



THE GATOR GAZETTE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STUDENT COUNCIL

St. Gabriel Student Council has been busy at work with many new initiatives! In addition to raising over \$2000 for Light of Life Mission, they've also implemented collection during all school Masses, where students are able to contribute to our parish. They have also started a school store where school supplies and water are sold to students participating in after-school activities.

FORENSICS

St. Gabriel JV (5-6) and Varsity (6-8) Forensics teams are kicking off their competition seasons this weekend. Our JV team will be competing in the North League and our Varsity team will compete in the South League. Best of luck to all of our students!

MUSICAL THEATER

Last week, we began Musical Theater workshops, a new addition to our amazingly successful Musical Theater program available to students in 3rd-8th grades. Students will learn acting techniques, improvisation, stage direction, singing and how to prepare for an audition. Students will have the opportunity to audition for our Spring Musical - *Suessical* (directed by Jeanie, Ray, Carly and Emily Cygrymus), which will be performed at Baldwin High School **June 11-12, 2018.**



Dear Parishioners,

Next week we will be gathering around tables and sharing the Thanksgiving holiday with our family and friends. Often times, people take time to talk about what they are thankful for.

This year, personally, I am thankful for all of you. Seeing first hand, the passion and excitement that the parishioners of St. Gabriel have for their parish and school is energizing. St. Gabriel is truly a unique and special place.

In the spirit of giving, our students recently raised and donated over \$2,000 to the Light of Life Mission. The Light of Life Mission provides Thanksgiving meals to those in need. With the money raised, Light of Life will be able to purchase 780 Thanksgiving meals! In addition, students, teachers and staff dressed down in pink on Monday, October 30. \$650 was collected and donated on behalf of St. Gabriel School to the Pink Tie Affair. The Pink Tie Affair's purpose is to assist men and women in the Pittsburgh area who are challenged with breast cancer, providing financial assistance to those who have come to them during their difficult struggle with breast cancer. Please enjoy a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Don Miltizer -Principal

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Under the leadership of our Parent Teacher Guild (PTG), we are off to a record start with fundraising this year!

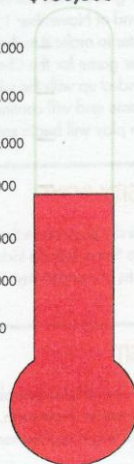
To date, we have raised nearly **\$70,000!!** Leading the way is our unbelievably successful Aramark program, where volunteers work in a concession stand during Pitt and Steeler football games in exchange for a monetary rate. As of this weekend, we've raised **\$15,350** so far with 4 games to go! We are on track to make more than \$20k again this year with the Aramark Program!

Earlier this month the PTG hosted the 7th Annual Gator Gala - A Celebration of St. Gabriel School. Thanks to the amazing business and family sponsorships and record attendance, we were able to raise more than **\$17k** in one night!

The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle is an exciting new fundraiser offering **\$15k cash prizes** with payouts between \$500 and \$5k. *70% of each ticket cost benefits St. Gabriel School.* Winners will be drawn December 11-22. See the enclosed flyer for more information on how you can win big before Christmas!

\$150,000

\$125,000
\$100,000
\$100,000
\$75,000
\$50,000
\$25,000
\$10,000



FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

VOLLEYBALL



The Lady Gators Volleyball JV Green and Varsity Gold teams had a strong finish to their regular season play earlier this month advancing them to the Diocesan playoffs.

The JV girls fell to a very competitive St. Thomas More team in the first round and the Varsity girls lost in a tough match to North Hills power house Blessed Seelos Academy Saints in the first round as well.

Congrats to all of the girls on a great season!

CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to the St. Gabriel Cross Country teams on another amazing season! On Saturday, October 21, they competed at Slippery Rock in the Diocesan Championships, where they competed against 39 other Catholic schools. The JV boys and girls teams earned awards placing 5th overall, along with the Varsity girls who placed 4th.

Individual medals were won by Digby Bedner (20th place-JV boys), Mallory Mezeivitch (3rd place-JV girls), Kara Day (18th place-JV girls), Andrew Barrett (5th place-Varsity boys), Maura Schorr (9th place-Varsity girls), and Sophia Kozar (15th place-Varsity girls).

FOOTBALL



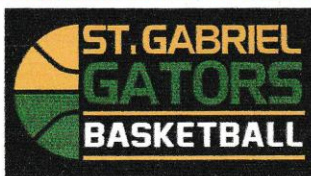
Eleven student athletes from St. Gabriel School played for the South Hills Chargers Developmental and JV football teams this fall. The JVChargers advanced through the playoffs and earned a spot in the Diocesan Championship games that were played at Duquesne University where they finished 2nd in the Diocese.

Three 8th graders were members of the St. Louse Varsity football team this season. The team won back to back games against North Pittsburgh Catholic and Greensburg Catholic to advance to the Diocesan championship game at Duquesne University where they also finished 2nd in the Diocese.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL OF THE GRADUATING 8TH GRADERS!

VOLLEYBALL: Ryan Bigley, Mackenzie Conavan, Ella Palatucci; CROSS COUNTRY: Daniel Goldbach, Ave Kazar, Sam Panian, Nathan Schenk, Kevin Weber; FOOTBALL: Daniel Goldbach, Justin Ranft, Nathan Trainer

SEASON



PREVIEW

JV BOYS

The JV boys basketball team kicked off their season at The Lancer Classic hosted by St. Sylvester School. The tournament took place the weekend of November 3rd and the boys played 7 games over the course of 2 days. After losing in the first round, the boys fought back and played six very exciting games! The team defeated St. Thomas More, Holy Cross, St. Sylvester's and St. Bernadette's, taking second place in the tournament. Diocesan Section games will begin at the end of November and this group of 5th and 6th grade boys will be ready to compete.

JV GIRLS

The JV girls started out their 2017-2018 basketball season with a Championship win at the Lancer Classic. The girls played 3 games over the weekend of November 11th. The girls battled in the first 2 games against Elizabeth Forward and won by just 1 point over the host team, St. Sylvester to make it to the Championship game. They were again faced with a worthy opponent, Elizabeth Forward, a loss would force another game for the Championship game. But the girls came out with a bang and never looked back. They had control over the whole game and ended up with the win and the championship. They are also in the midst of another tournament at TD Sports in Avonworth. They won their first game and will continue play next weekend. One more win will put them in the Championship game at that tournament as well. Regular season play will begin soon. We can't wait to see how the girls do!

VARSITY BOYS

The Varsity boys basketball team has kicked off the 2017-2018 season. Last weekend the team competed in both the St. Sylvester Lancer Classic and the Seton LaSalle kick off tournament. They defeated St. Bernadette's in the championship game to win the Seton LaSalle tournament. Regular practices are underway and section games will begin in December.

VARSITY GIRLS

The Varsity girls basketball team began their season last weekend in the Lancer Classic Tournament hosted by St. Sylvester and the TD Sports Tournament in Avonworth. The team faced very tough competition early on in both tournaments falling short of advancing into the playoff round. They will begin regular section play in December.