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Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

***Principal's Message*- Companions on the Journey**–Matthew 11:28-30
February Spiritual Work of Mercy –Comfort the Sorrowful

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. The February Spiritual Work of Mercy calls us to be empathetic, to be companions on the journey with those who are in sorrow.

There are so many situations which lead others to be full of sorrow – fractures in families, hurtful friends, unemployment, lack of basic necessities, financial complications, societal micro-aggressions, illness, death, and more. Unattended by the comfort of others, these situations fester and create larger and more complicated problems.

Our privilege and responsibility is to walk with the other person in times of sorrow. Often our presence eases the burdens even more than actual solutions.

Virtual Open House
#CSW22

Use the link below to view our virtual open house and share it far and wide. If you know of any prospective families encourage them to check out our school!

https://youtu.be/HW3PhPGusB0



The 8th grade boys often raid Mrs. Pileggi's costume stash.

4th Grade Prayer Service
Friday February 18th; 11:30am

This prayer service will not be live streamed at 11:30 but it will be recorded and shared on goodshepherdschool.net/gscstv as soon as possible that day. The link to the video will also be added to the google calendar event.

Niche Reviews
January 21

Mrs. Pileggi just met with our Niche consultant to review the success of our online presence this year. Our dashboard looks great but WE NEED REVIEWS! Use the link below to write a review. Once we get enough reviews we will get a rating which is important for prospective families to see.

Niche Review

Calendar Dates
2022-2023 School Year

The Diocese has announced the start and end dates for the 2022-2023 school year as well as holidays. These dates have been entered into the school's Google calendar. Click the link below to review.

Calendar dates link

Re-Enrollment
2022-2023 School Year

Please use the link below to inform us of your re-enrollment intentions for the 2022-2023 school year. We ask that all families fill out the form wether you are re-enrolling or not. Thank you!

Re-enrollment link

Why Catholic Education Still Matters

Reverend Ronald J. Nuzzi, University of Notre Dame

This week concludes the ten reasons about the value of Catholic education.

7. **Discipline as a Faith Expectation** Catholic schools promote self-discipline through the clarity of moral vision that is based on the Gospel. Students are challenged to be Christ-like in word and action. They are asked to examine their choices and action in light of the Ten Commandments and the Gospel law of love. They are given a theological foundation for ethical behavior. Students are not good because they act in accord with rules and expectations. *Rather*, because students are good, i.e., sons and daughters of God, they are expected to act and make choices that are in keeping with this dignity.

8. **The Centrality of Arts, Ritual Drama, Music to the Life of Faith** Through Catholic education, students are exposed to the richness of the religious tradition. Music, Art, Literature, Drama, and Ritual are rooted in the rich history of the Church, and find their truest glory as an expression of divine praise.

9. **The Fullness of the Catholic Identity at the Heart of the Church** Catholic education has always been at the heart of the Catholic mission. Catholic education, and the students who are the products of it, have been called "the greatest work of the Church." They have been entrusted with the fullness of faith and have been charged with the mission of evangelization. They are to go out into the world and share the gifts they have received, as doctors, lawyers, police officers, firefighters, businessmen and women, teachers, priests, and religious, all as Catholic school graduates. Catholic school graduates are a leaven in society, helping the broader community to be the best it can be.

10. **Personal Excellence as a Spiritual Goal** Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings. Academic excellence is not a Gospel value in and of itself. The Sermon on the Mount doesn't say, "Blessed are you who get all A's." Education must have an altruistic education. Students learn so as to help others and make a difference in the world around them.

Interim Reports

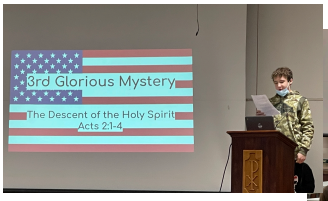
Found in Wednesday Mail

A hard copy of student interim grades will be found in Wednesday envelopes. For grades 3-8, his report does not include effort, conduct, or comments. To view these parents will need to log into Power School and explore further.





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Valentine Candy Sale

8th Grade Class Fundraiser

Our 8th grade students will be selling Valentine's Day treats to students during lunches from February 1st- February 14th. The candy cost varies from $.50 to $1.00. The money raised will go to their end of year class trip.

Upcoming Events

2/3/22	Science Fair 6-7pm
2/9/22	Bishop Visit
2/18/22	1/2 Day of School- Noon Dismissal
2/21/22	No School- President's Day

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.