September 6, 2023

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

In St. Matthew's Gospel (MT 19: 13-15) we read how Jesus rebukes the Apostles who try to prevent children coming to him. Jesus instructs his Apostles, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
As we focus in September on the first of the Beatitudes, perhaps the same qualities that Jesus saw in the young children are the very attributes of being "poor in spirit." Children freely place all of their trust in their parents with the certainty that their parents will for them only that which is good. They believe intuitively that no harm will come to them if they stay close to their parents. They are not afraid of darkness, monsters, or anything else when in the presence of their parents. In a similar way the Lord asks us to place our trust in him, knowing full well that what he offers us will only be goodness. He assures us that if we stay close to him, no harm will come our way. He instructs us to "Be not afraid." for with him no darkness or evil can overcome us. This "poor in spirit" attitude, reflected by young children, is at the heart of the first Beatitude. Like them, if we can live "poor in spirit," we shall find ourselves in God's kingdom. Are we willingly to place our fate and faithfulness with Lord?

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



Volunteering at School

If you plan to volunteer at school, you must have a background check and watch the For Sake of God's Children videos. To access the videos, go to the following site and watch the videos. After watching the videos, please complete the receipt. We will have a record of those who completed the videos in the office.
For the Sake of God's Children video link

Golf Tournament

Our Golf Tournament will be on **Saturday, September 23rd**. You can register for the tournament by going to goodshepherdschool.net/golf or clicking the link Golf Tournament registration



Don't Like Golf

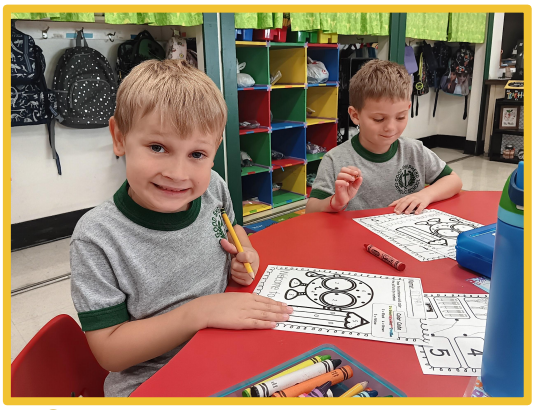
If you can't make the Golf Tournament, you can still support us! Sponsor a hole or sign up to volunteer. Golf Tournament Sign Up Genius

Water and Soda Donations Needed!

We are in need of soda and water donations for fundraisers throughout the school year. Committee members request that sodas be Pepsi or Coke products and to avoid off brand beverages. Please send your donations to the office. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Aftercare

Aftercare contracts were sent home with students. If you use aftercare regularly or think you may use aftercare at some point in the school year, please complete and return the aftercare contract as soon as possible.



Our Kindergarteners are hard at work!



The flag team handle the flag with honor and respect.

Student Update Forms

Please complete the student update forms in PowerSchool by **September 8th**. Click here for directions on how to get to the forms. PowerSchool Parent Forms

GSCS Facebook Page

Our FSO has a Facebook page! You can ask to join the GSCS FSO page to get information about upcoming events and school happenings.

GSCS Band

Flute, violin, piano, trumpet… do you have an instrument you would like to learn? Mrs. Henrich is returning to teach instrument lessons. If you are interested in band, please complete the form below. Band Interest Form

Bright Arrow

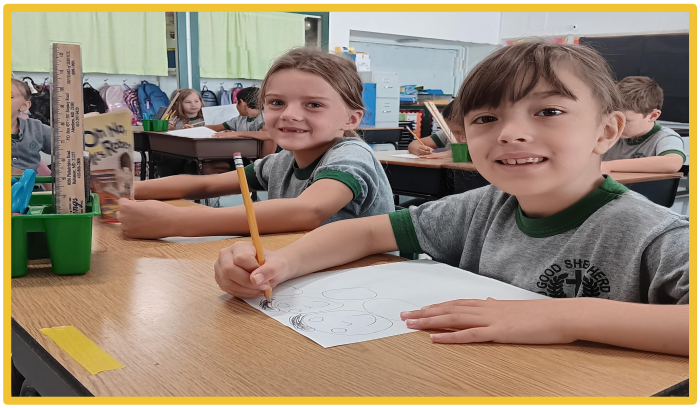
In the event of a school closure or important school-wide announcement, we will be using Bright Arrow. Parents/guardians will need to opt-in to receive text messages. A paper went home in the Wednesday envelope.

Stay Hydrated

With the heatwave, we have been reminding students to take water breaks and to stay hydrated. Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school. We have water bottles in the office available for $1.00.

Crusader Spiritwear

We have a new vendor for spirit wear this year - please check out all the items they have to offer. GSCS gets back 10% on any sales. The GSCS store will stay open throughout the year so you can order your Crusader gear at any time. They are currently running a Back to School sale with savings of 30% off. Visit the store at https://1stplace.sale/43217 Please note the vendor is offering additional personalized items for sale that do not qualify as GSCS spirit wear on our Spirit Wear Tag Days.



Building independence in 2nd grade!

Reading Here, There, and Everywhere

Research shows that the more students are reading and practicing/applying their skills and strategies the more they grow. We encourage students to have a book with them to read during free time and especially if they are going to be in aftercare.

Moe's Pop-Up Tacos Fundraiser

Attention friends, family, neighbors, and local Queso lovers! We are hosting a Moe's Popup Fundraiser on Tuesday, September 12th, for Good Shepherd Catholic School.

These Take-home Family Fajita Kits are ready to eat when you get home, making your night easier, plus for every kit sold, 25% will be donated to Good Shepherd Catholic School!

The Meal Kits feed 4-6, come with all the fixings to make up to 12 Fajita, and are $48.00(+tax). Choose from chicken, ground beef, ½ chicken and ½ ground beef, or vegetarian. Check out the photo for all that is included!

This is a fun, and convenient way to have dinner ready to pick up while supporting your favorite organization. Take a much-deserved night off from cooking, order your family a night of fajitas, and show your support!

How to Order:

1. Please place your order by 1:00pm on Monday, September 11th, 2023.

Fill out this form to submit your order: https://form.jotform.com/223324952503148

2. Pick up will be at 800 Aiken Ave, Perryville,MD 21903 between 5:30-6pm on Tuesday, September 12th.

3. Can't make it, order a KIT CREDIT, Good Shepherd Catholic School. will receive the $12.00, and you can grab your kit where and when it works best for you!

See you on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, we're looking forward to it!



It is most important to write your name on your paper.



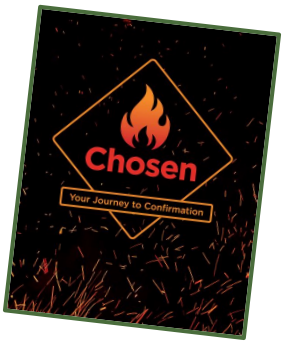
High School Placement Test and Information

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

Confirmation Meeting

8th graders making the sacrament of Confirmation, there is a required meeting on Sunday, **September 10th** at 10:00. More details will be sent to parents directly.





We'll see you at Back-to-School Night!

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be **September 11th from 6-8** p.m. We look forward to sharing the updates that have been made around the building. Teachers will be sharing specific class information and you will have an opportunity to see the classrooms. We hope to see you there!

Picture Day!

Picture day is **Monday, September 25th**. These pictures are out of uniform and used for yearbook. Forms and information will be sent home soon.



Socks for Solemnities

Solemnities are special celebrations in the Church year. This year to mark some of these special days, we will be have socks for solemnities. On **September 8th**, we will have our first celebration for the Blessed Mother's birthday. Students can wear out of uniform socks on this day.

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q: What did the pig say on the really hot day?

A: I'm bacon.

Q: Which is the fastest, heat or cold?

A: Heat is faster because you can catch a cold.

Upcoming Dates & Events

- Socks for Solemnities- Sept. 8th
- Back to School Night- Sept. 11th
- Renaissance Testing Window Opens- Sept. 11th
- School Mass- Sept. 13th
- Grandparents Day- Sept. 22nd
- Golf Tournament- Sept. 23rd
- My School Goes to Mass- Sept. 24th
- Picture Day- Sept. 25th
- Family Movie Night- Sept. 29th

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.