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Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Principal's Message-

We begin the final week of January with a celebration of our diocesan patron – Saint Francis de Sales (Monday, January 24). As a Bishop and Doctor of the Church, we are aware that St. Francis de Sales was a prolific writer, gifted preacher, and staunch defender of the faith whose message remains current and vibrant in our lives. His writings fill 26 volumes and exhibit his deep faith and gentle approach to the challenges of his day.

"Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."
St. Francis de Sales

Student Cantors

Sign up now

Jeannie D'Ascenzio, one of our parish cantors, is willing to reinstate our student cantor program. If your child would like to be a school cantor sign them up by emailing Ms. Tracy at tharreld@goodshepherdschool.net. This opportunity is for students in grades 4-8.



Congratulations to Allison Cristo! Allison was accepted to St. Mark's High School for next year.

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

Reminder

Charge Chromebooks at Home!

This is a reminder to students that own their school chromebook. Make sure all devices are charged at home each night and ready to go for the day.

Why Catholic Education Still Matters

Reverend Ronald J. Nuzzi, University of Notre Dame

For the next two weeks we shall consider the value of Catholic education as we prepare for Catholic Schools Week – January 30-February 5, 2022.

1. **A Nuanced View of Scripture**
   Catholic school students are given the opportunity to explore the beauty and richness of Sacred Scripture seen through the lens of faith and lived out in daily practice. They experience the ongoing revelation of God in Scripture as the One who leads the Israelites through the Promised Land, and who redeems them through His cross and resurrection. They also come to view the human person as created in God's image and likeness, and destined for eternal life. They learn to apply Scripture to their own lives as a tool for prayers and the true guide for virtuous living.

2. **Civic Engagement**
   In recent research, it has been reported that private school graduates are significantly more likely to actively participate in civic activities than their public school counterparts. Catholic schools were ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic and community activities such as voting, volunteering, letter-writing to our legislators, Catholic Concerns Day, and donations to charity, not just for a tax write-off, but out of a sense of the requirements of justice.

3. **Service for the Common Good**
   Catholic schools promote service as an essential part of their curriculum. Many Catholic schools have service programs from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Higher education programs such as the Jesuit or Dominican Volunteer Corps promote service at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Diocesan organizations such as Catholic Family Services provides resources and help people from all walks of life. Catholic school students learn that since community is at the heart of who we are, there are no strangers, only brothers and sisters in the Lord. We have a responsibility to respond to the needs of others because we are all part of God's family.



Call now to reserve your spot!

Upcoming Events

1/30/22	Opening Mass- CSW
2/1/22	FSO Meeting 7 to 8 pm
2/3/22	Science Fair
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2/3/22	Science Fair
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.