February 28, 2024

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are called to transformation, as posited in the Gospel account of the Transfiguration. The three privileged Apostles – Peter, James, and John – returned as different people from the mountain top following the miraculous transfiguration experience of Jesus. Surely, they were changed for life by this event.
Through the experience of mercy – given and received – we, too, become different people. Each occasion in which we either extend mercy to another or receive mercy from another impacts us deeply so that we are no longer the person we once were. True mercy is transformative in building the Kingdom of God among us. While our mercy encounters are not as dramatic as the Transfiguration experience, they are, in fact, opportunities to see the face of Christ in others. The face of one who gives or receives mercy is illuminated by what Pope Francis calls "the joy of the Gospel." During this upcoming week, if someone is in need of your mercy or if you are waiting for the mercy of another, go find your brother or sister. Allow yourself to give and receive the "joy of the Gospel" through a reconciliation with another person.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



Knights of Columbus Fish Frys

Come support the Knights of Columbus and have a delicious night off of cooking! Each Friday during Lent, dinner will be served between 4:30-7. If you would like volunteer, you can find the Sign Up Genius here! Fish Fry Signup Genius

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!

End of Trimester 2

A reminder that this Friday is the end of the second trimester. Junior high service logs should be turned in by Friday and count as a grade in religion.

A Knight to Remember- Gala

Need a night out and want to support Catholic education? 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 *March 8th*. **We look forward to a great night!**

Have a group of friends? Table discounts available!





Thank you to our indoor flea market volunteers, vendors, and shoppers!

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

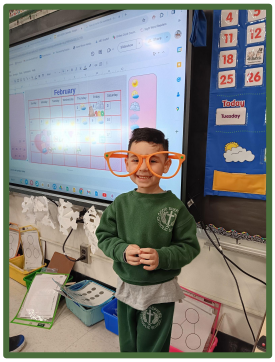
Junior high students are invited to the Diocesean Cross Pilgrimage with Bishop Koenig on **Saturday, March 23rd.** This is a great opportunity to ready your heart and mind for holy week as well as witness to your faith!

Maryland BOOST Funding

The Maryland legislature is considering reducing funding for BOOST scholarships. You can share your opinion with our legislators by going to the following websites and completing the "Take Action" petitions.
Maryland Catholic Conference

Maryland BOOST Scholarship Coalition

This year's application opens today, February 28 and will close on May 3rd. Click here to apply. 24-25 BOOST application



What will the weather be like? Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students check with a special pair of glasses.

A Moment to Chuckle

Q. What did the priest say to all the sinners on February 29th?
A. Take a leap of faith.

Show the Teachers Some Love

We love our faculty and staff and would like to give them a Knight to Remember. If you could help send your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to the gala, please send your donation ($25 recommended) in an envelope marked "Teachers Gala" to the office.

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".

Upcoming Dates & Events

End of 2nd Trimester- March 1
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)