

June 2025 Newsletter



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The **29th Annual Gibault Golf Scramble** was held on May 15th at the Country Club of Terre Haute. We had a full roster of players and many amazing sponsors. This year 4 of our youth attended lunch with the golfers and led the golfers out on to the course in the lead golf cart. Our volunteers made the day a great success and our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of them. Thank you, First Financial Bank, for being our corporate sponsor again this year.





Campagna Campus Beautification Event and Cookout

The Campagna Youth Council teamed up with area Knights of Columbus to do a campus beautification project which involved cleanup of flower beds and planting new flowers outside the Hope Center where the children reside. The event concluded with a cookout to show our appreciation for the help. We are grateful for the 23 Knights and their ladies that showed up to assist. Many hands for big jobs make light work for all.



Mental Health Awareness Month

May is the month we wear **GREEN** to celebrate Mental Health Awareness. On Fridays during May, we had many planned activities for the kids that focused on promoting mental wellness.

As a reminder some of things we can do to promote mental health include: repeating a daily affirmation, reading a book for enjoyment, taking a mindful walk in nature, getting creative by drawing/painting/crafting, doing a kindness for someone else, spending time with others, planting/gardening, taking care of pets, playing an instrument...the list goes on and on. We would love to hear what you do to promote mental wellness. If you would like to share something that you do and are comfortable with having it posted on Gibault's social media, you can send an email (photo optional) to keith.madley@gibault.org.

This year, t-shirts promoting mental health awareness were purchased for the youth that have the design "988 Mental Health Matters" and the "9" is depicted as a semicolon. Many of the youth were not aware the number 988 is the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, so this was a good opportunity to provide education about a valuable resource that they or someone they know may use one day. Additionally, the semicolon (;) has become a powerful symbol of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. A semicolon is used in writing when an author could have ended a sentence but chose not to. Symbolically, this reflects a person's decision to continue living, even when they may have considered ending their life and confirms that their story isn't over.

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. Activities for the youth that promote mindfulness and self-care were planned for Fridays in May. See below for the fun activities that took place in May:



Yoga - By dorms, the kids were offered the opportunity to engage in 30-minute Yoga and Mindful Meditation yoga sessions with Ms. Kuhn.



Ice Cream Social - The kids were able to order a root beer float, banana split, or ice cream sundae in the ice cream parlor. The parlor was decorated with a cheerful balloon arch, and each visitor was able to select their own affirmation card and sticker promoting mental health and take it with them.



THPD K-9 Unit - The K-9 Unit came out to Gibault to put on a demonstration for the kids. Some of the kids got to ask some questions of the officers and here are the results:

How old do the dogs live? 13 years

How long does it take them to train?

About 8 years

Where are the dogs from?

Czeck Republic, Belgium

Why did you become a police officer? To help serve



Mental Health Awareness Day was May 30th on Gibault's campus. Stations consisting of activities such as bubble-blowing, sack-racing, painting, temporary tattoos, an affirmation station, and food and drink were provided for the kids to enjoy. It was a great time for them to engage in fun that will "fill their cup".

Student Spotlight - Terre Haute

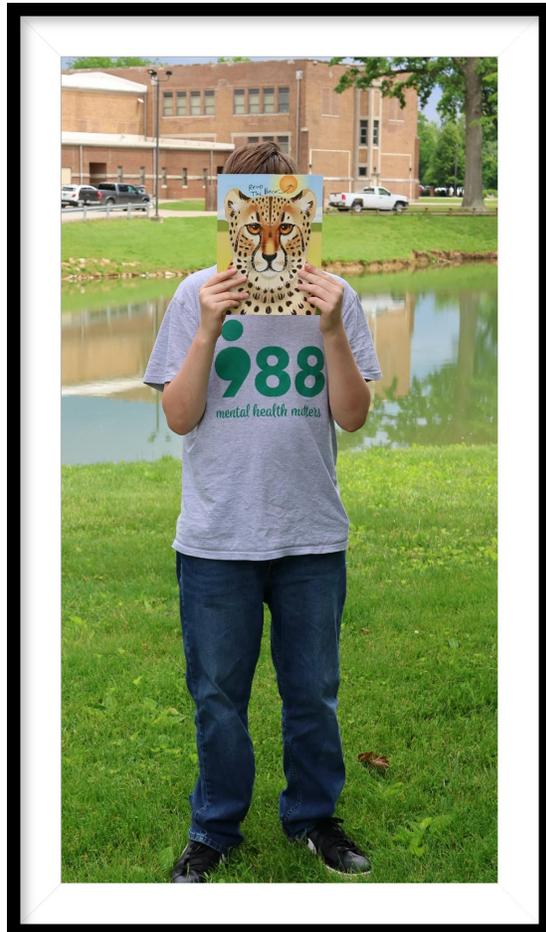
Name: Braydn

Age: 17

Grade: 10th going into 11th

Braydn enjoys reading, drawing and going outside. His favorite color is Blue. Braydn wants to be a meteorologist when he grows up. He loves learning about the weather and would love to be a storm chaser. Brayden said storm chasers make a lot of money. His favorite subject in school is biology and his favorite teacher is Mr. Warford because he looks out for people, and he is easy to talk to. Braydn has four dogs and four cats at home, but his favorite is his rescue dog Tia.

What motivates Braydn is his parents and teachers because they push him to be his best. Braydn highly recommends Gibault because it has helped him deal with his anger and not to self-harm. When he is ready to leave Gibault, Braydn said he wants to go home and be the best he can be. He is expecting a positive outcome.



Student Spotlight - Campagna

Name: Terrienne

Age: 17

Grade: 9th

Terrienne enjoys playing soccer, playing with her friends, and coloring. Her favorite color is purple. When Terrienne grows up, she would love to become a therapist so that she can help others. Her favorite subject in school is Math and her favorite teacher is Ms. Willis because she is sweet and kind. Terrienne loves animals. Her favorite is Corgi. She does have a German Shepherd at home. Terrienne's favorite sports are soccer and softball, and her favorite food is Chicken Cordon Blue.



The thing that motivates her are her parents. She states Gibault has showed her how to express her anger without "spazzing out". Terrienne definitely would recommend Gibault for other children.

The Old Oak Tree

The oak tree in front of The Guardian Angels Convocation Center (the Chapel), has seen a lot through the years. Sadly, it had to be cut down. It was posing a danger due to the split in the trunk and being so close to the chapel, sidewalks, and road.

How old is the old oak tree? We posed this question to the staff to see who could guess the age. We believe the tree was planted or naturally sprouted in 1922, the year after the Indiana Knights of Columbus opened the Gibault Home. The company that cut the tree estimated that it was 120-140 years old. "While tree ring counting provides a good estimate of age, it's not a perfect method and requires some understanding of potential factors that can affect accuracy." We counted the rings in the stump once the tree was cut down. Josh Michael and Keith Madley counted the rings twice and the results indicated the tree was 103 years old!

There are some plans in the works with some of the wood left from the tree to memorialize it. We will keep you posted on this project.



Gibault vs. Resource Center



Gibault hosted Resource Center for a kickball game and cookout. The staff and kids all had a great time!

Staff Spotlight

Ms. Vangilder was the first person to reach five times of random observation and being engaged with youth. She won \$25.00 extra dollars on her paycheck. Amazing job of taking care of our kiddos!

UPCOMING GOLF OUTINGS TO BENEFIT GIBAULT

June 14th

K of C Council #1790 – Garrett Country Club, Garrett
Contact Tony Blomeke at tblomeke@gmail.com

August 23rd

K of C Council #560 - Crestview Golf Course, Muncie
Contact Joe Huff at 765-730-5489 or jospheh.huff@att.net

August 24th

K of C Council #16008 – Duck Creek Golf Course, Hobart
Contact Robert Mikuly at 219-776-8773

September 7th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 4th

Fr. Campagna Birthday Celebration and Spaghetti Dinner

September 27th

“Envoy” Conference

October 18th

Men’s BBQ Luncheon at Campagna - details coming soon!

October 28th

Knights Trunk or Treat event at Campagna

October 31st

Trunk or Treat event at Terre Haute

November 8th

Campagna Ladies Luncheon

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