May 15, 2024

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Every day each of us makes choices. Some choices are simple ones such as what to eat or what to wear. Others are more complicated such as with whom to spend one's life or what career path to follow. The more important choices require prayer, time, and thought to arrive at a decision. Conferring with a trusted friend or colleague helps as well.
As we look at the Beatitudes, we are given the opportunity to make choices. We can be simple, compassionate, humble, just, merciful, pure, peaceful, and courageous. To attain these qualities, we must follow the same process – prayer, time, thought, conversation – as we do in any other important choice. We are in the month of May and have spent the past eight months carefully considering the choices before us. We have tried to focus carefully upon each one to see how our lives measure up to the ideal.
Now we are called to make a choice. It is the choice to be blessed, as each Beatitude begins, or not. To be blessed is to live in the Kingdom of God, right here, right now.
What's your choice?

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



American Legion Patriotism Essay Contest

Congratulations to Delaney Geppi and Kediell Llopiz for placing in the American Legion Americanism essay contest. Delaney placed second in the Perryville division Kediell placed third in the Perryville division.



National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to our new members of NJHS!

Kate Cox Dela Geppi Stella Rouse



Color Run

We currently have collected $2,200 of our pledges. If we reach $2,500 everyone gets ice cream. If we reach $5,000, everyone gets ice cream and pizza. If we reach our $6,000 goal, we will be having our faculty vs. the students water balloon fight. Please turn in pledge money by **Friday, May 17th** so we can plan prizes accordingly. We appreciate your support of student enrichment!

Strawberry Festival

Milkshakes, shortcake, chocolate covered… How do you like to eat your strawberries? We hope you will join us for our annual Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, June 8th from 12-6**. This will be the final fundraiser for the year and we will need all hands on deck.
We also need soda and water donations to sell on the day of the festival. Please send donations to the office.
If you are available to help, please sign up here and invite your friends and family to attend! Strawberry Festival Signup Genius

Teacher Appreciation

Thank you to FSO and our school parents for the many treats last week! We appreciate you for entrusting your children to us. Than you for all of you support!

Gala Basket Winners

All of the class baskets at the gala were amazing and we thank all that contributed and helped build the baskets. Congratulations to 8th grade for having the basket that brought in the most money! We will have a pizza party lunch and tag day for the 8th grade on **May 16th**.

Junior High Graduation Dance

We will host our junior high Graduation Dance for our 6th-8th graders on **Friday, May 17th**. Invitations were sent home. We look forward to seeing our students all dressed up for the occassion!

8th Grade Field Trip

On May 20th, our 8th graders will be on their 8th grade trip. We wish them a great day and know that they will represent Good Shepherd!

Summer Birthdays

Any student that has a summer birthday (between June 1 and August 25) can have their birthday tag day on **Tuesday, May 21st.** If you would like to send in a birthday treat please arrange that with their classroom teacher.



1st and 2nd Grade did a beautiful job honoring Our Lady in our May prayer serviee!



Thank you to all that attended the May Crowning! Our Blessed Mother was definitely smiling!

Evening of Fine Arts

Our students have been gifted many talents and this is an evening that we get to put them on display. We will have our art show and spring band concert on **Wednesday, May 22nd** from 6-8. If you would like to help with this event, please sign up here. Evening of Fine Arts Sign Up Genius

Ball Games and Field Day

A couple of students' favorite days of the year are coming up! We will have our 5th v 6th Kickball game (12pm -1pm) and 7th/8th vs. Parents volleyball game (1pm-2pm) on **May 23rd**.

Field Day will be **May 24th**. Students should wear their field day t-shirt, school appropriate shorts, and tennis shoes (no crocs). Please be sure to bring a water bottle and apply sunscreen before school. If you are interested in volunteering, please click here. Field Day Volunteer Sign Up

½ Day/ Noon Dismissal

We will have a 12:00 dismissal on **May 24th**. If your child is staying for aftercare, please make sure that they have a lunch.

Senior Clapout

Attention all seniors and alumni! We're excited to announce our Senior Clapout event on **Thursday, May 23rd**, a momentous occasion celebrating our graduating seniors. We extend a warm invitation to seniors from the GSCS alumni classes of 2020 and 2016 to join us in this joyous celebration. Seniors, please RSVP to let us know you'll be attending and don't forget to don your graduation attire as we honor your accomplishments. Let's make this a memorable send-off as you embark on your next journey! Senior Clapout RSVP

8th Grade Graduation

On **May 30th**, our 8th graders will have their graduation Mass and Awards beginning at 7:00 p.m.. All are welcome to come celebrate this evening with our graduates.

Last Day for Pre-K

Friday, May 31st will be the last day for Pre-K students. The Pre-K Flying Up ceremony will take place on Monday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m..

Golf Tournament

Interested in earning volunteer hours and getting them out of the way early? Join the Good Shepherd Catholic School Golf Committee. Please contact Charlie Frank (cfrank1717@gmail.com) or Kevin Wein (weinkp1@gmail.com) for more information. *Some meetings are virtual, others will be conducted at 5th Company Brewery in Perryville. The golf tournament will be Saturday, September 21st.

Uniform Exchange

As many of you know, we'll be introducing the new plaid design for the upcoming school year! As a result, we'll be pausing our uniform exchange. During the last week of school, students will have the chance to proudly wear their current uniforms before transitioning to the stylish new plaid next year.

A Moment to Chuckle

Q. What is the best dance to pair with chips?

A. Salsa!

Q.What's a firefly's favorite dance?

A. The glitterbug

Welcome to Ms. Ashley and Ms. Richardson

We would like to welcome Ms. Ashley to the Office Manager position! She comes to us with much experience and is excited to be with us. Ms. Richardson will be joining us as a classroom aide. She has much experience in Harford and Cecil County Public Schools as a teacher and has been a catechist at St. Ignatius parish. She is excited to be here and looks forward to getting to know the children!

GSCS Sports Teams

Get ready to cheer because something thrilling is on the horizon! We're gauging interest in bringing the world of school sports teams to Good Shepherd, and we want YOU to be a part of it! So, let's team up and show our spirit! Please take a moment to fill out the interest survey, and together, we'll make Good Shepherd the home of champions! Let's Go, Crusaders!

GSCS Sports Interest Survey

Upcoming Dates & Events

- 8th Grade Tag Day (Gala Winner)- May 16
- Graduation Dance- May 17
- Pentecost Sunday- May 19
- 8th Grade Field Trip- May 20
- Summer Birthday Tag Day- May 21
- Evening of Fine Arts- May 22
- 5th/6th Kickball Game- May 23
- 7th/8th v Parents Volleyball Game- May 23
- Senior Clapout- May 23
- Field Day- May 24
- 8th Grades Last Day- May 28
- 8th Grade Graduation/Luncheon-- May 29
- 8th Grade Graduation -May 30
- PreK Last Day- May 31
- PreK Flying Up- June 3
- Last Day for Students-June 7
- ½ Day No Aftercare- June 7
- Strawberry Festival- June 8

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

RIDES • PONY RIDES • FACE PAINTING • GAMES
VENDORS • FOOD & BEER •
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SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

12PM - 6PM

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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
STARTS @ 1PM

$20 PER TEAM TO ENTER

All proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School

Scan here today
to register your team