May 1, 2024

# Crusader Chronicles

## Good Shepherd Catholic School

We are knowledgeable of the theological virtues (faith, hope, and love) and familiar with the cardinal virtues (temperance, prudence, fortitude, and justice). However, what might be called a premier virtue flows from the seventh Beatitude. That virtue is joy. Joy fills us and those around us when we experience the peace that is understood from the seventh Beatitude. Living as “children of God” creates a joy-filled spirit within us that overflows into our personal and professional lives. As we distinguished in previous reflections, this joy is not merely happiness, a fleeting expression. Rather, it is deep-seated in the very depths of our being and reminds us that we are loved by God, despite our successes and failures, our opportunities and challenges.

Joy requires us to bring this premier virtue into our families, our workplaces, and other spaces where we live. We cannot control, resolve, or answer all of the situations we experience each day. However, acting as peacemakers, we bless others and ourselves by emanating a joy-filled spirit, even in the most trying of circumstances. Let us pray each day to be a peacemaker so that we and those we encounter will know the joy of the Gospel.

***Let Us Build the Kingdom of God***



## Drama Club: An Evening of Entertainment

We're thrilled to invite you to an evening of entertainment this **Friday, May 3rd**, as we showcase the talents of our Drama Club. The stage is set for an unforgettable performance, and we'd be delighted to have you join us. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students. If you plan on attending, you can RSVP by filling out our Drama Evening of Entertainment Form. Alternatively, guests are welcome to pay at the door on the evening of the performance.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you!

## Spelling Bee

Thank you to Mrs. Taylor for organizing this year’s Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to our spelling bee champions at each grade level!

**Primary**: Skyler Robb
**Intermediate**: Anabel Wein
**Junior High**: Emma Massey







## Mother’s Day Breakfast

Give your special lady a breakfast treat! On **Sunday, May 5th** from 8-11 we will host our Mother’s Day Breakfast. This is a great opportunity for parents and junior high students to earn volunteer or service hours. Click here to volunteer.
Mother’s Day Breakfast Signup

## Teacher Appreciation

We're gearing up to celebrate our amazing teachers and we need your support! Teacher Appreciation Week is just around the corner, running from May 6th to May 10th. 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. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

## A message from our Principal for a Day (Mr. Broilo)

As the school year wraps up, I ask all of you to reflect on your cherished memories. The friendships formed at Good Shepherd will soon be put on hold as summer approaches. Now, returning as an alumni, I witness firsthand the special bonds this school fosters. Even after graduation, I maintain strong connections with my peers from the class of 2020. This experience reinforces  that Good Shepherd is not just a school, but a family. Only after leaving did I fully grasp its significance. So, seize every opportunity to learn and nurture your friendships, for they will keep you going beyond these walls. Remember, your school family will always be here to support you!







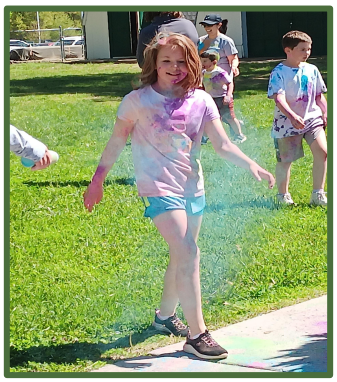


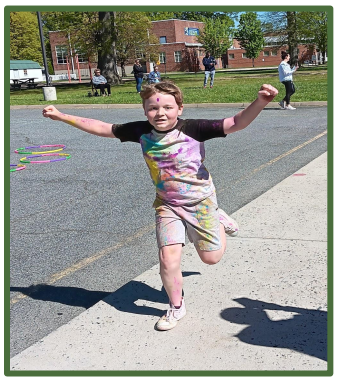








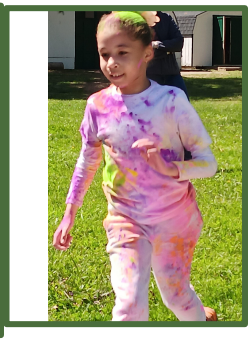












## Color Run

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.

## Rainbow Fish

A reminder that tomorrow our PreK-5th graders will be attending “Rainbow Fish” at Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. Students should wear their dress uniform. Lunch will be provided.

## Sacraments

Please keep our first communicants and confirmandi in prayer as they prepare for receiving their sacraments in the next couple of weeks. First Communion will be on **May 4th** and Confirmation will be on **May 7th**.

## 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**.

## 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. We invite all to meet at 11:30 at the school and process over to Mass where children will offer flowers to honor Mary.

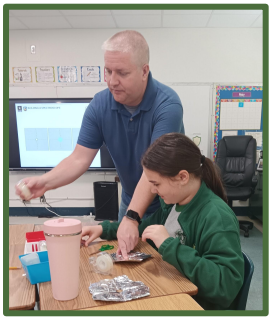
## Summer Birthdays

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.

## 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.





**Thank you, Mr. Casey Weininger! He came to help our 3rd-5th graders construct spectroscopes!**

## 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.







**Ready, Set, Let's start the day!**

### A Moment to Chuckle

Q. Who conducts the spring orchestra?

A. May-stro

Q. What type of flower do you plant in the dark?
A. A light bulb

## 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

Rainbow Fish Field Trip (Grades PK-5th)- May 2
Eucharistic Adoration- May 3
Drama Performance- May 3
1st Communion- May 4
Mother's Day Breakfast- May 5
Confirmation- May 7
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.*

THE GOOD SHEPHERD
DRAMA PROGRAM
PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF

# ENTERTAINMENT

## FRIDAY
## 3 MAY | 6:30 PM

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ADULTS |$5
STUDENTS | $3
FOOD & BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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# MOTHER'S DAY
## *Breakfast*

SUN 5 MAY

8-11 AM

Bring mom for a special treat and
an all-you-can-eat breakfast.
We will be serving pancakes, eggs,
bacon, sausage, potatoes, muffins,
toast, biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee,
orange juice, tea, milk,
and more!

$10 ADULTS / $5 KIDS AGES 5-10
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

## 12PM - 6PM

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