



Dear St Gertrude Booster Members,

Welcome back to another exciting year of education and athletics here at St Gertrude for 2016-2017. It is hard to believe we are well in to October already, where has the time gone. We hope you and your families are having a successful fall sports season thus far as we gear up for the winter sports season. The start of the school and athletic year is always a bit hectic in trying to settle in to a routine, and that is why we have held off until this moment to send this letter.

CYO dissolves and GCCYS is born

- The CYO dissolved in May 2015 which gave way to the new league known as the GCCYS.
- During the infancy stages of GCCYS being formed they decided to offer two variations of when girls' sports were offered. They allowed organizations to pick whether they stayed the same or flipped.
 - We at St Gertrude chose to remain the same because the timing just did not work and we felt it would be detrimental to our program.
 - Over the last two years we have seen more and more parishes flip the girls' seasons around.
- We chose to stay the same for 2016-2017 based on a survey that was sent out in the spring.
 - However, the league allowed organizations to flip well after the deadline which negatively impacted the number of teams for this upcoming year.
- For the upcoming school year 2017-2018, we at St Gertrude will be flipping the girls' sports seasons.
 - Girls' Volleyball will be offered in the fall
 - Girls' Basketball will be offered in the winter
 - How this will impact us as a whole:
 - Spring – you will now see volleyball sign-ups instead of basketball
 - Fall – you will see basketball sign-ups instead of volleyball
 - The volleyball coordinators are hard at work preparing for the upcoming season and to then turn right around and run sign-ups following the close of the season in preparation for making the flip to fall.
- We want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time period as we all had to adjust to the new league and figure out the best course for the longevity of our programs.



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Spirit-Wear

- Spirit-Wear is being revamped in how it is offered.
 - We have a small committee of three dedicated women overseeing the process.
 - We plan to have a year round website you can order from.
 - We will run specials to coincide with sport seasons to offer sport specific apparel at discounted prices.
 - Do not hesitate to reach out to a board member to present ideas or ask questions about our spirit-wear.
- Please check out the spirit-wear site and place an order for your St Gertrude Bulldogs gear.

<https://spirit2share.com/product-category/saint-gertrude/>

Gym refresh

- The gym walls were re-painted to reflect the colors of our athletic teams
- The bulldog mascots have been re-painted in full color at each end so they stand out
- We are in discussion with the parish and school regarding redoing the bible verse that was present above the stage.
 - We are discussing whether to put the same verse back up or replace it with a new one.
- We ask that everyone does their part to help us keep the parish center clean, presentable, and safe environment. Please help us keep it nice and if you see something out of place, broke, or concerning reach out to the board, parish office, or school office.
- We are in constant communication with the parish office regarding scheduling of events and ongoing refresh efforts.

Fundraising

- The scoreboard has several open slots that are available for advertisement.
 - Small signs: \$500/yr or \$1,250 for 3 years
 - Large signs: \$1,000/yr or \$2,500 for 3 years
 - The large sign under the smaller scoreboard is currently available.
- Please contact a current board member for sponsorship information.



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Booster Board Information

- Booster Board meets monthly
 - Third Monday of every month
 - 7:00pm
 - School Library
 - Meetings are OPEN to the public
 - Agenda items are due to the president at least 1 full week prior to the meeting
- We are a small group and volunteers and try to keep our pulse on the athletic environment of all our sports teams.
 - We rely on our booster members to help keep us informed as we cannot be everywhere all the time.
- Have you seen the end of season surveys?
 - We review these surveys regularly
 - We take research the results and take action when it is deemed as necessary.
 - Please fill out the surveys when you receive notice they are available.
- We are looking for a few good people as we have openings on the board:
 - Boys' basketball co-coordinator
 - Track co-coordinator
 - Cheer coordinator
 - March 2017 – president and treasurer nominations due
 - April 2017 – election held for president and treasurer

Thank you for supporting St Gertrude Athletics

Athletic Booster Board