November 1, 2023

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

November ushers in the third Beatitude with its emphasis on meekness. Meekness is sometimes difficult to understand because it is confused with weakness or timidity. However, meekness enables a person to do good in response to evil. While it may seem more natural to be angry when one is assaulted in some way, meekness allows one to take the higher road.

Perhaps meekness is best exemplified in the passion and death of Jesus. While hanging on a cross, Jesus' response to the pain and taunting is, "Father forgive them." He does not allow adversity to overcome him but instead takes self- possession of the situation.

Often we are presented with stories where tragic actions by a person or group are responded to with forgiveness and respect. Classic examples exist where prisoners and perpetrators forgave those who hurt them. Such circumstances remind us of the goodness that exists in people when they strive to live the third Beatitude.

As we begin a new month, let us take possession of ourselves in the difficult situations that may come to us. Let us pray and practice to be in control of our emotions and reactions rather than the reverse. In such ways we can become blessed by the Lord, for we will have taken the higher road.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



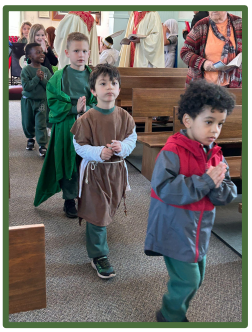
Conferences

Thank you to all of our parents for joining us for parent-teacher conferences! We enjoy partnering with you to help students reach their fullest potential!



Bishop Koenig's Visit

Bishop Koenig will be coming to visit the school and celebrate Mass on **Wednesday, November 8th**. All are invited to join us!



Happy All Saints Day!
Let us walk as children of God.







Dias de los Muertos

Students have been learning about the Dias de los Muertos celebrations in Spanish and the artistic styles of the celebration in Art. For the month of November, we will be praying for those who have gone before us to enjoy the rewards of eternal life. Mrs. Collado and Mrs. Murphy built the Dias de los Muertos altar. You may still send in pictures of the loved ones that you would like us to remember.

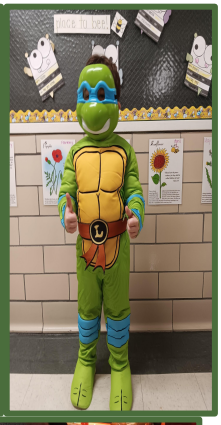
Halloween Party

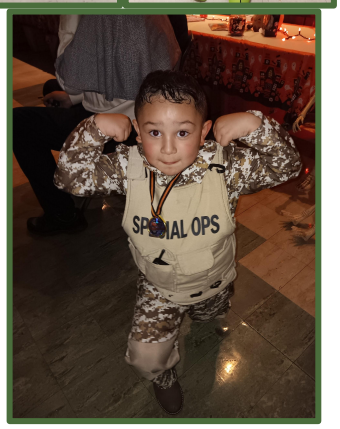
We hope everyone had a happy and safe Halloween! Thank you to Miss Julie and the many volunteers that made the Halloween party a great success!







Bright Arrow

In the event of a school closure or important school-wide announcement, we will be using Bright Arrow. We will be doing a test message tomorrow afternoon.

High School Placement Test and Information

8th graders and parents that are considering Catholic high school placement should review the information about the High School Placement Test, Record Requests, and Teacher Recommendations. You can also visit Parent Resources on the website for more information.

High School Placement Test Information

Picture Make Ups/Retakes

Picture retakes will be on Thursday, November 16th.

Christmas Parade

Save the date for the Perryville Christmas Parade on **December 9th**. Details will come out closer to the parade.



I-Give Catholic Campaign

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This year's I-Give Catholic Campaign will run from November 14th- November 28th. Our goal is $8.000 to help us purchase chromebooks, a Viewboard, and charging carts. Any money raised over the goal will be used toward our scholarship fund.

Diocesean Financial Aid

The diocesean financial aid program has opened their application. If you plan to apply for financial aid through the diocese, please use the following link. online.factsmgt.com/aid. The application is open and the the deadline is January 31, 2023. Don't wait to apply!

Christmas Bazaar

Santa Claus is coming to town (soon)! Save the date for our annual Christmas Bazaar-November 17th and 18th. We need vendors and volunteers as well as donations for the Basket wheel.

Basket Wheel donations are due November 10th.

Please see the attached flier and click here to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for junior high and parent service hours. Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Sign Up

Students will be caroling each night of the bazaar. Students who are singing should wear jeans and a red or green shirt. Students may wear a Santa hat or Christmas headband. Participating students will get a tag day slip. Please see the attached flier for songs to practice.



Junior high students are peer editing using Google Docs.

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q: Who is the patron saint of poverty?
A. Saint Nickeless.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

The complete Thanksgiving feast is finished off with pie. Order your pies by going to www.goodshepherdschool.net/pieorder by November 9th to ensure you have the complete feast.

If you could send in cans of apple pie filling, bags of white all purpose flour, and shortening that would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up here to help with pie day. This is a great opportunity for junior high students to earn their hours for the first trimester. Pie Days Sign up

Indoor Flea Market

Our indoor flea market is in need of an organizer! If you are interested in helping to organize this fundraiser for the school, please contact the office.





Upcoming Dates & Events

- All Souls Day- Nov. 2nd
- Vocation Awareness Week- Nov 6-10
- Bishop Koenig's Visit- Nov. 8th
- Vocation Prayer Service- Nov. 10th
- Pie Day- Nov. 11th
- Picture Retakes- Nov. 16th
- Professional Day (No School)- Nov. 17th
- Christmas Bazaar- Nov. 17th
- Christmas Bazaar- Nov. 18th
- Geography Bee- Nov. 20th
- End of T1- Nov. 21st
- Thanksgiving Lunch- Nov. 21st
- Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 22nd - Nov. 24th

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.

Thanksgiving

Pie Fundraiser

Homemade Take and Bake Frozen Pies

Apple Pumpkin Cherry Blueberry

$10 each

Order by November 9th

www.goodshepherdschool.net/pieorder



Good Shepherd Catholic School
and St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming quickly. There are many families in the community, who struggle to even put food on the table. Each year Good Shepherd School hosts a food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that they can make these folks' holidays special too. We have until November 16th to collect as much as we can – and if years past are any indicator, our stage will soon be full of our school families' donations. Please be as generous as possible!

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Pre K: Canned Green Beans	4th: Stuffing
K: Stuffing	5th: Turkey gravy
1st: Instant Potatoes	6th: Canned Corn
2nd: Instant Potatoes	7th: Cranberry Sauce
3rd: Canned Green Beans	8th: Canned Yams

Items Will Be Collected

NOVEMBER 1-16

Drop Off Location
Auditorium at Good Shepherd

2023

Good Shepherd Parish 60th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Basket Wheel



The Annual Christmas Bazaar is being held November 17th and 18th.

Each class will be responsible for filling a themed gift basket. Every basket will be used at the basket wheel and we are asking each child to bring in a new item to be used in filling the baskets.
Below is a list of the classes and the themes of their basket.
Donations from parishioners are also welcome to fill each basket.



All items should be turned in no later than November 10th.

Let's Get Creative! (Pre-K/Kindergarten)

(Paper, crayons, markers, paints, pens, paint brushes, glue sticks, stickers, scissors, glitter- anything arts & crafts)

Recess Time! (Grades 1 & 2)

(Chalk, jump rope, balls, bubbles, Frisbee, jacks, toy cars/trucks, dolls, figurines- fun things to share on the playground)

What's in a Box? (Grades 3 & 4)

(Anything fun in a box-- games, cards, blocks, puzzles, popcorn, Christmas jewelry, ornaments, candle, mug, -- think outside the box!)

Santa's Little Helper! (Grades 5 & 6):

(Bows, gift wrap/boxes/bags/tags, ribbon, tape, scissors, cookie tins, cookie cutters, hot chocolate, candy canes, cake molds, etc.)

Road Trip! (Grades 7 & 8)

(Books, magazines, crossword puzzles, Mad Libs, travel games, travel mugs, snacks, sunglasses, fun things to have & stay entertained on road trips)

If you have any questions, please contact:
Kristin Massey at kamassey908gmail.com

Good Shepherd's
Christmas Bazaar

Join us this

November 17th and 18th

to get into the Christmas spirit through song!

Students will meet in the specials classroom at **5:45** and perform at **6:00**. Students should wear jeans and a red or green school-appropriate shirt to earn a free tag day. Students may wear a Santa hat or headband that is Christmas-themed.

We appreciate your support!!

Please practice the following songs with your child(ren) to help us prepare.

- **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**
- **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**
- **Frosty the Snowman**
- **Deck the Halls**
- **Jingle Bells**
- **Away in a Manger**
- **We wish you a Merry Christmas**



Scan here to watch a video and sing along to practice!



Help us update technology devices that our students use everyday!

Please consider a donation to our school through #iGiveCatholic.

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NOVEMBER 28, 2023



Why is technology important in education?

Provides A More Engaged Learning Environment

Technology can help teachers to present subjects in more interactive and creative ways.



Boosts Collaboration

An engaging learning environment requires a lot of collaboration. Technology is a great way to promote and facilitate discussion among students.

Supports Learning

Technology can offer a variety of teaching and learning techniques that can help teachers convey the subject material in a new and different way.

...more details coming soon!