March 6, 2024

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

The March Beatitude invites us to intentionality. Those who seek to be clean of heart or pure desire only one thing, namely, heaven where they will see God. All thoughts, words, and deeds are directed to this aim and the motivation never wavers.

Of course, we live in a world of distractions that interrupts, obstructs, or even blinds this desire in our lives. We may find ourselves often swimming upstream simply to keep our focus. What did Jesus do to maintain his attention to the mission he accepted? He prayed and prayed and prayed.

Throughout the Gospels we find selections where he went off by himself to pray. We also find selections where he invited others to pray with him. All four Gospels record moments of prayer in the life of Christ.

Let's pause and ponder our prayer life this Lent. Do we, like Jesus, take the time for prayer each day? As we seek to be clean or pure of heart, we must cleanse ourselves of busyness, work, events, or activities, at least for a time each day, to develop the single focus of our relationship with the Lord. As we continue to build this relationship, we shall truly find that we see God in our world and in one another, the precursor to seeing God face to face in heaven.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



A Knight to Remember- Gala

Join us for our Knight to Remember Gala on **Saturday, March 16th** at the Wellwood. Tickets are $80. Please call the office or go to www.goodshepherdschool.net/gala to make reservations. Tickets are available until this Friday, *March 8th*.

We look forward to a great night!

Have a group of friends? Table discounts available!

Cash Lottery Tickets

Cash Lottery Raffle Tickets are available for our Tuition/Cash Raffle. $5,000 Cash Prize! That's right - you have your chance to win a $5,000 scholarship for the 2023-24 school year OR $5,000 CASH by clicking here. Winner need *not* be present to win. The drawing takes place on Saturday, March 16th so grab your tickets as the date is coming fast!



Diocesean Professional Development Day

There will be no school for student son **Monday, March 11th.** Teachers will be attending a dioceseanwide professional development session about AI. Teachers are looking forward to learning too!

Diocesean Pilgrimage

Junior high students are invited to the Diocesean Cross Pilgrimage with Bishop Koenig on **Saturday, March 23rd.** This is a great opportunity to ready your heart and mind for holy week as well as witness to your faith!

Stations of the Cross

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross together on Thursday, March 21st at 1:00 at the church. All are welcome to join us!

Living Stations of the Cross

Our junior high students will be leading us in the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27th at 11:30. Dismissal will follow.





A Moment to Chuckle

Q. Why are oak trees so forgiving?

A. Every March they "turn over a new leaf".

Show the Teachers Some Love

Thank you to the school and parish families that helped to cover the cost of the gala for our teachers! We are looking forward to a great evening!

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 on May 3rd. Click here to apply.
24-25 BOOST application

Upcoming Dates & Events

Daylight Savings- March 10
Professional Day (No School)- March 11
A Knight to Remember Spring Gala- March 16
St. Patrick's Day- March 17
Stations of the Cross- March 21
Diocesean Cross Pilgrimage- March 23
Palm Sunday- March 24
Reconciliation Monday- March 25
Noon Dismissal (no aftercare)- March 27
Easter Break- March 28-April 7
Noon Dismissal- April 8
Confirmation Retreat- April 13
School Mass (Easter)- April 24
Spelling Bee- April 25
Color Run- April 26

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.

"A Knight to Remember"

The Good Shepherd Catholic School Annual Gala

Saturday, March 16, 2024
4 pm – 9 pm

The Wellwood Banquet Center, Charlestown, Maryland

Semi-formal attire requested
3-Course Dinner and Open Bar Included
Silent Auction - Raffles - Music and Dancing - Live Auction

Tickets: $80 per person / $600 per table of 8
($50 for Alumni under age 21)