May 8, 2024

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Our eighth and final Beatitude for study this school year reminds us that building the Kingdom of God will always face challenges in the world. Choosing to live a countercultural life is never the easy or comfortable path. So, how does one move forward in living this Beatitude? While all the gifts received at Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation assist us each day, the eighth Beatitude calls us to ask the Holy Spirit to renew the gift of courage in our lives daily. This fourth of seven gifts of the Holy Spirit enables a person “to overcome difficulties or to endure pain and suffering with the strength and power infused by God.” Courage manifests itself in our lives in our thoughts, in our words, in what we do, and in what we choose not to do. With family, with friends, with colleagues, and with strangers, actions and reactions require courage in establishing or extending righteousness in our immediate world and beyond. This week, let us be more conscious of how we choose to respond or not to the situations that come our way. Pray to the Holy Spirit to enliven the gift of courage in us so that we may live as bearers of the Beatitudes.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



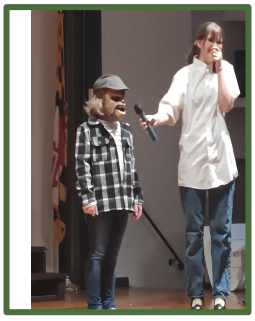
Drama Club: An Evening of Entertainment

Bravo! Bravo! Our drama club did an amazing job and definitely shared an Evening of Entertainment! Thank you to Ms. LeAnne and Miss Jackie for their leadership with our Drama Club this year!

















Mother’s Day Breakfast

Thank you to all of our volunteers and guests who came out to our Mother’s Day breakfast!

Teacher Appreciation

We're gearing up to celebrate our amazing teachers and we need your support! Teacher Appreciation Week is this week and our teachers are feelin’ the love! As part of the festivities, we're hosting a special luncheon for our dedicated teachers on Thursday, May 9th, from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM. Thank you for all of you support! Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

A message from our Principal for a Day (Miss Collette)

May is a super busy month! You know who's always busy? Moms and teachers, that's who! We've gotta give them a big thank you for everything they do. May is also the time we think about Mother Mary. She's like our special mom in heaven, always looking out for us. Mary teaches us how to pray and helps us feel closer to her son, Jesus. So let's make sure to show some extra love to our moms and teachers this month, both the ones here with us and the ones watching over us from above!









Miss Collette was a great principal for a day! She had a busy day of greeting, observations, delivering messages to teachers, and much more.



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

Color Run

We extend our gratitude to all the amazing volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to make our Color Run an unforgettable event! Your enthusiasm and hard work truly made the day a celebration of our community spirit.
Now it’s time to transition to the next phase of our fundraising journey: collecting pledges. Your continued support in reaching our goals is greatly appreciated. If we reach our $6,000 goal, we will be having our faculty vs. the students water balloon fight. Together, we're making a real difference!

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that parents and students should review the uniform policy, especially as warmer weather is in the forecast. Skirts should be to the knee and may need to be adjusted. In the event that adjustments are unable to be made, khaki uniform pants or shorts can be worn with the polo.

Students in aftercare should remain in their school uniform. In the event that aftercare staff give permission to take off the jumper/skirt, shorts need to be the appropriate length.

Sacraments

Congratulations to our First Communion and Confirmation students! May you enjoy the special graces that have been bestowed upon you and treasure these moments!





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

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

May Crowning

During the month of May, we remember and honor our Blessed Mother. One way we do this is by crowning her with flowers. We will have our May Crowning on **Sunday, May 12th** after the 12:00 Mass. In anticipation of the rain, we will meet at the church.

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**.

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, a Sign Up Genius will be coming out soon.

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.

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 and 7th/8th vs. Parents volleyball game on **May 23rd**.

Field Day will be **May 24th**. More details will follow. If you are interested in volunteering, please click here. Field Day Volunteer Sign Up

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.



Teamwork makes the dream work!

A Moment to Chuckle

Q. Why should you never lose your rosary?

A. You'll be searching for it for decades.

Q. How much do computers eat for lunch?

A. A byte.

Enrollment for Next Year

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is open! Current school families, please complete the attached form to enroll for next year. This gives us important information to assist with planning for next school year.

Re-enrollment Form 2024-2025

We invite families and community members to share the good news of Good Shepherd with others and encourage new families to take a tour and hopefully join our school family. New families should register by going to www.goodshepherdschool.net and clicking on "Enroll Now".

Maryland BOOST Funding

This year's BOOST application is open and will close this **Friday, May 3rd**. Click here to apply. 24-25 BOOST application

Upcoming Dates & Events

NJHS Induction Ceremony- May 9
1st/2nd Grade Prayer Service- May 10
May Crowning- May 12
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

Good Shepherd Catholic School develops successful students with the support of the entire community. Our students reach their maximum academic and personal potential in a safe and nurturing environment, leading them to be people of faith, socialization, and character through study and service.

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