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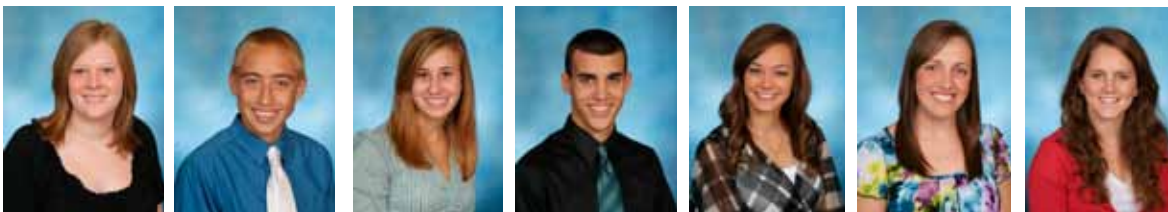
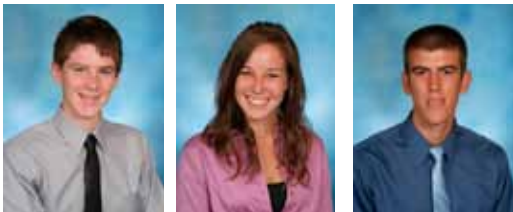
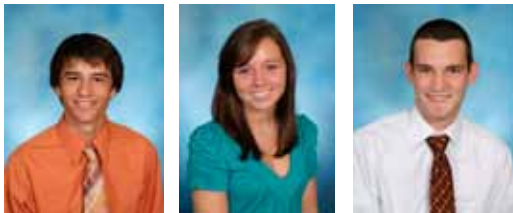
Lucky Thirteen!

13 Gibault Seniors Are Named State Scholars

Gibault is proud to announce that thirteen students have been recognized as 2010 Illinois State Scholars. The students are:

Cole Blechle (Waterloo), **Brittany Davis** (Freeburg), **Will Gregorich** (Waterloo), **Ben Kloess** (Columbia), **Rachel Kreher** (Smithton), **Christopher Kuester** (Freeburg), **Kaila Lavoie** (Waterloo), **Tony Mantia** (Columbia), **Julia Means** (Freeburg), **Eric Meyer** (Columbia), **Lexie Purcell** (Waterloo), **Haley Riebeling** (Ellis Grove) and **Lana Rottler** (Waterloo).

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announced its recognition of select high school students as 2010 Illinois State Scholars. Selection is based on ACT scores and class rank at the end of the junior year. "This select group of young adults represents 21% of the 2010 graduating class which exceeds the national average of 15%," said Gibault Principal, Russ Hart. "The percentage of Illinois State Scholars at Gibault also exceeds those of schools in the surrounding area, which range from 5% to 16%."



Area Schools	# of seniors	# IL State Scholars	% of scholars
Belleville West	524	72	14%
Columbia	126	20	16%
Freeburg	149	23	13%
Gibault	61	13	21%
Red Bud	100	5	5%
Sparta	105	8	8%
Valmeyer	28	1	15%
Waterloo	214	28	13%
State Average			15%



Message from the Principal

Gracias! Merci beaucoup! Danke shon! How many ways can I say thank you for all the blessings we have at Gibault? Again, I am so thankful for all of you who helped us even in these difficult economic times. One donor, whose children have long graduated, sponsors a year's tuition to help with the tuition assistance program; another donor takes time out from his busy day to make sure the Gibault

roof is safe from leaks. Then there was the "Make It Happen Moment" at the Oktoberfest where auction guests couldn't raise their bid paddles fast enough to donate to the teachers' wish lists—it was an amazing feeling. We just completed "Operation Restoration" where donations from past Gibault athletes were used to restore the gym floor—and what a difference it has made! I am sometimes left speechless with the outpouring of financial support.

Other happenings:



As you can see from the cover, we again had the highest percentage of Illinois State Scholars in the area. These students represented 21% of the Class of 2010.



We now have two coaches in the Illinois High Schools Coaches' Hall of Fame. Coach Rueter joins Coach Corsi as an inductee into the Hall of Fame. We honored both coaches on January 15th. See page 5 to vote for your favorite "Hall of Famer" or to share a story.



We are ready to begin the renovation of the science labs—"Bring the Science Labs Back to Life." If you are interested in helping with this project or in soliciting donations for this project, contact me (russhart@gibaultonline.com) or Sev Kovarik (sev@gibaultonline.com).



We recently completed our Strategic Plan for the next 5-10 years. We have already started implementing many of the ideas that were suggested by you. If you have not received that update, please contact me and we will send you a copy.



We have put more money than ever before into our financial assistance program to make a Gibault education possible for future generations. You can further assist these programs and our Annual Fund with a planned gift—you can name GCHS as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy or annuity; you can establish a gift annuity; or you can include GCHS in your will.



Gibault is looking to be a part of the "Facebook generation" as an instantaneous communication tool with alumni and friends. If you would like to be a part of this, email your address to Gibault@gibaultonline.com. We plan to create photo albums by year; so tell us what was special about your year and we will include those photos from the yearbook.

I thank you for all your help and support in these challenging times.

2009 Gibault Catholic High School Calendar Winners

JANUARY

BILL & SHERYL MOUNCE
CATHY JAMES
JANICE BUETTNER
AMY MUETH
GALE BELL
COREY HOGREFE
MIKE WELGE
GREGG GOODMAN
ZOE ANN SCHWARZE
DIANNA HARDGES
DONNA WIERSCHEM
VIRGIL CHANDLER
JILL WITTENAUER
JIM FLETCHER
MARY GONZALEZ
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4596
SARAH BEIRMANN
STEPHANIE KISRO
NATHANIEL GILPIN
LEO SANDER
CONNI REITZ
JANE HIPPLISLEY
CHRISTY GALLETTI
MICHELLE & JASON BANKS
JEFF & MEL SCHREDER
TWYLA LUHR
JIM LANSING
PHILIP CRAIG
BRIAN PETROSKY
STEPHANIE PARKER
DAVID & LIBBY TOAL
PATTY LINDAUER--BONUS \$200
ZOE SCHWARZE---BONUS \$100

FEBRUARY

MIKE & ROBIN KNAUP
JAMES HUBER
ARLENE TOTRA
JIM MONTGOMERY
ANDREW SMITH
ANNE LAMBARD
THOMAS FRUTH
ANN & RICK WITTENAUER
BILL ROBINSON
LISA BLECHLE
JENNA & DREW SCHNEIDER
JAMES WILLIAMS
MARY SULTANI
LISA BLECHLE
CAROLE SWINDLE
JANET ULIVI
KEVIN LINTKER
BARB GOTTO
JACK & PEGGY HOFFMAN
BOB GROETECKE
TIM BIRK
MIKE LARSEN
KEN BAKER
BRITTANY LAURENT
SARAH BEIRMANN
JILL POWLES
LLOYD HUNT
JEN GOLEY
MATT TOUCHETTE--BONUS \$200
LOWELL REITZ--BONUS \$100

MARCH

JAMES WILLIAMS
JAMES ZIMMER
THE HART FAMILY
COLLEEN HAYES
FAY STAMM
JIM & COLLEEN KREHER
ANN HAUBRICH
KIM HUETSCH
NATHAN KREMMEL
EILEEN DECKER
RICHARD & SUSAN SCHMIDT
MARCY EBERS
TERRY & SHERRY RIVA
BETTY DOSS
TOM & DAWN HELFRICH
LUANN HANNER
CARLA BECHERER
SANDRA ZERA
JOHN DETERDING
BECKY SCHAEFER
PATTY PETTET
LAURA AMANN
DONNA WIERSCHEM
SANDY FEENEY
MARY BRAUER
GINA & HOWIE BAKER
TERRY DAVINROY
DANNY SCHILLING
CONRAD & RIPPPELMAYER
SANDRA ZERA
RUSTY & NANCY CHRISTMANN
JBECKY SCHAEFER--BONUS \$200
TERRY SOUCHEK--BONUS \$100

APRIL

JOE MURPHY
JAN & DANA MATHIS
BETTY KOHNZ
GARY WITTENAUER
JIM MONTGOMERY
BRIAN KUEHNL
KENNY PARKER
MATT & KRISTINE LAMONS
RON INGRAM
JIM LANSING
GORDEN MELTON
BARB ROSE
JANICE SCHEPERS
AMY HOFFMAN
CINDY GRAVAGNA
ANGELA KEENE
JOE & JUDY GUNDLACH
CINDY RUETER
DIANA HARDGES
MARCIE WEBER
MARLENE RUSTEBERG
ROBERT DEHLER
NANCY KOESTERER
RICHARD & SUSAN SCHMIDT
RICHARD CASEY
STEVE & JANET LESKO
SCOPE
PERRY SCHLEMMER
KEN GIBBS
LAWRENCE BECKERLE
JULIE SCHILLER--BONUS \$200
DAVID KADOLPH--BONUS \$100

MAY

GATEWAY RESTAURANT SUPPLY
MARIA MALDONADO
JAMES HUBER
CLAY & BETH THORNHILL
JOAN DONJON
AMY HOFFMANN
RONNIE & GAIL BEYER
MIKE ROGERS
JARED NOBBE
KITTY LAING
VERONICA FELTON-ARMOUTI
RICH KREHER
MARY ANN BRUSS
SUSAN MACKIN
JOANN KREBEL
NATHAN SCHMIDT
ELMER SCHMIDT
HEATHER SMITH
LOUIS WESSEL
JASON FERRELL
SUZANNE STELLHORN
KAREN KALTENBRONN
JANICE SCHEPERS
MRS. PAT HURST
KEVIN & KAREN KUESTER
KATIE GOLDSCHMIDT
JULIE SCHILLER
SCOTT & KAY SMALL
BRAD & CLAUDIA PAPERBERG
JERRY & RENEE GILBRETH
BRENDA CONGIARDO
CURT PELATE--BONUS \$200
MIKE BECKERLE--BONUS \$100

JUNE

THE SUBURBAN MOTORS
LUANN HANNER
GERRY SCHAEFER
MICHAEL SANDERS
MARTHA SCHAEFER
HART FAMILY
PAT MAYER
LYNDA FAHY
GINA WETZLER
GINA DOERR
MICHAEL GOOL
BRYAN PHILLIPS
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
PAT POSEY
BRIAN FREELAND
THE HART FAMILY
AUSTIN BROUK
ALEX BIRKNER
ERIN KREHER
JENNIFER BRADLEY
MARIA & NEAL TIBEREND
DALE & JANE YATES
EMMIE DORION
CHRIS STUMPF
BRIAN DETERDING
JONI MRAZ
DAWN HARRINGTON
MARILYN PAPPAGEARGE
KAREN ORSA
DIANE GERMANN
BRYAN RAUSCH--BONUS \$200
GARY WIELGUS--BONUS \$100

Illinois Coaches' Hall of Fame

Jim Corsi

Dennis Rueter

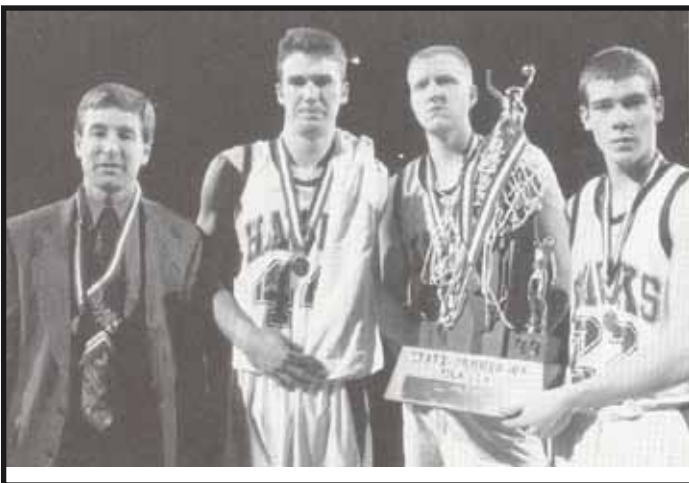
On April 24th, Gibault Catholic High School will become the first school in the area to have two coaches enshrined in the Illinois Coaches' Hall of Fame—Jim Corsi and Dennis Rueter. Coach Corsi was inducted into the Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame last summer becoming only the third coach from metro east to earn that honor. Jim Corsi has led the Hawks to eight IHSA playoff appearances since 2000 and won three state championships, two 2nd place finishes (one for the boys' team and one for the girls' team), and two 3rd place finishes. Coach Corsi has over 400 wins in his Gibault career with the boys' and girls' programs!

And now on to Coach Rueter who has been on the Hawks' sidelines since 1980—that's 30 years—making him the longest tenured basketball coach in the area! During that time, Coach Rueter has compiled over 550 victories with ten regional titles, two sectional titles and a 2nd place finish in the '98-'99 Class A State Tournament. Coach Rueter was nominated by Coach Corsi for this special honor and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in the spring.



CORSI vs. RUETER

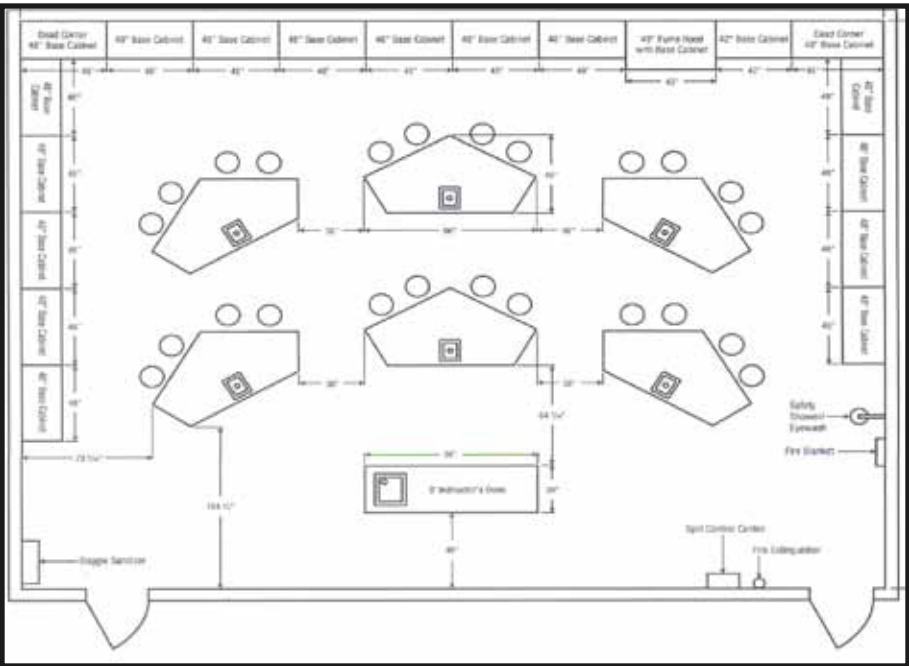
We are looking for memories about both coaches and we want you to vote on your favorite "hall of famer"—is it Coach Corsi or is it Coach Rueter? Send in your stories and your vote to gibault@gibaultonline.com. We will post the results and some of your stories on the website.



Coach Rueter, John Thomas, Jeremy Nagel and John Torisky from the '98-'99 State Final Team.
Coach Corsi with players who were a part of all three championship teams. Front: Jake Posey & Michael Kentch.
Back: Kyle Lane, Kevin Brady, Ty Schutt, Coach Corsi, Nathan Kremmel & Taylor Stumpf.



Our next major project is the renovation of the Biology Lab. The lab has not changed since Gibault first opened its doors in 1966. It's time to move forward and make improvements. This project proposal is a redesign of the floor plan to include a combination classroom/lab. We wanted to create a classroom environment with ample workspace for experiments while also providing better sight lines to the front of the room for demonstrations and lectures. Our main objective is increase student interest in the sciences and better prepare them for college labs and possibly a career in the science/medical fields. The redesign would provide storage space along the perimeter of the room as well.



Take a look at the floor plan to the left. The projected cost for this renovation is between \$80,000 - \$92,000.

If you are interested in helping us with this project (equipment ideas or funding), contact us:

school: 618-939-3883
email addresses:
russhart@gibaultonline.com
sev@gibaultonline.com

Help "Bring the Science Lab to Life".

SAVE THESE DATES!

<p>Annual Fund Dinner May 6th-Father Urban Osuji-speaker</p>	<p>Graduation May 23rd**(this is a change)**</p>
<p>Gibault Golf Tournament June 14th **(this is a change)**</p>	<p>Oktoberfest Auction October 23rd</p>

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JULY

PAM FOURNIE
LINDA COATS
CHRIS STUMPF
HELEN HAVEY
ANGIE JEHLING
KENT BERRY
TIM POSEY
JOSH & ERIKA WATTERS
MICHELLE KNEFELKAMP
JOAN BLOMENKAMP
TOM NOBBE
STEVE REICH
PEGGY KENNER
AILEEN PHILLIPS
LINDA PASS
KAREN KLOESS
DAVE HERDIN
BRENDAN KENNEDY
CASPER HUGHES
TRIN DAWS
LOUIS WESSEL
BETTY BARBEAU
TONY HAMBACH
FERN CUSHMAN
ANDREA JENKINS
LOUIS WESSEL
LOWELL & JEANIE REITZ
KIM HUETSCH
NICKI BIRKNER
JULIA HUBER
MARLENE KOSTELAC
GARY STAPF--BONUS \$200
ROSE BUCHMILLER--BONUS \$100

AUGUST

CINDY GRAVAGNA
PHILLIP & NANCY WAHLIG
MATTHEW LOCK
CHARLOTTE BODE
JIM FLETCHER
ELLEN SIPPEL
MICHAEL DUFFORD
KIM HUETSCH
ANTHONY KREHER
ROBERT THOMA
NATHAN KREMMEL
NEIL ABEGG
JERRY MCFARLAND
SUE & FRANK YATES
MARY STERLING
BRIAN LUPA
CHRISTINE SCHORB
ANN MYERS
GEORGIA LOCK
LAURA HAGGARD
LOIS KOESTERER
JANET PATTERSON
AUSTIN BROUK
STEVEN & CHARLOTTE NEWBORN
MICHAEL & KIM GOOL
JUNE & KEN VALENTINE
JANET FOX
EILEEN DECKER
JIM & COLLEEN KREHER
EILEEN DECKER
GEORGE OBERNAGEL
TIM ABEGG-BONUS \$200
STEVE REICH--BONUS \$100

SEPTEMBER

MIKE LARSEN
SUSANMACKIN
NEIL ABEGG
SHANNEN SMITH
JERRY MCFARLAND
DWAYNE HOFFMAN
JOE LUTKEWITTE
CARRIE PHELPS
MARY & MARTHA SOCIETY
PAM CLERC
STEPHANIE PARKER
LAURA DETERDING
SUSAN MACKIN
VIVIAN MCCALLUM
TIM BIRK
JAMES E. BUTLER
LEA & CATHERINE WOLF
SPP HOLY NAME SOCIETY
LAURA DETERDING
ROSE DETHROW
GRANT SCHRAER
CARRIE BRAUN-STARK
MARGY SPEZIA
DIANA KLEINSCHMIDT
TIM RACZ
JOHN KREMMEL
DAVID HEMPEN
KIM PENNOCK
VINCE BECKERLE
MERRY SPENCER
JOANNE COWELL--BONUS \$200
MIKE & KIM GOOL--BONUS \$100

OCTOBER

CURT PELATE
TRACY KOHLER
GREG HUGHES
JERRY & KRIS WITTENAUER
MARK FIORE
ANTHONY MILLER
BOB MCCANN
THOMAS BRIGGS
CLYDE & ANN KREHER
ERIC CRONY
CASEY MEANS
JOHN HENRY SCHMITT
JOE O'CONNOR
OAKLEY HANKINS
GCHS INTERNATIONAL CLUB
BILL FAHRNER
KAREN & CRAIG LUNDY
PAT KENNEDY
LOU & NANCY DORI
HART FAMILY
REV. JAMES VAN OSS
ZAK KNAUP
GINA WETZLER
LINDA HAMANN
GATEWAY RESTAURANT SUPPLY
LAURA & JEFF KIPPING
MIKE & ROBIN KNAUP
MSGR. THOMAS FLACH
DEREK OWEN
ROSS MARTIN
MICHAEL URBAN
ERIKA HUGHES--BONUS \$200
KRISTA STAHL--BONUS \$100

NOVEMBER

MELISSA BERNAL
JANET FOX
JOE MURPHY
HART FAMILY
SALLY SMITH
JOE & PATTY KNAUP
DON & DOROTHY BOLLMEIER
TRISH SKAER
NEIL ABEGG
JIM FLETCHER
JILL WITTENAUER
LISA BLECHLE
MARK FIORE
JACKIE REICH
DENNIS SCHARF
JENNA & DREW SCHNEIDER
ALAN KAPP
HEDWIG BIRKNER
MARGY SPEZIA
ANDREA JENKINS
THE HOOSER FAMILY
WILLIAM LIEDTKY
DAVID MIDKIFF
DENISE HABERL
KIM KUERZ
NATHAN STEFFENS
JIM LANSING
TIMMERMANN FAMILY
JOHN & HEATHER VOGT
KELLY HOEFFT
JOAN HUMES --BONUS \$200
JASON & CINDY WATTERS-BONUS \$100

DECEMBER

MATTHEW REINHOLZ
DAVE BECK
EVELYN MARQUARDT
CATHY SCHREDER
MIKE LARSEN
KIM DIECKER
PAM FOURNIE
CONNIE HERRMANN
ROBERT HARRINGTON, JR.
VIVIAN BIEVENUE
CONNIE HERRMANN
RAMONIA MATHIS
CAROL MILLER
ELEANOR BRAUN
DAN BRAUN
ANTHONY KREHER
EMMIE DOIRON
KEVIN & DEBI EDWARDS
ROBERT HARRINGTON, JR.
ELLEN STEIBEL
MIKE LARSEN
KATHERINE KUEKER
KENNY PARKER
CONNIE HERRMANN
MARY BECK
DEBBIE DIELSCHNEIDER
NICOLE CORZINE
JOHN & RITA FOURNIE
MARCIA HERRMANN
DAN BRAUN
KATHY SYDOW
SEE NEXT PAGE FOR YEAR-END WINNERS.

ALUMNI NEWS

Recently, Adam Young and Sara Schoenborn were featured in ads asking them how Gibault prepared them for college. Here's what they had to say: "Gibault prepared me for everything I have seen in college. The teachers made sure I had the proper education to succeed, which helped make the transition to college much easier. The teachers also cared about me as an individual. Gibault will always hold a special place in my heart and I'm truly proud to be a Hawk." Adam will be the #1 broadcaster for the Fayetteville Swampdogs in North Carolina following his graduation in May 2010.



Adam Young ('06)



"In my four years, I learned about time management, myself, and the concept of a family. Gibault's modular schedule encourages proper time management, and when I started my college career, this was a skill I had already mastered. Also, the faculty and staff at Gibault get to know every one of the students, creating a very personal learning environment. Gibault was not just a high school for me; it was a family working together to educate each student." Sara will complete her studies at St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2011.

Sara Schoenborn ('05)

Alumni Band Night

Megan Bauer, Anna Fiore, Nate Pelate, Tom Funfsinn (drums), Brendan McCoy, Andrew Briesacher (back row), Travis Constantine, & Caleb McCoy.



Aaron Racz ('09) was recently honored as an Eagle Scout.

Calendar Grand Prizes:

- Sandra Zera - \$2,000
- Bill Mitchell - \$1,000
- Kurt Haberl - \$ 500
- Paul Berowski - \$ 250

SEND US YOUR NEWS

If you would like to let classmates know what you've been doing or would like to include information on your class reunion, send your news to Sev Kovarik at sev@gibaultonline.com, and we'll include it in an upcoming Newslink.



1970 Class Reunion

Can you believe it! It's been 40 years since your graduation! Want to catch up on what classmates are doing? To find out details about your class reunion, contact Darlene Niebruegge at niebs@htc.net.



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