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Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Simon Sinek, a British author and inspiration speaker, published Find Your Why. In his book Sinek purports that the “why” question is significantly more important than the “who” or “what” questions we may ask about ourselves for the “why” question gets to the core of each of us.

While Sinek’s work has been motivational in business and in other aspects of life for many people, Catholic school education has sought to “find the why” for generations. As we celebrate the 49th anniversary of Catholic Schools Week across the nation this year, we are reminded again that Catholic school education is all about the “why.”

Some supporters of Catholic school education seek to demonstrate the “what” of Catholic schools. They seek to point out that compared with public and charter schools, Catholic schools not only hold their own but generally exceed their counterparts. But they do not address the “why” of Catholic school education.

The “why” of Catholic education is made clear each day in word and action here at Good Shepherd. Our students learn to “know, love, and serve God in this world so as to be happy with Him forever in heaven.”

Through countless hours of service, students recognize why they have been given their special gifts and talents by God. In classes, students learn why life is such a cherished gift. In the celebration of the Eucharist at school liturgies, students find their center in Jesus Christ and why their school exists.

To “find your why” is indeed a most important task for each of us in life. It does ground us in the core of who we are. In Catholic schools our “why” is clearly evident each and every day. Committed clergy and educators, parents and grandparents, parishioners and businesses contribute their time, talent, and treasure to ensure that our Catholic youth are rooted in faith, nurtured in hope, and strengthened in love. This week, let us celebrate Catholic schools which lead students to “find your why.”



Talent Show & 4th Grade Prayer Service

GSCS has talent! Yes, they do! We invite you to come to see some of the many talents in the Good Shepherd Talent Show on Friday, **February 3rd at 1:00.** We will also have our 4th grade prayer service. We hope parents and relatives will join us for this special event!

Interims

Time flies when we are having fun! The T2 interims are in the Wednesday envelope. We encourage parents to check your child(ren)'s grades in PowerSchool.

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".

LEGO League Challenge Team

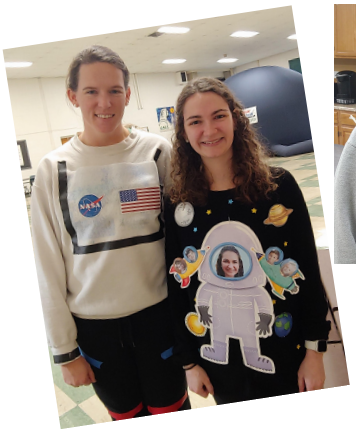
GSCS First LEGO League Challenge Team members Kate Cox, Stella Rouse, Lucy Tapera will travel to McDonogh School on **Saturday, Feb. 4** to compete in a Maryland First LEGO league regional qualifier. The 5th grade students built a robot and have been learning programming as they try to get their robot to complete missions. On Saturday they will compete in robot games with other teams and present their Innovation Project on improving an energy journey.

Casino Night

We regret to inform you that we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Casino Night. If you made reservations, you will have the following two options:

1. Apply the credit towards reservations for the Spring Gala.
2. Contact the office to receive a full refund via check.

We hope to see you at future events and appreciate your continued support!











The Good Shepherd Community, Faculty & Staff, Families, & Students are Out of This World!!

Sweetheart Breakfast

Breakfast is a sweet meal, especially with a friend! On Sunday, **February 5th**, we will have an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Indoor Flea Market

Need a break from the winter cold and would like to spruce up or clean out an area of the house? Our indoor flea market is on **February 25th**. We will be collecting items for the school table. If you are interested in purchasing a table to set up, please see the Indoor Flea Market contract.

Spring Picture Day

Spring picture day will be Monday, February 13th. Spring pictures are taken in dress uniform. We will be taking class photos,club/ group photos, and 8th grade cap and gown pictures.

Soda & Water Donations

We are in need of soda and water donations for our upcoming events. Please send your donations to the office.

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q. Why do seagulls fly over the sea?
A. Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels.

Catechism Bee

Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st in our Catechism Bee!

Junior High:

- Emma Keane
- Alex Baldwin
- Lillian Boyd





Intermediate

- Robert Meyer
- Evan Massing
- Elli Massey

Primary students worked together and answered 27 questions about their faith!

A Knight to Remember- Gala

Need a night out and want to support Catholic education? Tickets are on sale for a Knight to Remember on **March 25th.** Visit www.goodshepherdschool.net/gala or call the office for tickets.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Talent Show- Feb 3
Sweetheart Breakfast- Feb 5
My School Goes to Mass- Feb 12
Valentine's Day(Red and Pink Tag Day)- Feb 14
½ Day (Professional Development)- Feb. 17
President's Day (No School)- Feb. 20
Ash Wednesday- Feb 22
Fish Fry- Feb. 24
Indoor Flea Market- Feb. 25
Lenten Reconciliation - March 1
End of T2 - March 3
12:00 Dismissal - March 3

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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INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Come shop with us!

Second Hand Goodies

clothes • accessories • home decor

tableware • kitchenware

vendor products & more

Food & drink available for purchase

Saturday February 25th 7:30am

Are you a vendor?
Or interested in selling
some of your things?

Rent a table $25

For more information -

Call or text 302-588-8654

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We invite you to join us at our Indoor Flea Market to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School. To reserve your space, please return this completed form and a check for $25 (non-refundable), payable to *Good Shepherd Catholic School*. Please note "flea market" on your check and send to the address above % Rachel Taylor. Your $25 will include a 6 ft table and 2 chairs. There will be food and drinks available for purchase.

# of spaces requested _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____Evening Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Type of ITEMS being sold: _____
Household, Crafter, Product Consultant (NOTE: If you are a Product Rep or Consultant, you must specify when you register. Without this information, We cannot guarantee that there will not be another rep present.)

Terms and conditions:

- All spaces will be provided with a 6 foot table and two chairs. Please limit your items to the table or underneath. Large items may be placed outside and tagged with your table number as long as space is available.
- This is a school-sponsored event. You will be asked to remove any inappropriate material.
- Good Shepherd Parish is not liable for any loss or damage to property.
- Set-up will be available beginning at 6 am on the 25th. All tables must be set up by 7:30 am and cars moved to either the church parking lot or the back parking lot.
- You are responsible for taking all of your unsold merchandise at the end of the sale.
- This event will be advertised via social media. Please feel free to distribute flyers, send emails, post on facebook, etc to help make this a successful event!
- **Snow date: March 4, 2023.**

Questions, please call Rachel Taylor at (302) 588-8654 or email her at rachelleiftaylor@gmail.com.

By signing below, you agree to all of the terms and conditions set forth above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"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