December 7, 2022

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

We are so very familiar with the understanding of Advent as a time of waiting and we are equally as familiar with our impatience in this season. Of course, the culture in which we live doesn't assist us in learning to be patient. Perhaps that's why it seems so important to each of us that the first three tenets of Catholic Social Teaching, which we've studied thus far this year, become a reality quickly. We are not used to the long game. Accepting that each person is sacred and social and possesses rights and responsibilities is important to us and we want these understandings to be accepted and practiced ways of life. However, in this season of Advent, we have the opportunity to learn from the Israelites awaiting the Messiah. They, too, lacked patience. They, too, wanted the Kingdom of God to be manifested in the here and now. Perhaps our lesson this Advent is one of patient expectation while doing we can to promote the Kingdom of God in our world. It's not a matter of now or never, it's growing in God's reign a little bit more each day.

Immaculate Conception- Dec 8th

Tomorrow, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception- a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be going to Mass. Each student is asked to bring $1 for the collection. The money will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Parade

Who's coming to town? The Good Shepherd band, cheerleaders, and friends! We will be marching in the Perryville Christmas Parade on **December 10th**. We will meet at 1:30 in the Perryville Middle School parking lot. Please wear jeans, Crusader wear, and Santa or Elf hat if you are marching. We are entry number 23. Please fill out the attached form to give us an idea of who to look for.
Christmas Parade Form We look forward to sharing our Crusader spirit.



Santa Breakfast

Thank you to all who came out and supported the Santa Breakfast!

My School Goes to Mass

This **Sunday, December 11th** at the 10:00 Mass at St. Agnes, we will have My School Goes to Mass. Students that wear their dress uniform to Mass can have a free tag day on Monday.

Christmas Program

On **December 21st** at 6:30 we will be hosting our Christmas program and band concert. We look forward to sharing the gift of our talents with you.

Rosary Club

Mrs. Sneed, a parishioner and retired teacher, would like to offer the opportunity to learn how to make rosaries. The rosaries will be donated to a local Church group. Rosary club will be open to students in 5th-8th grades and will meet on Wednesdays after school from 2:30-3:30. A form will be coming home shortly.

Congratulations to our Trimester 1 Honor Roll Students

First Honors

- Dallas Anderson
- Vincent Baldwin
- Kate Cox
- Rosemary Fongemie
- Andrew Frank
- Delaney Geppi
- Everly Keane
- Isabel Keller
- Andrew Lorandeau
- Dominick Pileggi

Second Honors

- Corey Anderson
- Mia Anderson
- Lillian Boyd
- Ben Burton
- Mallory Collette
- Andrew Cox
- Peyton Flemmens
- Clare Frank
- Emily Franklin
- Elliana Keane
- Emma Keane
- Sean Kelly
- Riley Lorandeau
- Eden Massey
- Emma Massey
- Ali Meck
- Robert Meyer
- Stella Rouse
- Alannah Smith
- Lillian Smith
- Lucy Tapera
- Zerah Villar
- Anabel Wein
- Kevin Zhang

Holiday Shop

The holiday shop will be open on Tuesday, December 13th for students to purchase gifts for family and friends. Information went home in the Wednesday envelope.

Report Cards & Honors Breakfast

Report cards were sent home today through School Messenger. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Congratulations to our Trimester 1 Honor Roll students. We will have the Honors Breakfast on Tuesday, December 13 following prayer around 8:15.

School Calendar

The most up to date calendar can be found on the school website. You can have the school calendar added to your calendar by clicking this link. School Calendar Link

I-Give Catholic Campaign

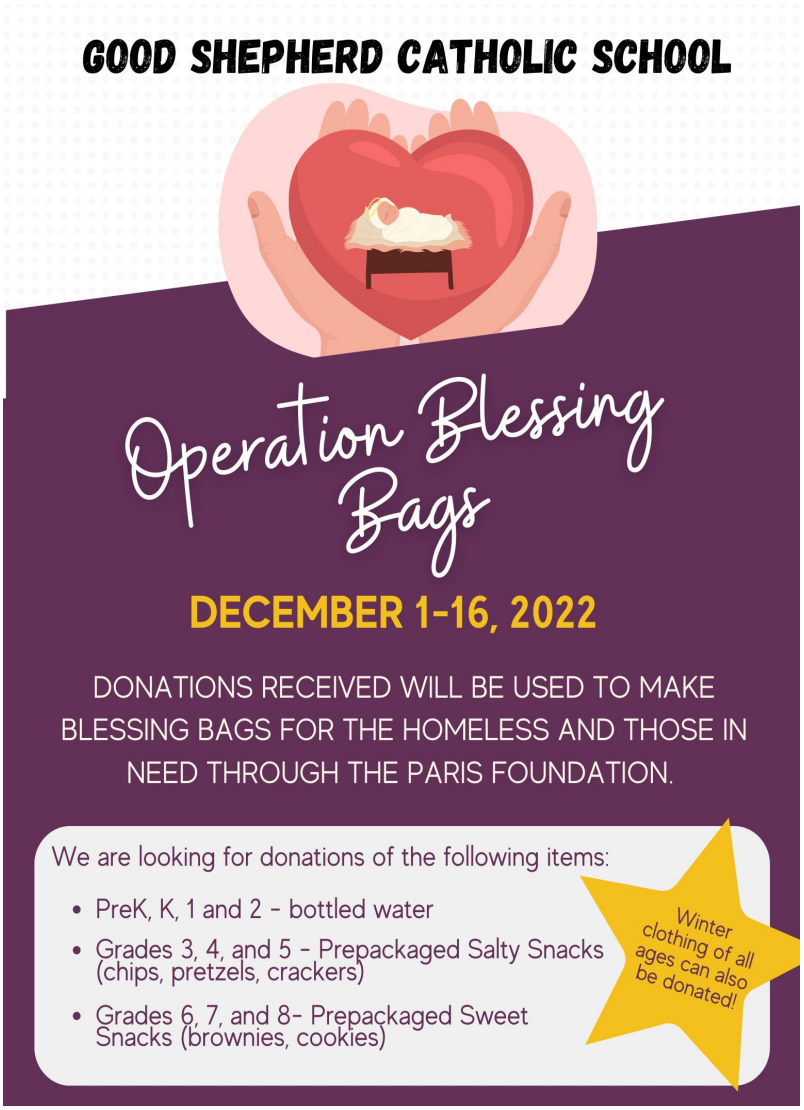
Thank you to all of our donors!! We exceeded our goal with the help of generous donors from our school and community. We will be making a plan to get the cameras installed and keep the community updated on the project. Thank you!

Casino Night

Save the date! Join us for gaming, music, hors d' oeuvres and cash bar at our annual Casino Night being held on **Saturday, February 4th**. Make you reservations here - Casino Night Reservations

With the holidays upon us, think about giving this experience to family or friends! Just contact our school office and they can provide you with a gift certificate valid for the purchase of a reservation.

Save the date!
March 25th
A Knight to Remember



Lunch Volunteers

We need lunch volunteers for Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We have some that can do every other week on Wednesday and Thursday. If you know someone who could help, please let the office know.

Diocesean Financial Aid

If you plan to apply for financial aid through the diocese, please use the following link. online.factsmgt.com/aid. The application is open and the the deadline is **January 31, 2023**. Don't wait to apply!

Spirit Wear Update from FSO!

It's great to see some of the new spirit wear being worn by our school families! I hope everyone is happy with the wide selection of choices this year. The spirit wear company is running a holiday sale from 7 Nov - 30 Nov.. 20% savings sitewide + Free shipping with all orders over $75 + Guaranteed delivery by Dec. 22 or your order is free! Visit our store link: https://1stplace.sale/43217

Family Communication Survey

Your extended family can be part of our family too! We are gathering names of extended family members that may want to know about the happenings at GSCS. Please complete the attached form to share their information with us. Family Communication Survey

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q. Did you hear about what happened to the man who stole the advent calendar?
A. He got 25 days.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Immaculate Conception- Dec. 8
Sweatshirts for Solemnities- Dec. 8
Perryville Christmas Parade- Dec 10
My School Goes to Mass- Dec. 11
Holiday Shoppe-Dec. 13
Operation Blessing Bag Donations Due- Dec. 16
Christmas Program & Band Concert-Dec 21
½ Day- Dec. 22
Christmas - Dec. 25
New Year- Jan. 1
School Reopens- Jan. 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.