

Greetings, Gilbert Alumni! It has been a banner year at your alma mater, and we have much to share with you. Our middle school began our first one to one initiative with the addition of a Chromebook for every student in the middle school. We had a successful launch of this initiative at the beginning of the second semester and both students and staff report positive results. We will be doing the same thing this fall for our high school students as we are giving each of them a Chromebook as well. The Gilbert Education Foundation has been very supportive of this effort and helped offset some of the cost.

We have completed Phase 2 of our building project and will be enjoying full use of our athletic facilities this school year. The stadium is complete with our first football game scheduled for August 29th vs. Webster City. In addition to the football game, we are very excited about the ISU Marching Band joining our very own Gilbert High School Marching Band for the halftime show. This will mean over 400 musicians taking the field to entertain the crowd. We have already played spring soccer on our field and have enjoyed our new stadium. We are also very excited about both our boys and girls cross country teams contending for a state title this year! Our track is now done and is beautiful. We look forward to hosting several track meets this spring! We have completed our final parking lot surrounding the high school and stadium which will eradicate some parking issues we faced last year. We have a garden area at the high school donated by the Grabau family to help complete our landscaping.

We have also received several accolades for the district this past year as a result of our academic achievements. The high school has been nominated for a national award as a Blue Ribbon School. We will find out if ours is the chosen one in the fall. This is a high prestigious, national award and we are extremely proud of the fact that all four of our buildings would have qualified for this honor. The middle school was named on the BestSchools website as the 37th out of the 50 top middle schools in the nation. They also took the number two spot on the SchoolDigger website as the second best middle school in the state. We congratulate all of the teachers and support staff who worked so hard to make Gilbert a place of great learning. The hard work is paying off in a number of ways!!

As always, you are welcome to return to your former school for a visit at any time. As we change and grow, we try hard to hang onto the small town school feeling so that students know they are cared for and supported here in the district. We hope you can look back on your days at Gilbert fondly and that you are able to schedule a visit in the near future.