February 21, 2024

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Sometimes it seems difficult to accept a gift. We may feel that we do not deserve it, it seems way too much for us, it creates a fuss that we would rather avoid, or some other reason prevents us from welcoming it. We hold tightly to the belief that it is better to give than to receive. However, such behavior may actually disappoint the giver who has offered a sincere gift, sharing something special. Not accepting a gift may even hurt a relationship. When it comes to mercy, we may be more comfortable as the giver than the receiver. We may delude ourselves into thinking how magnanimous or humble we are in extending mercy to someone who has offended us in some way. Such behavior is neither generous nor lowly. We are offered the gift of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Especially during Lent we are called to open ourselves fully to the breadth and depth of the Lord's forgiveness.
What is our response to this generous gift? Are we willing to place aside previously-held ideas about receiving this gift and simply allow our hearts to respond? Perhaps the answers to these questions will determine the kind of Lent we experience this year.

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

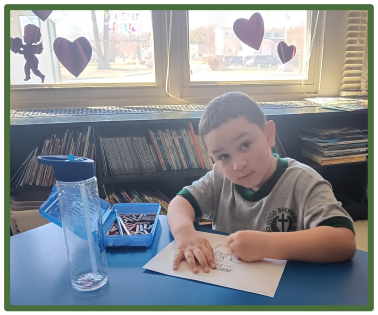


Some of our junior high volunteers at the fish fry gathered for a quick photo.

Indoor Flea Market

Trying to clean things out after the holidays? Want to make some money while helping our school or find a good deal? Our Indoor Flea Market will be this **Saturday, February 24th**. We will be collecting items for the school table from February 12th-February 23rd. If you would like a table to sell items, please complete the indoor flea market contract www.goodshepherdschool.net/indoorfleamarket We will need volunteers to help with the school table and concessions. This is a great opportunity for service hours for parents and junior high students! Indoor Flea Market Sign up Genius





Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students draw pictures about ways they can follow the "little way" and show love to others.



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.

Check out ways that you can help!

- Sponsorship opportunities
- Donations needed

We look forward to a great night!

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 has not opened yet. We will inform parents when we hear any new information.

Learning with a smile!



A Moment to Chuckle

Q. Why do artists constantly feel cold?

A. Because they're surrounded by drafts.

Q. What do snowmen eat for lunch?

A. snowbergers

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!

STEM Presentation

We will have a STEM presentation for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in May. Please save paper towel tubes. These can be sent to Mrs. Meyer. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Indoor Flea Market- Feb. 24
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

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.

Indoor FLEA Market

Vendors & Sellers Needed

Registration due by FEB. 20TH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
SETUP: 6:00-7:00 AM
SHOPPING: 7 AM -10 AM

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

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We invite you to join us at our Indoor Flea Market to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School. To reserve your space, please return this completed form and a check for $25 (non-refundable), payable to *Good Shepherd Catholic School*. Please note "flea market" on your check and send to the address above. Your $25 will include a 6 ft table and two chairs. There will be food and drinks available for purchase.

# of spaces requested _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____Evening Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Type of ITEMS being sold: _____

Household, Crafter, Product Consultant (NOTE: If you are a Product Rep or Consultant, you must specify when you register. Without this information, We cannot guarantee that there will not be another rep present.)

Terms and conditions:

- All spaces will be provided with a 6-foot table and two chairs. Please limit your items to the table or underneath. Large items may be placed outside and tagged with your table number as space is available.
- This is a school-sponsored event. You will be asked to remove any inappropriate material.
- Good Shepherd Parish is not liable for any loss or damage to property.
- Set-up will be available beginning at 6 am on the 24th. All tables must be set up by 7:00 am and cars moved to either the church parking lot or the back parking lot.
- You are responsible for taking all your unsold merchandise at the end of the sale.
- This event will be advertised via social media. Please feel free to distribute flyers, send emails, post on Facebook, etc, to help make this a successful event!
- **Snow date: March 2, 2024.**

For questions, please call (410) 642-6265 or email principal@goodshepherdschool.net

By signing below, you agree to all of the terms and conditions set forth above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"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)