards, and donations for the Veterans and families in need at Thanksgiving. They are smiling and excited to come to school for the day and do their best. In 6th-8th grade students become eligible to achieve honor roll status, a testament to their hard work and focus on the difficult job of

learning every day. The honor roll for the first trimester is listed here [St. Gilbert Honor Roll- Trimester #1 2024-25](#) Congratulations students for your accomplishments so far, keep striving to reach your goals!

Each of our students gets to explore their interests, whether it is during the school day, or in extra curricular activities. Right now we have STEM clubs, Student Council, chess, band, art, performing arts, and basketball going on. There is truly something for everyone! Many of these groups will be putting on performances for the holidays, and we can't wait to see and hear all that they have learned. Next Tuesday we will be celebrating all our competitive sports; Cross Country, Cheerleading, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, and Boys and Girls Basketball during our annual Pep Rally. Parents are welcome to attend, the fun will start at 12:30. [Spirit Week 2024](#)

The teachers, support staff, and I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving with your families. Travel safely, sleep late, watch some football, eat yummy food, and enjoy the time with those you love.

Happy Thanksgiving St. Gilbert Families,

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

P.S. The coveted "Christmas Dress Down Passes" are in production.... cost is \$5.00 per pass, with a limit of (5) per student. These make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts! Send a note c/o the school office with your order, we will send them home in a sealed envelope! Payment can be made by cash, check or Zelle.

Stem Lab Happenings:

[Veteran's Thank You!](#)

The Elementary STEM Lab is looking for donations of electronic items for the 3rd grade students to take apart. Items such as: dvd players, electric typewriters, old roombas, vcrrs, hairdryers, adding machines and just about anything that has a million cool parts in it. the older the better!

Items that we cannot use: Microwaves, tvs, and toasters. Please send them into the school office before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support.

Calendar Items:

Monday 11/25 - No Woodland Bus (PM)

Tuesday 11/26 - No Woodland or Grayslake Bus (PM), Pep Rally 12:30

11/27-11/29 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

SGS Sports Center:

11/21 - 6th Grade Boys Home Game tonight 5:30 pm

11/23 - 5th Grade Boys Home Game Saturday 9:00 am

Informational Fliers:

[Winter Cheerleading Clinic at SGS!](#)

[Christmas Cash Raffle](#)

[Youth Ministry Events](#)

[Youth Ministry Poinsettia Sale](#)

November 20, 2024

SGS Spirit Week Information 2024

Dear Students & Families,

Spirit Week will wrap around 2 different weeks simply because we were scheduling around what was supposed to be a Superintendent Visit. We end our Spirit Week with a Pep Rally and that date could not be changed. Spirit Week will start this Thursday 11/21 and concluded with the Pep Rally on November 26th. I am sending along the information on each of the (4) day themes for dressing. [Spirit Week 2024](#) The Pep Rally will feature; some student games, our Cheerleading Team, and our 8th Grade Class. We will be recognizing all the sports teams, and calling down our 8th graders by name that participate on these teams, to be specially recognized for their contributions and school spirit.

With pride in our athletes and how they represent our Catholic values!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal & AD

November 14, 2024 Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our first Trimester has come to an end and report cards will be coming home tomorrow. As part of our Continuous School Improvement Plan we will be sharing some general information regarding topics that pertain to education. The first topic we selected is "School Attendance." Since the pandemic, schools across the country have been grappling with high numbers of absenteeism and tardiness. Even in our own suburban environment this is an issue for schools. We can't stress enough how important it is for our students to be in school. Absent/tardy students put stress on the classroom as a whole, and on teachers who are responsible for teaching concepts on a continuum. There is often not the time or place for teachers to work individually with students who missed critical instruction, project work, and tests. As a school we strive to create a welcoming environment for students, we address interpersonal issues that might be causing barriers to learning and school attendance, and we hope to partner with parents to establish healthy home routines around school attendance. As we enter the second Trimester there is still time to set goals and make some home routine changes in order to support students academically. We are all striving for success, and School Attendance is the first step. [Elementary Handout: School Attendance](#) , [Middle School Handout: School Attendance](#)

There is an update to the Superintendent's visit, he had a conflict come up so his visit has been rescheduled to Monday, December 9th.

Due to popular demand we are opening a "Winter Spiritwear Shop" orders will arrive before Christmas break! [Spirit Wear Shop: Ordering](#)

Enjoy the last Supermoon of the year tonight!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 11/15 - Report Cards go home PK-8, Spirit Wear Day

Saturday (12-7pm) & Sunday (11-2pm) - Christmas Bazaar in the gym [Christmas Bazaar 2024](#)

Fliers:

[Giving Trees](#)

[PADS Christmas Wish List](#)

[Christmas Cash Raffle](#)

Santa's Secret Shop: Save the Date!

Carmel Dance Team Clinic Grades K-8

November 7, 2024

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are heading into the holiday season, and life is picking up its pace. Next weekend we will be holding our 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar. This is a chance for supporters to clean out their old Christmas Decorations, donate them to the school, and we will have a "Christmas Rummage Sale/Bazaar" on November 16th & 17th. This was an unbelievable success last year, and a very festive event; one of our retired teachers made another beautiful quilt for us to raffle off, there will be tables for rent for Crafters to sell their creations, homemade Cinnamon Rolls to purchase, and so many different types of Christmas Decorations that will be available for a "free will donation." You can switch up your decorating theme by browsing through all the donations! All proceeds will go towards our "Tuition Scholarship Fund" for current families in need. There are informational flyers below for donations, sign ups, and event day details.

On November 22nd the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Mr. Greg Richmond will be visiting our school. We are excited for his visit, and can't wait to show off our students and all their hard work in their classes. I am asking that students put effort into selecting "smart and clean" uniforms for this day, just like when they walk in for the first day of school! The Student Council will be greeting him and assisting with visiting classrooms. He is presenting us with a certificate for reaching 5 Essential Survey milestones, and he will be speaking with all the students briefly before he departs.

Thankful for all our families and students!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

11/8 - No School (Teacher Professional Day)

11/9 - Mother & Son Bowling (Lakes Bowl)

11/11 - Spirit Wear Day

11/12 - FSA Restaurant Night [BBQ Productions Restaurant Night Details](#)

11/13 - No Grayslake Buses (AM)

11/15 - Spirit Wear Day, Reports Cards Go Home (Trimester #1), Accepting Bazaar Donations & Set-Up @ door #1

11/16 & 11/17 - St. Gilbert School Christmas Bazaar [Christmas Bazaar Details](#)

SGS Sports Scene:

11/8 & 11/9 - 8th Grade BB in a tournament @ St. Joe's

5th Grade BB Saturday **11/9** @ FCA 9:00 am

11/14 - Boys Basketball Away @ Westlake (5:30-6th, 6:30-8th)

Extra Curricular/Students:

[Chess Club Winter Session](#)

[Math Team 7th & 8th Grade](#)

[STEM Clubs/Robotics](#)

[Girl Scouting 6th Grade](#)

October 31, 2024
Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You will be reading this after all the fun activities for Halloween are over, but you can be sure that a great time was had by all! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to decorate their trunks and bring candy for the children, those who are room parents and planned classroom parties, teachers who volunteered for games, s'mores, trunks and more. Friday 11/1 is a Holy Day and we will all be attending 8:00 am mass. There will not be a Spirit Wear day tomorrow due to going to church, but I will make it up to the children in the next couple weeks! Thursday 11/7 will be a bonus "1944 Shirt Day" and there will be Spirit Wear Days on 11/11 & 11/15.

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Just a friendly reminder to please check student lunches to make sure no candy with nuts is being packed as their treat for lunch at school.

Stay safe & have fun trick-or-treating this evening!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

From Mrs. Kleber....Veteran Care Package Project: [Veteran Project Donations](#)

We are 1/2 to our collection goal of 250 or more care packages. Please donate if possible.

Items needed: Individual packages of cookies, chips, cold cereal, oatmeal, playing cards, beef jerky, granola bars and wrapped candy.

Donations should be marked STEM Veterans Project and sent to school with your child or dropped off at the school office. Please send in by Monday, 11/4/24.

Please contact Lisa Kleber if you have any questions, lisa.kleber@stgilbertschool.org

Thank you for your support!!!

Calendar Reminders:

11/1 - All Saints Day Mass 8:00

11/4 - No Grayslake Buses (AM/PM), Safety Drill w/Grayslake Police, Sports Picture Day (fall sports-check w/coach for schedule (evening))

11/5 - No Grayslake or Woodland Buses (AM/PM)

11/7 - 1944 Shirt Dress Down Day, End of Trimester #1

11/8 - No School-PD Teachers, 8th Grade Dedicated Shadow Day @ Carmel H.S.

SGS Sports Center:

11/1-11/2 - 8th Grade Girls Volleyball playing a tournament at SSPP.

11/4 - Fall Sports Picture Day-evening (Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer)

11/7 - Home Openers for 8th Grade Boys BB- 6:00, 7th Grade Boys BB - 7:00

Fliers:

[Milk Order Form 2nd Trimester](#)

[Mother & Son Bowling](#)

[Christmas Bazaar](#)

[Christmas Bazaar: Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!](#)

[International Fest](#)

October 30, 2024

Boo Bash Guidelines for Volunteers & Students

1. Parents that have volunteered to set up their trunks: arrive around 8:00 and we will park you in a designated spot. Student rotations begin at 8:30. We are doing trunks rain or shine since volunteers out there are not necessarily Virtus compliant and cannot be brought into the building. The time for rotations will run from 8:30-12:15 for all grades of the school. You can break up the hours you are manning a trunk by assigning time slots to different people if necessary. If you can work the whole time that is fine as well. Please bring candy for your trunk, we are expecting 400 students to parade through the trunks. The office has extra candy if needed, and helpers will go around checking on supplies. If you are a volunteer please arrive around 8:15. Thank you all for volunteering!
2. Students will go to (3) different stations for 15 minutes; fire pit s'mores, games in the gym, and trunk-or-treat. PK & K students have "spooky dance party" and s'more chex mix instead of fire & games.
3. Students in all grades can wear costumes, there will be prizes given out for "best costumes" in grades PK-1, 2-4, 5-8. Guidance for costumes are as follows: full face masks are discouraged as it is difficult for students to see, and we have younger students in the building who might be scared of full on face masks (if you do wear a mask we will allow it during the trunk-or-treating portion when students are with their class.). No prop weapons allowed in school. Full face makeup is not allowed, you can paint on whiskers, a mustache, stitches etc. No hair dye allowed, however, you may wear a wig as part of your costume that is colored. If you choose not to wear a costume please wear clothing that is in Halloween colors to get in the spirit of the day. Students need to bring a bag or bucket for trunk-or-treating.

Happy Halloween!

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

October 24, 2024

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who attended our 80th Anniversary Gala, who bid on auction items, or gave a donation. Over the next month we will work on fulfilling all our "teacher experiences" and we will share our final fundraising profits. Lucky 7 car riders will begin their new pick up routine on 10/23. I do have a few baskets and tool items in my office, if your bid won an item please arrange for a pick up day & time! (call 847-223-8600 or email: school.office@stgilbertschool.org)

Tomorrow, I will be presenting to other principals of the Archdiocese, on the area of "Supportive Environment-Safety" for which we ranked in the top 5% of confidence on the 5Essential Survey taken by our students. They were asked questions about how safe they felt going to school, walking in the hallways, using the restrooms, etc. Our next school improvement area is to enhance and make even more secure our main school entrance. I met with a contractor last week, and we talked over potential plans. We are in the stage of getting an Architectural drawing completed. I will keep you updated as we progress through the process of creating an attractive and safer main entryway. Boosterthon & Gala fundraising is going towards this project.

Lastly, I want to thank so many of you for all the lovely cards, and flowers for National Principal Appreciation Week! The students made cards, gave hugs, and words of thanks as well. I am so blessed to work for such loving and supportive children and parents! Thanks to our staff Sunshine club for the "cool" sign outside of school-that was a first for me!

Enjoy the sunshine,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/25 - Last day of "Red Ribbon Week"- High School or College Sweatshirts (dress down)

Thursday 10/31 - Halloween! Class parties at lunchtimes, Boo Bash 8:30-12:15 (classes attend 3 activities on a set time rotation) (S'mores, Games/Dancing, Trunk or Treat), Students can wear Halloween costumes, prizes for best costumes by grade level, please no full-face makeup or complete face masks, prop weapons are not allowed in school. Students should be able to walk and easily use the restroom in whatever costume they are wearing. Send a bag, or container for Trunk-or-Treating.

Upcoming Event: Sponsored by your FSA

Save the date November 9, 2-4pm

Mother and son bowling at Lakes Bowl in Round Lake.

October 22, 2024

Support Our Veterans!

Parents & Students,

If you can support our efforts to recognize and thank our Veterans, as well as provide "assembly line" practice to our 4th graders please consider a donation of items off this list. Mrs. Kleber is coordinating this cross-curricular activity in the STEM Lab. Packages will be sent on Veteran's Day. We thank you for your support! **Veteran's Care**

Packages Details

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

October 17, 2024

Link to Gala Silent Auction Items

SGS Gala Attendees and Silent Auction Bidders -

You can find tomorrow night's Gala event details on our website or you may click the link below. Don't forget the silent auction ends at 9:30 tomorrow night (attendance not required)!

e.givesmart.com/r/vY4mJeg-m-E2D/e/DOv/

October 17, 2024

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped plan our 80th Anniversary Gala, those who have put together or donated baskets or items for the event, those who donated wine & whiskey, and those who will be attending on Friday night. It was a community effort, and we are sincerely grateful. We are looking forward to celebrating with a wonderful dinner, dancing, and other special decades sponsored activities tomorrow evening at Independence Grove-Audubon Room. Open bar & hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 pm.

My "Through the Decades Gala" team of helpers/planners consists of; Meaghen Dahm, Bennette Cunningham, Pat Murphy, Aly Veras, Marissa Herrmann, Dori Greffly, Meme Baynes, Lisa Jacobson, Kim Gillespie, Shannon Rosales, and Cindy Swindell. You have been a self-less, fantastic team of creative ideas, and hardworking hands! Bidding is now open on all the silent auction items. Even non-attendees can bid on those items. Live auction & wine & whiskey pull must be present to win. Use this link to view silent auction items: (put Gala link here). Bidding on these items will close at 9:30pm on the day of the event.

Happy Fall ya'll, see many of you at "The Grove"

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/18 - Spirit Wear Day (1944 shirt day), Grayslake High School Placement Test (bus is being provided for this testing during the school day) 80th Anniversary Gala @Independence Grove 6:00-10:30 pm

Monday 10/21 - Red Ribbon Week Begins **Red Ribbon Week 2024** , Musical Audition Workshop (Grades 6-8) 2:00-4:00. **Musical Workshop Details 2024**

Tuesday 10/22 - Board Meeting (virtual), Aladdin Auditions 2:00-4:00 (Grades 6-8)

Wednesday 10/23 - Aladdin Audition 2:00-4:00 (Grades 6-8), FSA Meeting 6:30 (Zoom)

Thursday 10/24 - Read 4 the Record (PK-1)

SGS Sporting News:

10/19 - IESA State Cross Country (Good luck Juliet B. & Hudson C.!)

10/21 - Conference Playoffs Soccer-Host 5:00, 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Conference Playoffs-Host of 1st round games.

10/22 - Conference Championship Cross Country @ Allegheny Park 4:30

Fliers:

Red Ribbon Week 2024

SGS Halloween Boo Bash

SGS Christmas Ornament Design Contest 2024/25

The next FSA Meeting will be Wednesday, October 23rd @ 6:30pm via zoom. Please the Thursday Tidbit email or contact the school office for the codes.

October 17, 2024

Thank you Mrs. Buckley

Help us celebrate Mrs. Buckley on National Principal Appreciation Day! Send a note, email, or card to express your thanks for her amazing leadership at Saint Gilbert School. You can also say thank you in person at drop-off and pick-up.

We hope to make her feel special on Monday 10/21 and Tuesday 10/22.

See the 2 page attachment for details. **[Thank you Mrs. Buckley \(5\).pdf](#)**

October 14, 2024

80th Gala: Silent Auction is Live!

We are 5 days away from our 80th Anniversary Gala. Our silent auction is now live! Bidding ends on October 18th at 9:30pm. Also, check out the sneak peek of our live auction items. You can bid on items even if you can't attend the Gala.

<https://sgsgala2024.givesmart.com>

October 10, 2024

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today we begin our Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades PK-8. Students in grades 4-8 must attend with their parents. Parents, you have chosen the format between either; in-person or virtual. Please contact the office if you have not received the virtual link for your conference. Arrive a few minutes early, teachers strive to stay on schedule.

We have been notified by the Superintendent of the Archdiocese that our school had the highest ratings in (2) areas of the 5Essentials Survey; Ambitious Instruction & Supportive Environment, from among all the Catholic Schools in Lake County. We are very proud to have achieved these high ratings and recognition. Mr. Greg Richmond, Superintendent has asked to visit our school, and we will be hosting him on November 22nd. This is a huge honor, and one we have not experienced for over 20 years! Planning and details to come.....

Our Gala is just a week away and I am still in need of the following items: (10) bottles of wine valued at \$25 or over, and (10) bottles of whiskey valued at \$35 or over. These are for wine & whiskey "pulls" at the event. If you are unable to support our Gala with your attendance, please consider donating one of these items. Our silent auction items will be going "live" this weekend. You do not have to attend to be able to bid on these fantastic items! There are so many wonderful baskets, specialty items, and "teacher/student experiences" available to bid on. Please help this to be a successful fundraiser! We have not held a Gala in over 10 years, the proceeds all go back into the school to benefit our students, and our future success as a Catholic school in the Grayslake community.

Our Sports Fanatic Fundraiser of; PigSkin Pick'Em has ended in a three-way tie. The winners are; Charlie Schoen, Max Mottola, and Katie Buckley. They each will take home winnings of over \$100 with the remainder coming back to the school. Stay tuned for our next Sports Fundraiser of "Super Bowl Squares." If you still have to pay your \$30 entry fee, please use Zelle@stgilbertschool.org to pay.

Our next "big event" is our Boo Bash **Boo Bash** during the school day on Halloween. There will be games, dancing, bonfire & s'mores, trunk or treating, and prizes for best individual/group costumes for the various grade bands. We are still in need of candy donations (no nuts please) and volunteers to hand out candy at the trunks. If you can help even for part of the day please contact school.office@stgilbertschool.org. If you are working outside there is no need to be "Virtus" compliant. Each grade has been asked to create a "trunk" and I have a couple parent volunteers with their trunks as well. This event will run in sessions for the grades from 8:30-12:15. Parties will be held in your child's classroom during their lunch times, coordinated by the room parents, and pizza is the main food item.

Enjoy the Fall-tastic weather!

Mrs. Kris Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

10/10 - 11:00 Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Aftercare open until 5:30 for preschoolers only!

10/11 - No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences cont.

10/14 - No School - Indigenous People's Day

10/15 - Band Lessons begin: during the school day (Beginner & Intermediate) Afterschool 2:00-2:45 (Advanced)

Emil's Restaurant Night: [Emil's Night Flier](#)

10/17 - School Picture Retakes (morning), Fire Department visit grades K-2

10/18- Spirit Wear Day, Grayslake H.S. 8th grade testing (bus provided from SGS), SGS 80th Anniversary Gala 6:00-10:30 @ Independence Grove-Audubon Room.

SGS Sports Stars Weekly:

10/12 - IESA Cross Country Sectionals @ Melas Park

10/15 - All our Girls Volleyball Teams are participating in "Volley 4 a Cure" at Prince of Peace. Games begin at 5:00. Students who attend as players or spectators earn a dress down pass! [Volley 4 A Cure Details](#)

10/17 - Boys Soccer away at LFCD (5:00)

Informational Fliers:

2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar Planning: [Christmas Bazaar](#)

[International Fest](#)

8th Grade Carmel Shadow Day: [St. Gilbert Dedicated Carmel Shadow Day \(8th Only\)](#)

[Youth Ministry & Holy Fire](#)

October 7, 2024

Music Program Information

Parent/Guardians,

We have two different music organizations that service our students. Here is the information and grades that these apply to. There are extra costs for this programming that is paid to the organization directly. Lessons occur during the school day, and in the case of band (one after-school practice session.)

Music Kids: Piano, Violin, Guitar lessons for grades PK-8 [Music Kids Flier](#) , [Music Kids Info. SGS](#) *Music kids lessons began 10/4, and occur on Monday & Fridays depending on schedules. If you are still interested, they are accepting new enrollees.

Music Education Services: Band Instrument Lessons Grades 4-8; [Music Education Services Info.](#) * Band lessons begin 10/15.

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

October 3, 2024

Thursday Tidbits

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are enjoying the fair fall weather days here at SGS! Daily recess has been beautiful for all the grades, gym classes can continue to be held outside, the Aftercare children get to enjoy a second recess in the afternoon without coats, and we were able to hold our bus evacuation drill this week with mild temperatures and no rain! This is the time of year when we hold all our compliance drills that are mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education. Coming later in October will be our School Safety Drill. I will coordinate this with the Grayslake Police and our teachers of various grades. For our younger children in grades PK-3 we talk with them about general drill expectations, such as where exits are located in relation to their classroom, and how important it is to stay quiet and listen to their teachers. In the upper grades 4-8 we will actually run two scenarios of a safety threat close to their room location, where an exit is not possible, and a threat located in another part of the building where an exit of the physical building is the safer option. As with all drills, knowing where the exits are, being quiet, and listening to their teacher's directions are paramount. Once I have the date I will share that information with you so that you are aware.

We will be celebrating Bully Awareness Month with a wear "blue" shirt with uniform bottoms on October 7th. [Bully Awareness Day](#) We want all our students to be kind to each other. Harmful words and actions affect everyone in the school environment. A happy, successful school environment is what all our children deserve.

Some "School Band" news for those students in grades 4-8 who play an instrument or who are interested in learning. Music on the Move was unable to hire an instructor to take over at our school, so I have made the decision to switch to Music Education Services. Many local Catholic schools in our area use this group. Mr. Louie Cruz will be our new band director. Tomorrow 10/4 there will be a demonstration concert for 4th & 5th graders during the school day. On Tuesday 10/8 students who are interested will have a "fitting"; which is a chance to talk with the new Band Director and try out different instruments. Students who are in grades 6-8 will have a meet &

greet on this day with the director. Sign up information and pricing will come home with students. Band classes are set to start October 15th. **Music Education Services (Band)**

Prayers and blessings,

Mrs. Buckley, Principal

Calendar Reminders:

Friday 10/4 - Spirit Wear Day, 4th & 5th Band Demo Concert, Carmel Recruitment Visit Grades 6-8

Monday 10/7 - Bully Prevention Awareness Day-Blue shirts with uniform bottoms! **Bully Awareness Day**

Tuesday 10/8 - Band Fitting 4th/5th/Band Dir. Meet & Greet 6-8 (during school day)

Wednesday 10/9 - No Grayslake Buses (AM)

Thursday 10/10 - 11:00 Early Release/Parent-Teacher Conferences, No Grayslake or Woodland buses (PM), Aftercare is only open for Preschoolers, no other grades due to conferences.

Friday 10/11 - No School-Conferences Continued

Monday 10/14 - No School - Indigenous People's Day

Tuesday 10/15 - Band Starts, Emil's Restaurant Night (FSA)

Sports around SGS:

SGS 7th Grade Fall Volleyball Tournament **10/4-10/5** (various times)

Cross Country IESA Sectional Meet (TBD)- **10/12**

Fliers:

Holy Fire & Prayer Experiences 4 Teens

Grayslake High School Feeder Basketball Program

Grayslake Feeder Baseball Program

Carmel High School Math Tutors

October 3, 2024

Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Online Closed

The online signup portal for Parent Teacher Conferences has been closed so that teachers may prepare for conferences.

If you still need to sign up or change your date or time, please contact your students homeroom teacher.

Please contact Lisa Kleber lisa.kleber@stgilbertschool.org with any questions or help needed.