May 17, 2023

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

In Chapters 1 and 2 of the Book of Genesis we read how we were given the earth in its fullness. We know that the entirety of the earth – nature, wildlife, people – is a gift from our loving Father. Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. As stewards of the earth, we are called to recognize the holiness of what surrounds us and the responsibility to return it to the Father in a better position than we found it. Stewardship causes us to pause and decide if what we do, as individuals and a society, will allow us to give back to the Father this wonderful gift in a fitting manner. While stewardship may be as simple as recycling, it is also as great as our decision-making and choices at work, in government, and in society to protect our environment, including one another, from injury, death, or destruction. Every action speaks to our sense of stewardship, that is, our response to the people, places, things that come our way. Care for God's Creation is responsible stewardship. This week we shall be presented with opportunities to build up our environment and those who live in it. Will we serve as true stewards in this task, recreating the earth and each other by our decisions?

Congratulations

A prayerful congratulations to our 2nd grade First Communion and 8th grade Confirmation students! On May 6th our 2nd graders received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.



On May 9th our 8th graders were sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Koenig.



Parent Meeting

Thank you to the parents that attended last week's parent meeting! Attached you will find the slides from the presentation and a summary of the discussion. We know that together we can make a difference.

Color Run

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with the Color Run! It was a splendid day! The next step is to collect our pledges. We will be collecting pledges until May 26th. If we reach the $6,000 goal by May 26th, one lucky student will get the opportunity to slime Mrs. Boyd our principal!



Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal

Please see Fr. Jay's letter about donating to the Faith & Charity Appeal. If you need an extra envelope, we have them in the office.

Congratulations to Emma

We're proud to announce that Emma Keane has been selected as an NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award recipient. Emma will receive $500 in a 529 college savings account to be applied toward her higher education. Recipients are chosen based on their demonstrated work to support the five pillars of NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Join us in congratulating Emma and her accomplishments!



St. Francis de Sales Medal

Congratulations to alumnus, Gabriella Pileggi for being awarded the St. Francis de Sales Medal. The St. Francis de Sales medal recognizes students for their faith development, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship.



American Legion Patriotism Essay Contest

Congratulations to Andrew Cox and Vincent Baldwin for placing in the American Legion Americanism essay contest. Andrew placed first in the Perryville division and third in the district and Vincent placed third in the Perryville division.



National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to our new members of NHS!

Vincent Baldwin
Arianna Freyre
Emily Borusiewicz
Alannah Smith



Farewell to Mr. Baumann/ Welcome Back Ms. Glassman

Mr. Baumann will be leaving for a position at a local museum and we will be welcoming back Miss Glassman as our aide. We wish each of them luck as they continue their journeys.

Summer Birthdays

Any student that has a summer birthday (between June 1 and August 25) can have their birthday tag day on **Wednesday, May 24th.** If you would like to send in a birthday treat please arrange that with their classroom teacher.

A Message from Our Principal-in-Training:

Good Shepherd is an awesome school! Our teachers care about us and help us learn all the things we need to grow. The food is yummy and recess is fun. We get to grow in our faith when we go to Mass and Adoration and discuss the Gospel and God's teachings. We hope that more people will come to our school and learn about God and the lessons that will help them grow into a good person.








Socks for Solemnities

Tomorrow, May 18th, is the Feast of the Ascension. We celebrate Jesus returning to his Father and preparing us for the coming of the Holy Spirit. To celebrate, students may wear socks of choice with their uniform. I can't wait to see those socks!

8th Grade Field Trip

On May 25th, our 8th graders will be on their 8th grade trip. We wish them a great day and know that they will represent Good Shepherd!

Evening of Fine Arts

Our students have been gifted many talents and this is an evening that we get to put them on display. We will have our art show and spring band concert on **Wednesday, May 24th** from 6-8.. If you would like to help with this event, please sign up here. Evening of Fine Arts Sign Up Genius

NJHS Subway Night

Want a night off of cooking or running to or from the ball field? Stop by the Subway in Perryville to pick up dinner on **May 18th**. A portion of the sales for the evening will be donated to the Good Shepherd chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The flier is attached.

Gala Basket Winners

All of the class baskets at the gala were amazing and we thank all that contributed and helped build the baskets. Congratulations to Grades 1, 2, 3, and 8 for having baskets that brought in the most money at each grade level. We will have a pizza party lunch and tag day for those classes on **Tuesday, May 23rd**.



On Monday, students got to visit the instrument petting zoo!

Assembly & Game Day

On **May 25th,** we will welcome Omegaman to Good Shepherd! This assembly will focus on bullying, good sportsmanship, and how to be a hero (help everyone respect others). Following the assembly, we will have our 5th vs. 6th grade kickball game, picnic lunch, and 7th vs. 8th softball game. In honor of our day, we will have a super hero tag day. Students can wear a superhero shirt and school appropriate bottoms. No costumes please.

Field Day

Field Day will be **May 26th**. We will start at 9:00 and finish at 11:30. We appreciate all of the volunteers!! Thank you to FSO for organizing field day t-shirts!

½ Day/ Noon Dismissal

We will have a 12:00 dismissal on **May 26th**. If your child is staying for aftercare, please make sure that they have a lunch.

Maryland BOOST Program

The Maryland BOOST application is now open! If you are in need of assistance with tuition, we encourage you to apply. The deadline for the application is June 30th. BOOST application

Strawberry Festival

Milkshakes, shortcake, chocolate covered… How do you like to eat your strawberries? We hope you will join us for our annual Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, June 10th from 12-6**. This will be the final fundraiser for the year and we will need all hands on deck.

On **June 5th at 3:00** , we will begin preparations for the event with cutting the strawberries. Please meet in the kitchen,

We also need soda and water donations to sell on the day of the festival. Please send donations to the office.

If you are available to help, please sign up here and invite your friends and family to attend! Strawberry Festival Signup Genius

A Moment to Chuckle:

.Q: Where do pitchers go to dance?

A: The Base Ball

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to all of our teachers and staff! We wouldn't be growing without you! Also thank you to FSO and the many parents who have given gifts of appreciation to show our teachers love! It has been a great week!

Uniform Exchange

Outgrown your uniforms and want to share? Students will be out of uniform for the last week of school in order to allow parents to donate and purchase used uniforms. Tag day rules from the school handbook must be followed. All used uniforms will be $1 a piece and will be available in the cafeteria June 5-9.

Designer Bag Bingo

Thank you to all who supported our designer bag bingo! It was a great evening full of food, fun, and of course, designer bags!





Upcoming Dates & Events

Ascension (Socks for Solemnities)- May 18th
Junior High Graduation Dance- May 19th
8th Grade Trip- May 22nd
Evening of Fine Arts- May 24th
5th vs 6th Kickball Game- May 25th
7th vs 8th Softball Game- May 25th
Field Day- May 26th
½ day Noon Dismissal- May 26th
Last Day for 8th grade- May 30th
Graduation- June 1st
Pre-K Last Day- June 2nd
Pre-K Flying-Up- June 5th
Last Day of School for Students- June 9th
Strawberry Festival- June 10th

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.

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May 11, 2023

To: GSCS School families
From: Fr. Jay McKee

Re: Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal 2023

Dear Friends:
At last evening's parent meeting, it came to my attention that the *Faith And Charity Appeal* envelope that was sent home a week or so ago that you may not be aware of what this effort on the part of the diocese and parish is about.

All parishes must participate in this annual appeal.

Our goal for Good Shepherd Parish/School is $61,520.50. This is the **same** goal as last year.

There were three case statements that were presented in the video presentation at all the masses weekend of April 29-30, 2023. If you wish to view the video presentation you can find it at the diocesan website: www.cdow.org or view it on Good Shepherd parish's website: www.goodshepherdcecilmd.org.
The three areas the presentation focused on were:

- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Education
- Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Because we have a school 100% of the revenues collected over our goal ($61,520.50) come back to the parish & school.

Last Year (Fy'22) The goal was the same: $61,520.50.
We exceeded the goal by over $8,800.00.
We extended ½ that amount back to the school, over $4,400.00, which Mrs. Boyd wanted to place this in a restricted fund for future use.

Please consider making a generous contribution to the Appeal. More envelopes are available at the school or the parish office.

Thank you for your consideration to my request.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Jay
Rev. Jay McKee
Pastor

Good Shepherd
National Jr. Honor Society

SUBWAY®
of Perryville

Thursday, May 18, 2023
4:00pm - 9:00pm

Perryville Subway: 5301 Pulaski Highway
-The same shopping center as Food Lion-

Looking for a night off from cooking?
Grab the friends or family & come on by for a fresh meal and help raise funds for Good Shepherd National Jr Honors Society! — Dine in or take out

15% of your purchase will be donated to Good Shepherd National Jr Honors Society!