March 1, 2023

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

The beginning chapters in the first book of the Bible teach us two important lessons about the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. In Genesis, Chapter 1, we read the first story of creation in which God decreed the beginnings of all things – light, sky, land, vegetation, stars, creatures, and finally, man. While much could be said about the tremendous amount of work God accomplished each day, one lesson learned from this first creation story is what God did on the seventh day. God rested. Workers have the right to rest just as God rested.

The second creation story in Genesis, Chapter 2, tells a different version. In this chapter we read how God prepared everything and then God got into the dirt to form both man and woman. Once formed, God breathed life into them. In this version we find God toiling to create humans and breathe life into them. The lesson learned here is that workers need to fully engage in the mess of creation to accomplish their goal. This week we have two opportunities to live this fifth theme of Catholic Social Teaching. First, we must resolve to rest on our seventh day to recreate and renew ourselves. Second, we must accept that any act of creation is a bit messy. If these two lessons served God well, are they not important enough for us to adopt them?

Indoor Flea Market

Thank you to all of our donors, vendors and shoppers that stopped by our flea market. Thank you to Mrs. Taylor for her help in organizing the event!

Noon Dismissal

On Friday, March 3rd, we will have a 12:00 dismissal for students. If your child(ren) will be in aftercare, please make sure they have a lunch.

Reconciliation

During Lent, we are reminded of our need for repentance. Today students were given the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation Monday will be held on April 3rd from 3-8

Show the Teachers Some Love

We love our faculty and staff and would like to give them a Knight to Remember. If you would like to help send your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to the gala, please send your donation in an envelope marked "Teachers Gala" to the office.

A Knight to Remember- Gala

Tickets are on sale for a Knight to Remember on **March 25th** and we would love to see you there! Visit www.goodshepherdschool.net/gala or call the office for tickets.



Third grade students are helping make a special item for their class gala basket. Thank you parents for your support in building the gala baskets!

Joe Corbi Pizza

Need a night off of cooking? Our Joe Corbi pizza fundraiser will run **Wednesday, February 15 - Monday, March 6** so delivery will be prior to spring break.

Lego Club

The Good Shepherd FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge team competed in a state qualifier on Saturday, Feb 4. The Good Shepherd team this year consisted of three 5th grade students who were new to this level of competition. The students spent the year building LEGO models for their robot game missions, built a new robot to complete the missions, and learned how to code/program their robot. In addition, they researched and presented on how to make hydroelectric energy better in our community. As coaches, we are so proud of how hard these girls worked all year building and learning new skills.







The Good Shepherd FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Explore teams presented their models and poster presentations on Saturday, Feb. 25 at UMBC. Good Shepherd had two teams at the UMBC FLL Explore festival. Team #12030 consisted of the following students in grades 1-2: Skylar Robb, Armand Baumann, Maddie Keller, Cayden Thompson, Emma Kelly, Gunnar Erickson, and Saige Sanders. All team members received medals for participating this year and the team received the "Creative Design Award"

Team #8319 consisted of the following students in grades 3-4: Robert Meyer, Isabel Keller, Jacob Calm, Sean Kelly, Ben Burton, and Rosemary Fongemie. All team members received medals for participating this year and the team received the "Best Poster Award".

It has been a pleasure coaching the two FLL Explore teams this year. Some Fridays were more chaotic than others, but in the end, we hope that all our team members enjoyed the chance to build Legos, learn a bit about programming, and had fun with us throughout the season. We look forward to our older FLL Explore students moving up next year, and we hope to see the rest come back to the GS teams. As with all things at our little school, developmental opportunities like Lego require volunteers to be successful! We need two more parent volunteers to make next year's season a success! You don't need technical or coding experience. Please contact the office if interested. - Ms. Alena and Ms. Joy









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 Sign Up

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.



3rd Graders finished their first rosaries.

Rosary Club

Come learn how to make rosaries from our very own Mrs. Sneed. She will be here on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:15.

Enrollment for Next Year

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is open! Current school families, please complete the attached form to enroll for next year. This gives us important information to assist with planning for next school year.

Re-enrollment Form 2023-2024

We invite families and community members to share the good news of Good Shepherd with others and encourage new families to take a tour and hopefully join our school family. New families should register by going to www.goodshepherdschool.net and clicking on "Enroll Now".

Diocesean Pilgrimage

Junior high students are invited to the Diocesean Cross Pilgrimage with Bishop Koenig on **Saturday, April 1st.** This is a great opportunity to ready your heart and mind for holy week as well as witness to your faith!





Working with friends makes learning fun!

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q. Which type of bow can't be tied in March?

A: A rainbow.

Upcoming Dates & Events

- End of T2 - March 3
- 12:00 Dismissal - March 3
- Daylight Savings Time- March 12
- Professional Day (No School)- March 13
- A Knight to Remember Spring Gala- March 25
- Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast- March 26
- CYM Cross Pilgrimage- April 1

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.

"A Knight to Remember"

The Good Shepherd Catholic School Annual Gala

Saturday, March 25, 2023
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)

Advance Reservations Required
Please call GSCS at 410-642-6265
or
To register online scan here