August 29, 2023

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

This year we will be working together to build the Kingdom of God! The song correlated with our diocesan schoolwide theme is “Lead Me, Lord.” The title and refrain of the song remind us that we need the Lord as model and guide in our schools, families, and world on our pilgrim journey to heaven.
At Good Shepherd, we strive to help students,staff, and families grow in a life of prayer, their relationship with the Lord. Like all relationships, both human and divine, prayer takes commitment, listening, responding, and waiting. We commit to a daily routine of prayer so that it becomes a habit for us to set aside time for prayer. We listen in the silence of our hearts, in the quiet of our day however brief that may be, to the message the Lord has for us. We share our joys and sorrows in conversation with the Lord and we respond to the Lord in the words and actions of our lives. Lastly, we wait patiently for the effects of our prayer life to bear fruit, knowing that God’s plan may be different from our ideas.
As we start a new school year, let us commit to growing in our prayer life beyond where we are right now.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God



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.



Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will begin on **September 5th**. We welcome Mrs. **LeAnne Borusiewicz** as our cafeteria manager! Please make sure you return hot lunch order forms. They were sent home on the first day of school.

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

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

FSO Meeting

We will have our first FSO meeting for this year on **Tuesday, September 5th** at 7:00. We will meet in the auditorium.

John Carroll Drama Opportunities

John Carroll's fall show will be Sound of Music. They are hosting auditions for or the following roles:

- **Kurt von Trapp (age 11, falsetto)** Gentle and mischievous.
- **Brigitta von Trapp (age 10)** Smart, reads a lot.
- **Marta von Trapp (age 7)** Very sweet and gentle.
- **Gretl von Trapp (age 5)** Must have the cute factor.

Auditions will be held at the John Carroll School Auditorium 703 E. Churchville Rd. Bel Air, MD on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Any child wishing to audition should arrive wearing comfortable clothes/closed-toed shoes and should be familiar with the song Do-Re-Mi from the show. No other audition preparation is needed.

For any child entering 2nd to 8th grade who loves performing, John Carroll's Musical Theatre Academy may be a perfect extra-curricular option! We are currently registering for our Fall (and Spring) Musical Theatre classes. For those who have participated in the Academy before, we are changing things up just a bit to offer more performance opportunities. The Musical Theatre classes are now broken into two semester sessions. They meet on Saturday mornings as they have in the past, but the time has been extended to a 2-hour class with a performance opportunity at the end of each semester (instead of just one show in May.) **This December, the Musical Theatre Academy will present *Annie, KIDS!*** under the instruction of John Carroll's Fall show choreographer, Rachel Miller (from the John Carroll class of 2019). This is a FUN show with many roles to showcase your child's talent!! Look for more information and Registration on our website: https://www.johncarroll.org/patriot-experience/arts/academy-of-performing-arts-dance/musical-theatre-academy

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via email to Julie Parrish at jparrish@johncarroll.org.



Vision for the Future 2024-2025 Applications

Applications for tuition assistance (Vision for the Future) for the 2024-2025 school year through the FACTS site open on September 15, 2023. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2024,



GSCS Band

Mrs. Henrich will be returning to teach instrument lessons! More information will be coming home soon!

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.

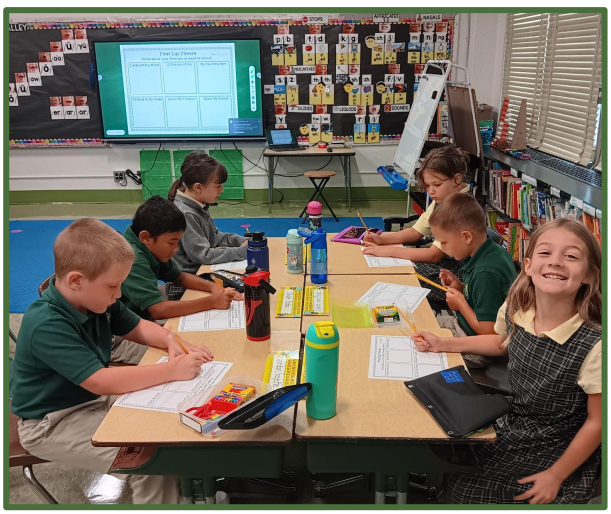
3. Can't make it, order a KIT CREDIT, Good Shepherd Catholic School. will receive the $12.00, and you can grab your kit where and when it works best for you!

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



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.



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. A flier is coming home today, You can also visit Parent Resources on the website for more information.
High School Placement Test Information



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.





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.



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 (or sweatshirts) 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.

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!

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q. What do you get when you cross a teacher with a calculator?

A: Someone you can always count on

Upcoming Dates & Events

Labor Day (No school) -Sept. 4th
FSO Meeting- Sept. 5th
Socks for Solemnities- Sept. 8th
Back to School Night- Sept. 11th
School Mass- Sept. 13th
Grandparents Day- Sept. 22nd
Golf Tournament- Sept. 23rd
Picture Day- Sept. 25th

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.