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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Joseph Whalen

The leaves have left the trees. Fall sports have ended. Homecoming and Halloween have passed. And now we're getting ready for snow, winter sports and Thanksgiving with Christmas hot on its heels. The school year is divided into three seasons, and the first one flies by.

We hit the ground running every year, and this year was no exception. We still find ourselves trying to figure our way around Covid. That rocky road left us with unexpected events at every turn. Kids and families just don't respond the same way to things like they used to. A whole new technological world has changed snow days and sports-related injuries forever. And everyone looks at someone with the sniffles just a little bit differently now. But no matter how fast the year moves, or how different everything seems, some things change and some things stay the same.

At Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, we work hard to make sure our school is safe, current and Catholic. We've set some areas for the Development Department to work on toward those

goals this year. It seems like just yesterday that we were cutting edge with our one-to-one Chromebook program and our all-school Wi-Fi, but that Wi-Fi is now (no pun intended) old-school. We need to upgrade that, and we're also working on our in-classroom technology. Thanks to generous benefactors, we've been able to add SMART boards to many of our classrooms, but not all of them, and our teacher work stations are over ten years old. Our computer lab work stations are also in need of an upgrade.

We've been consulting with a company that specializes in school safety. They've made some suggestions that we would like to act upon, but all of those things take money. Your donations to **#BurgundyTuesday**, your participation in our Founders' Day Golf Outing and the It's Your Lucky Day Raffle, and your presence at the Food Truck Rally, all help us make GR a safer, better, and "more" faith-filled environment.

Thank you for your support and generosity. It's a GReat day to be a Pioneer!

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Dear GR Alumni and Families,

We are once again excited to send out our *GR Update Newsletter* to our alumni and friends. As we continue to work on updating our alumni

database, please complete the form below and return it to us so we can be sure to send you any and all GR Updates.

We are now in the third month of the 2022-2023 school year, and a lot has already happened. Our 11th Annual Founders' Day Golf Outing took place on September 17 at Riverview Highlands Golf Course with a post-golf lunch at Orlando's Familia Banquet Center. It was the first time we were able to have a sit-down meal at our golf outing since 2019. Homecoming was held on October 7 and that same night, GR's Reverse Tailgate returned after a 3-year hiatus with members of the Classes of 1987, 1988 and 2002 having their reunions at the event. Additionally, some fall sports seasons are continuing with playoffs, others have ended, and winter sports are just around the corner. Our fall play, "Into the Woods" ran from November 11-13 and was a big success.

There are also some loose ends to tie up on the 2021-2022 school year regarding happenings subsequent to the Winter 2022 GR Update being published. On May 26, 2022, GR's 53rd graduation ceremony returned to the school gym after having been held outdoors the prior two years due to the Covid pandemic. On June 3, GR's Bites, Beats & Brew Food Truck Rally returned, along with our 2nd annual "It's Your Lucky Day" \$10,000 raffle drawing. Our spring sports had very successful seasons, no one more so than the baseball team which won the Division IV State Championship.

Our fundraising efforts will once again continue throughout this school year. We have our annual #BurgundyTuesday fundraiser on November 29, with the online site opening up on November 15. The funds raised this year will go towards Technology and Safety. We will also be conducting our 2nd "Spirit of Christmas" online auction with a dinner/item viewing party on December 10 in the cafeteria. Mr. David Lopez's Trivia Nights continue to be a big success this year, with the next date being December 3. We will have a new fundraiser in February involving Arabian Horse riding. Lastly, the Food Truck Rally

will return on June 3, 2023 and we will be drawing the winners of the "It's Your Lucky Day" raffle prizes. This year we are adding a \$5,000 second prize and a \$2,500 third prize. Be on the lookout, as ticket sales will begin shortly.

Due to the generosity of our alums, supporters and families during our previous fundraisers, we had a few improvements made throughout the school this past summer: two window air conditioning units were installed in each classroom (thanks to the donations from our last two #BurgundyTuesday campaigns); the Chemistry classroom was gutted and totally redone; one of the unused classrooms was renovated into a much needed storage room; and a new track was installed.

On behalf of the students, staff, administrators and GR families, I'd like to say "Thank You" to all you donated, and continue to donate, their time, talents and treasures to help us continue our mission and build upon GR's four pillars: Faith, Knowledge, Service and Growth. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely,  
Adrian  
Adrian Kowal, J.D., LL.M.  
Director of Advancement

## Need to Update Contact Information? News you'd like us to share in the next GR Update? Tell us!

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Alumni Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni News you would like to share:

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# #BURGUNDY TUESDAY

Although our annual #BurgundyTuesday fundraiser is officially set for Tuesday, November 29, we are in full swing! The last two #BurgundyTuesday campaigns raised more than \$90,000, which was used this summer for the installation of two window air conditioning units in each classroom in the school. The 2022 campaign will focus on the advancement of technology and safety.

All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated! Donations may be made online through our [DonorPerfect Campaign page](#), or by cash or check (made out to Gabriel Richard High School). Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the school.

The online page will be up and running by November 15 for those interested in making an early donation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Adrian Kowal, Director of Advancement, at (734) 284-1875, ext. 116, or by email at [kowala@gabrielrichard.org](mailto:kowala@gabrielrichard.org).

Thank you for making a difference for this generation and future generations of Pioneers!

**DONATE NOW**

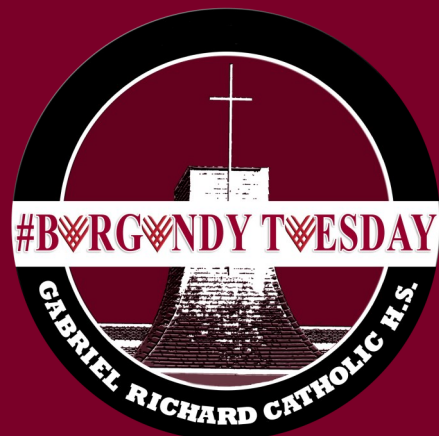


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## 2022 SCHOOL ENHANCEMENTS

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Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, families and friends, we were able to install air conditioning in each of the classrooms, renovate our chemistry and biology labs, and redo our athletic track. We also added a state-of-the art fitness center.





# Congratulations to the Class of 2022

The graduation ceremony for the 64-member Class of 2022 was held on May 26, 2022 in the gymnasium after being held outside in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. Nine members of the Class of 2022 will continue as recruited student-athletes at NCAA Division II and Division III institutions, as well as NJCAA and NAIA institutions in the sports of baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's golf, softball and dance. Overall, the Class of 2022 earned approximately \$8.5 million dollars in scholarships and grants.

## Meet Our Top Ten



Alexander Bidari, Valedictorian  
University of Michigan—  
Ann Arbor  
Cognitive Science and Astronomy



Juliana Beecham, Salutatorian  
University of Michigan—  
Ann Arbor  
Computer Science and Engineering



Mary Zotter  
University of Michigan—  
Ann Arbor  
Neuroscience



Kailey Neubecker  
University of Michigan—  
Ann Arbor  
Engineering



Nickolas Szczechowski  
University of Michigan—  
Ann Arbor  
Kinesiology



Jessica Graham  
Ferris State University  
Game Design



John Borowicz  
University of Michigan—  
Dearborn  
Biomedical Engineering/Pre-med



Jennifer Nguyen  
Wayne State University  
Pharmacy



Luke Gordon  
Lawrence Technological University  
Architecture



Zosia Beilfuss  
Wayne State University  
Pre-med







## Colleges/Universities Offering Admission to the Class of 2022

Adrian College \*  
**Albion College** \*#  
**Alma College** \*  
 Bowling Green University \*  
 Calvin College  
**Central Michigan University** \*  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 College for Creative Studies  
 Concordia University Ann Arbor\*  
 Concordia University Chicago \*  
 Cornerstone University  
 Davenport University  
 DePaul University  
 Dominican University \*  
**Eastern Michigan University** \*  
 Embry Riddle University  
**Ferris State University**  
 Glen Oaks Community College  
**Grand Valley State University** \*#  
 Hope College  
 Howard University  
 Indiana Tech University \*  
**Indiana University—Bloomington**  
**Kalamazoo College** \*  
 Kent State University  
 Kettering University  
 Lake Superior State University  
**Lawrence Technological University** \*  
 Loyola University Chicago \*  
 Loyola University New Orleans  
**Madonna University** \*#  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Miami University of Ohio \*  
**MIAT College of Technology**  
**Michigan State University** \*#

Michigan Technological University \*  
 Northern Illinois University \*  
 Northern Michigan University  
 Northwestern University  
 Northwood University  
**Oakland Community College**  
**Oakland University** \*  
 Olivet College \*  
 Pratt Institute  
 Saginaw Valley State University \*  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
**Schoolcraft College** \*#  
 Siena Heights University  
 Temple University \*  
 Trine University  
 University of Alabama  
**University of Detroit Mercy**\*  
 University of Kentucky  
**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor** \*#  
**University of Michigan—Dearborn** \*#  
 University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
 University of Rochester  
**University of Toledo** \*  
**Wayne State University** \*#  
**Western Michigan University** \*  
 Xavier University\*

Schools of matriculation in **bold**

\* Multiple admits

# Multiple matriculations





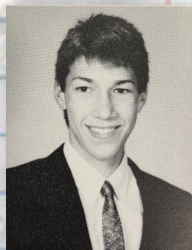


# Second-Generation Pioneers

The best compliment our alumni can give to Gabriel Richard is to provide their children with the gift of a Catholic education at their alma mater. This past year, 14 graduates in the Class of 2022 are second-generation Pioneers. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our alumni parents!



Elizabeth Whalen ('95)  
Connor Chisek



Andreas Assimacopoulos ('89)  
Isabella Assimacopoulos



Marisa Claeys ('92)  
Lucy Carroll



Nancy Gilhool ('90)  
Pietro Cataldo



Curt Fink ('87)

Krista Bencik ('91)



Gavin Fink



Beth Wisniewski ('91)  
Lukas Gordon



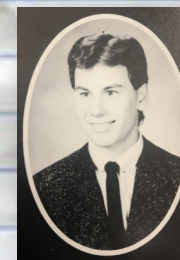
Kristie Asmussen ('91)  
Haley Hand



Julie Elsesser ('88)  
Nicholas Poslajko



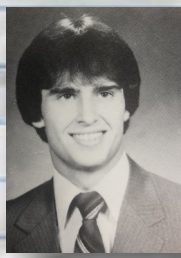
Jocelyn Taschler ('91)  
Parker Heggie



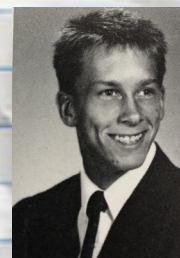
Thomas McMahon ('88)  
Collin McMahon



Jennifer Braden ('83)  
Nathaniel Schwein



David Silka ('83)  
Connor Silka



Robert Szczechowski ('90)  
Nickolas Szczechowski



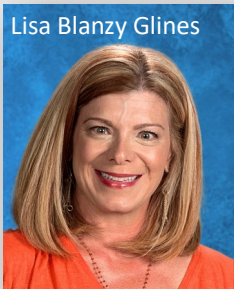


## Pioneer for Life

**Fran Gosen ('87)**  
**Director of Marketing and Alumni Relations**

On a warm spring day in 1987, as I triumphantly threw my high school graduation cap in the air, I was certain that wherever my career aspirations would lead me, my alma mater would one day be a fond, but distant, memory. Flash forward 35 years and here I am, back in high school. Ah, the irony!

When longtime alumni director Lisa (Blanz) Glines ('78) announced her intent to retire earlier this year, I welcomed the opportunity to take on the role of marketing and alumni relations director. After all, Gabriel Richard has been a part of my life for the majority of my 53 years. As the youngest of five children to attend GR, I have several memories of the school going back to the mid- to late-70s when my siblings were here. My sister, Mary, was the first of the "Lemanski Five" to graduate from GR in 1976, followed by Bob ('78), Carol ('79), Karen ('80) and me ('87). Carrying on the tradition, my own children graduated from Gabriel Richard (Hailey in 2016 and Jacob in 2019). As an alumna, GR mom, and staff member, I guess you could say that I'm a "Pioneer for Life!"



**Lisa Blanz Glines**

And speaking of Pioneer for Life, we owe much gratitude to Lisa for the fantastic job she has done all these years as the link from our past to present. She, too, is not just an alumna ('78), but also a GR mom to John ('08) and

Benjamin ('10). She has been an active fund raiser, event coordinator and champion of all things GR. As the administrator of our alumni Facebook group, she grew membership to nearly 3,000, providing an opportunity for grads to stay updated and engaged. Lisa has even stepped in to substitute teach, when needed.

Lisa is the quintessential Pioneer, and I will always remember the way in which she welcomed me when I joined the staff in 2014. Her warmth and hospitality made me feel as though I had "come home."

God bless you, Lisa. Enjoy your retirement!



## Welcome Home, Class of 1972!

Members of the Class of 1972 recently stopped by Gabriel Richard Catholic High School to take a stroll down Memory Lane as part of their 50th reunion. It was great fun reminiscing with them as they shared stories about their favorite teachers and "borrowing" the Father Gabriel Richard statue from the courtyard.



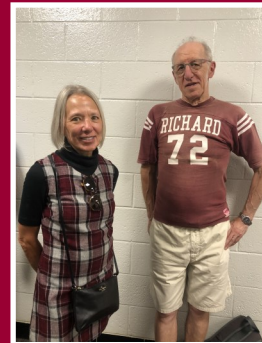
Class of 1972 in Room 172. Some things have changed over the years, like the addition of carpet and air conditioning, while some things remain the same, like friendship and laughter.



Cast of GR's first musical: *Carnival!*



Gerry Aben and Jean (Arsenault) Aben pose in front of their lockers



Barbara (Zuk) Sobotta and Christophe Devoghelaere sporting their high school attire

## Reverse Tailgate

After a brief hiatus, the Reverse Tailgate returned this fall and was a great success. Thank you to all who attended! A special shout out to the classes of 2002, 1988 and 1987 who hosted reunions/meet ups at the Reverse Tailgate.



Class of 2002



# Alumni News



**Congratulations to Lydia Watson, M.D., C.P.E. '76** who will become CEO of Midland-based MyMichigan Health on December 1, 2022. Dr. Watson is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and received her undergraduate degree from Wayne State University and her medical degree from WSU's School of Medicine. Dr. Watson has served the Midland/Saginaw area since 1988. You can read more about Dr. Watson's promotion at <https://www.mymichigan.org/about/news/2022/lydia-watson-named-new-president-ceo/>

**Henry Renaud, '83** is a practicing Real Estate attorney in Washington, D.C. and serves as President of Renaud Consulting, a full service commercial real estate company ([www.renaudconsulting.net](http://www.renaudconsulting.net)). Henry has been married to his wife, Merrell Beth Renaud, for 28 years, and they have one son, Daniel, who is currently attending Tulane Law School.



**Dr. Michelle McElroy '85**, is a board certified OB/GYN and functional medicine specialist who is the founder of Aging Gracefully in Jenks, OK. Dr. McElroy was recently interviewed by NOKLAHOMA.COM, answering questions related to heart issues, exercise and changes one can make to live a healthier life.

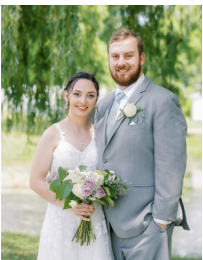


**Trevor Rosen '92** (pictured in the center) and the band Old Dominion were named Vocal Group of the Year at the 2022 Country Music Awards.

**Rob Toth '85** retired as Chief of Police in Woodhaven on July 2, 2022. Rob served the residents of Woodhaven for 30 years as a patrol officer, undercover narcotics investigator, Traffic Bureau, Detective Bureau, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief and Chief. Rob was also a member of the Downriver SWAT team. Congratulations Rob!

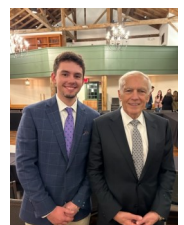
**Scott Tarasiewicz '95** was appointed to serve as the Chief of Police in Milford, MI effective July 1, 2022. Scott has been with the Milford PD for almost 23 years as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. Best of Luck Scott!

**Amber (Adair) Delauder '17**, was married on May 17, 2022 to Anthony Delauder. Anne Holmes '17, Alyssa Shadik '23 and Jazmin Davis '17 served as bridesmaids.



**Anne (Holmes) Wenderski '17**, was married on June 25, 2022 to Mark Wenderski. Two of Anne's bridesmaids were Amber (Adair) Delauder '17 and Jazmin Davis '17. Anne has also joined the staff of Gabriel Richard as a tech lit teacher and the Campus Ministry director. (Photo—property of Olivia Wenzel Photography)

**Jacob Kowal '20**, a junior at Hiram College and a scholar in the College's Garfield Center for Public Leadership, attended a seminar entitled "Analyzing the Impact of the Ukrainian War: NATO, Russia and the Future of European Security" where he had the privilege of meeting the featured speaker, General Wesley Clark, former Supreme Allied Commander Europe in charge of all NATO forces (Operation Allied Force) during the Kosovo War.



# Magazine turns to GR alumna to design cover of iconic 50th anniversary issue on women's sports

By Gigi De La Torre  
Detroit Catholic  
June 29, 2022

Fifty years ago, women and girls who today are noted as trailblazers in their respective sports couldn't have imagined the impact of a little-recognized clause tucked into the 1972 Education Amendments Act.

But Title IX, as it came to be known, changed the face of women's athletics forever, recognizing a right for women and girls to compete in sports at all levels.

When one of the nation's pre-eminent sports periodicals decided to honor the law's 50th anniversary with its June 2022 edition, it turned to a local Catholic school alumna to put a face to what the law has meant to women and girls over half a century.

Well, several faces, in fact.

Gabriel Richard High School alumna Marguerite Schropp Lucarelli designed the stunning June 2022 *Sports Illustrated* cover celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX. Lucarelli is the current picture editor for *Sports Illustrated* and a 1989 graduate of Gabriel Richard.

To celebrate the momentous anniversary, Lucarelli and her fellow editors wanted SI's June cover to showcase the impact of Title IX across the women's sports spectrum, Lucarelli told *Detroit Catholic* via email.

"I suggested the idea of crowd sourcing pictures from our audience to create a cover that represents a sample [of] all female athletes," Lucarelli said.

With this goal in mind, Lucarelli helped design her first crowd sourcing SI cover in her 29 years of working at the magazine.

Lucarelli attributes her success at *Sports Illustrated* to her Catholic education.

"My success at *Sports Illustrated*," Lucarelli said, "has much to do with the sacrifice my parents made by giving me a Catholic school education; Saint Joseph Elementary School, Trenton, Michigan; Gabriel Richard High School, Riverview, Michigan; and Saint Mary's College, Notre



Dame, Indiana."

It was at Notre Dame that Lucarelli began harnessing her photography talent and first encountered *Sports Illustrated* photographers.

Lucarelli told *Detroit Catholic* that were it not for Gabriel Richard's "incredible college preparatory education" she would never have been able to study at Notre Dame and receive various experiences in practicing sports photography.

While in college, Lucarelli became the picture editor for Notre Dame's student newspaper, *The Observer*. In 1990, she was assigned to cover three of the university's football games.

Not knowing how to photograph football games, Lucarelli said, "I noticed *Sports Illustrated* on the credential of a photographer on the field with me. I thought I would follow him and learn from the best."

The SI photographer noticed, and after discovering Lucarelli's passion for the subject, encouraged her to apply for an internship.

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In the summer of 1992, she worked as an SI photo intern, and by May of 1993, *Sports Illustrated* offered her a job.

For 25 years, Lucarelli worked as SI's NBA picture editor, for 15 years as the *Sports Illustrated Kids* director of photography, and for the past six years as SI's director of photography. During this time she has "edited Olympics, Super Bowls, NBA Finals, Stanley Cups, College Football Championships, Final Fours and World Cups," she said.

"As a *Sports Illustrated* picture editor, my role is to conceive cover ideas that work well with the story. I assign photographers from around the world who I think will best photograph the idea we want to create, whether that is an action cover or portrait, for our cover," Lucarelli said.

Working alongside the beat editor and creative editor, Lucarelli explained that, "Every detail, of every picture, is well thought. We only get one chance to get the right picture. Our audience expects perfection!"

SI's June magazine cover accomplished this goal, she said, featuring many females athletes from across the sports spectrum to showcase Title IX's impact on women's sports.

Among the female athletes featured in the June cover and issue were the daughters of several Gabriel Richard graduates.

Featured in the magazine cover are Abigail Dunn, a hurdler for Wayne State University, and her sister Allison Dunn, who rows for Michigan State University, the daughters of Gabriel Richard graduates Mark and Kim Dunn ('87).

Lili Franzese, shown holding a ribbon she won for horseback riding, is also featured in the cover and is the daughter of graduate Rob Franzese ('87).

Lexie Streicher, the daughter of graduate Michelle Richards ('87), appears in SI's June issue for her successful career playing field hockey at Haverford College.

Lexie Streicher and her mother, Michelle Richards, told the *Detroit Catholic* that without Title IX, girls would not have the opportunities in sports they do now.

Without Title IX, Kim Dunn said does not know if her daughter Allison would have ever rowed for Michigan State.

"Rowing was always a gentleman's sports. I don't even remember a time growing up when there was women's

rowing, so to even have that and be able to do that is really amazing," Dunn said.

Richards and Streicher agreed, adding that Title IX not only enabled women to participate in sports not commonly associated with female competition, but also provided them with opportunities to build character. This can inspire other girls to do the same, they said.

"Every time someone chooses to join a sports team, that has an impact not only on themselves but also [on] continuing to foster the importance of women sports," Lexie Streicher said.

Lucarelli agreed.

"Title IX has given so many female athletes ... the opportunity to be leaders, work as a team, accomplish a common goal, build confidence, and develop their bodies physically, emotionally and mentally," she said.



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*Photos provided by Marguerite Schropp Lucarelli*



# Theater Program Showcases Talent and Creativity

The Thespian Guild at Gabriel Richard presented *Once upon a Mattress* this past spring, a musical version of *The Princess and the Pea*. *Once upon a Mattress* is the tale of Princess Winnifred, an ungainly, brash girl competing for the hand of Prince Dauntless, whose domineering mother Queen Aggravain has declared he must marry a "true" princess before anyone else in the kingdom can marry. The production received rave reviews!



Gabriel Richard High School Presents

# Once upon a Mattress

MUSIC BY MARY RODGERS  
LYRICS BY MARSHALL BARER Book By Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer & Dean Fuller

Friday April 1 at 7pm  
Saturday April 2 at 2pm  
Saturday April 2 at 7pm  
Sunday April 3 at 4pm

Tickets:  
\$7 students  
\$10 General Admission

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS is presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals [www.rnh.com](http://www.rnh.com)





# Spring Varsity Athletics



**LACROSSE:** First year coach Chance DeSana led the boys team to a 5-4 record, ending in a loss to Temperence Bedford in the first round of Regionals. The future continues to look bright for the Lacrosse program!

**GIRLS SOCCER:** While the team had an overall record of 2-7-2, they continued to improve as the season went on, finishing 2-3-2 over the last 7 matches.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** There were 20 girls on the 2022 girls tennis team. Brooke Adams and Laken Harrison finished in 3rd place at #1 doubles for the 2nd consecutive year; Ayana Gonzales and Claudia Beecham finished 3rd in the #4 doubles spot. Bella Chiles, at #2 singles, finished 3rd in the Catholic League and was a semi-finalist in the Region.

**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:** The boys team took 2nd in the Region and the girls took 7th. There were several State finalists: (1) The Boys 4 x 800 relay team (John Borowicz, Peter Laskaris, Parker Heggie and Alex Meszaros) were Regional Champs; (2) 100M Dash—Andrew Cabalang; (3) 800 M—Alex Meszaros; (4) 3200M—Parker Heggie and John Borowicz; (5) 4 x 400 Relay (Andrew Cabalang, Andreas Laskaris, Peter Laskaris and Alex Meszaros; and (6) 300 M Hurdles—Ava Benko.

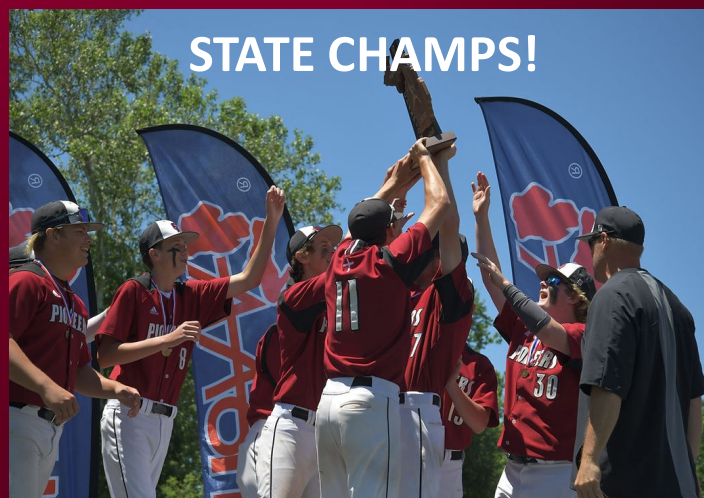


**BOYS GOLF:** Finished 12th in the Division IV State Tournament, with senior Blake Wagner finishing tied for eighth in the state. Other members of the team who played at States were Connor Chisek, Austin Boggs, Nick Szczechowski and Nathan Schwein.



**SOFTBALL:** Won their third consecutive Regional Championship by beating Orchard Lake St. Mary's before losing in the State quarterfinal to Unionville-Sebewaing. The team finished with a 19-14 record.

**BASEBALL:** After finishing the regular season with a record of 12-8, the team won their next seven games on the way to claiming the Division IV State Championship. It was the second State Baseball title for GR in the last five years.





# Homecoming 2022

The Gabriel Richard Pioneers defeated Lutheran High North with a score of 27-20 at the 2022 Homecoming game on October 7. Before kick off, the state championship baseball team and state champion wrestler Sebastian Martinez were introduced and honored. At halftime, the 2022 Homecoming Queen and King were announced, with Mia Woodworth crowned Queen and Andrew Cabalang named King.



2022 Court members (left to right): Mia Woodworth, Braden Paden, Isabella Owens, Nicholas Kowal, Natalie Slowik, Andrew Cabalang, Sophia Chapman-Cuevas, Robbie Chiles, Ava Lozon and Lenny Fritz.







# 2022 Founders' Day Golf Outing

Gabriel Richard Catholic High School's 11th annual Founders' Day Golf Outing was held on September 17, 2022 at Riverview Highlands Golf Course with a post-golf buffet at Orlando Familia Banquet Center. This year's event brought out 32 foursomes who enjoyed a great day of golf, food and getting together with fellow alumni, parents of current students and other supporters of GR. Congratulations to the winning team of Scott Sebastian, Brian Gniewek and Bruce Alexander with a special shout-out to Brian Gniewek for hitting a hole-in-one on the 4th hole on the Gold Course! A big "Thank You" to all who supported and helped make this a successful event. We hope to see you next year at our 12th Founders' Day Outing!



Stay up to date with all things GR!





# In Memoriam

*Please keep the following GR alums, administrators, teachers and staff members who have passed into eternal rest, in your prayers.*

Geraldine (Gervasi) Allen '77

Jeffrey Chandler '79

Margaret Coughran '75

Maureen (Foret) Eckola '82

Gregory Estrada '74

Joe Kilyk '72

Justin Lanagan '96

John MacKay '82

Michael McGrath '71

Steve Molnar '77

Christopher Neubecker '83

Gregory Pisarcik '75

John Polley '74

Susan (Eisterhold) Simmons '78

Mark Torzewski '70

Paula (Strickland) Zammit '79

John Bres, Principal & Teacher

Gert "Mimi" Wisniewski, Cheerleading Coach



Mr. John Bres

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May The Souls Of All The Faithful Departed, Through The Mercy Of God, Rest In Peace,  
Amen*

*If you would like to make a gift in memory of a deceased classmate, administrator, teacher or staff member, please send to Adrian Kowal at Gabriel Richard Catholic H.S., 15325 Pennsylvania Rd., Riverview, MI 48193*



# *Giving to Gabriel Richard*



*There are several ways you can support Gabriel Richard Catholic High School. Listed below are the methods which you can use to make a donation to GR.*

## **Checks**

Make checks payable to Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, noting on the memo line where you would like your donation to go, and mail to:

*Gabriel Richard Catholic H.S.  
Attn: Office of Advancement  
15325 Pennsylvania Rd.  
Riverview, MI 48193*

## **Credit Card**

Credit card payments can be made with Visa, Mastercard, Discover card or American Express at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GR>

## **In Memoriam**

Gifts can be made in memory of a deceased loved one who has designated Gabriel Richard as the recipient of gifts upon his or her death. Donations can also be made in memory of any deceased Gabriel Richard classmate.

## **Founders' Day Golf Outing**

GR's Founders' Day Golf Outing is held each fall and provides an opportunity for alumni, families and friends to get together to support GR. There are several sponsorship opportunities available, with all proceeds raised going towards student financial assistance, infrastructure maintenance and student programs.

## **#BurgundyTuesday**

The first Tuesday after Thanksgiving is designated as #BurgundyTuesday, GR's annual fundraising event occurring on the National Day of Giving. Donations are accepted via check or online through our #BurgundyTuesday weblink. GR has used these funds to upgrade classrooms into collaborative learning centers, and to install air conditioning in each classroom. This year's campaign goal is to upgrade technology and safety measures throughout the school.

## **Matching Gifts**

Many employers, companies and other organizations give annually to an educational institution or other non-profit such as GR, as an employee benefit by matching the employee's gift on a 1:1, 2:1, or 3:1 basis. Matching gifts are a great way for you to double or maybe triple your donation to GR without incurring additional out-of-pocket expenses. Check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift program.

## **Pioneer Fund**

The Pioneer Fund is the main source of philanthropic giving at Gabriel Richard Catholic High School. These unrestricted funds allow Gabriel Richard to enrich academic and student programs, faculty development, the overall school infrastructure and provide financial aid and scholarships to families who otherwise would not have the opportunity for a Gabriel Richard Catholic education. An annual gift is a vote of confidence in Gabriel Richard.

## **Advertising & Sponsorship**

Gabriel Richard offers several advertising and sponsorship opportunities, including outdoor athletic facility banners, gym banners, Founders' Day Golf Outing, the LED scorer's table in our gymnasium, both fall and winter athletic programs, and other event programs.

## **Pioneer Pride Walkway**

You can honor past and present Pioneers by purchasing a brick to be engraved and added to the brick walkway leading into the athletic field. Your donation of \$200 will leave your legacy for years to come. Bricks may be purchased at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GRpavers>

## **Planned Gifts**

Planned gifts are gifts that last forever, ones that will live on for generations. It doesn't impact your current assets and can be easily changed if your circumstances change. Planned gifts may also save money on estate taxes down the road.

*For more information on any of these ways to support Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, please contact Adrian Kowal at 734-284-1875, ext.116 or [kowala@gabrielrichard.org](mailto:kowala@gabrielrichard.org).*



# JINGLE BELL TRIVIA NIGHT

Cash prizes for  
1st, 2nd and 3rd places!

**Saturday,  
December 3**

Gabriel Richard Catholic  
High School  
15325 Pennsylvania Road,  
Riverview

Doors open at: 6 pm  
Trivia starts at: 7 pm

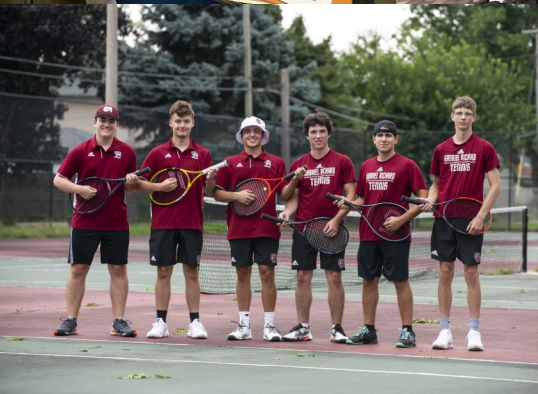
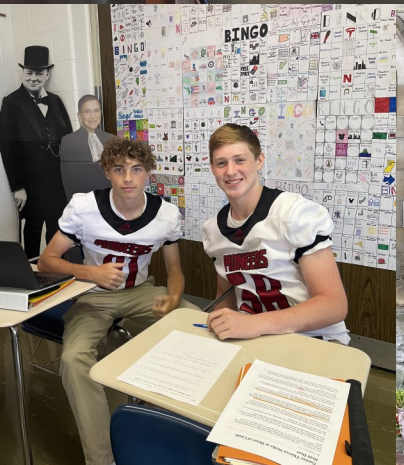
To register:



**\$40**

per table of 4,  
includes pizza and popcorn.  
Cash bar available.









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