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Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

***Principal's Message*- Companions on the Journey –** *Matthew 6:9-15 January Spiritual Work of Mercy – Forgive Others Willingly*

Our Gospel selection for the month of January is The Lord's Prayer, the perfect prayer given to us by Jesus himself. It is the model for all prayer incorporating adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication within it. While volumes have been written about this prayer, let us focus on seven words of this 55 word prayer – "Give us this day our daily bread."

What is our daily bread and how courageous are we to ask for it? Jesus, the Bread of Life, is certainly the daily bread we seek to live each day in the Reign of God. With him we face both the joys and the challenges of the day, assured that all shall be well.

But do we have the courage to believe it? When we ask for Jesus and what his reign brings to us this day, we place our trust in the One who can protect and preserve us throughout the day, in good times and in bad times. We open ourselves to the possibilities and problems of this day ready to meet and greet them in faith, hope, and love.

This week may our confident prayer be for the Bread of Life and the daily bread life brings our way.

Yearbook Orders

Use the link below to order your 2021-2022 yearbook.

The deadline to order is **TOMORROW!**

Yearbook order form link

Gala Meeting

Tonight

Our first Gala Committee meeting will be Wednesday January 19th at 6pm. The link to join this virtual meeting can be found in the school's Google calendar. If you want to help us plan our biggest party of the year join the Good Shepherd Gala Committee!

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

Why Catholic Education Still Matters

Reverend Ronald J. Nuzzi, University of Notre Dame

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

1. **An Incarnational View of the World**
   Catholic school students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world. They learn to recognize the "footprints of God" in their daily experiences, especially in the midst of life's challenges. They see the signs of God's love around them, and become instruments of God's grace in their own neighborhoods, communities, and the world. In an incarnational view of the world, there is no such thing as a secular subject as all learning helps to develop and bring to full bloom the image of God that is in each person.

2. **Immersion in the Paschal Mystery**
   Our lives are a series of small and not so small dyings and risings. In union with the Paschal Mystery, we realize there is redemptive power in suffering, and in the power of the cross. In it lies the answer to the mystery of all of life's successes and failures. In the experience of the Paschal Mystery, we also realize the need for community. Like Jesus we encounter our own Simons of Cyrene to help us along the way. Wins and losses on the athletic field, As and Fs in class, and laughter and tears in our lives are the way we participate in Jesus' dying and rising.

3. **The Value of Relationships as a Reflection of the Divine**
   Catholic school students learn to experience God's grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends, and teachers. The loving and supporting relationships they experience are reflections of the love and life-giving dynamic of the Trinity. As a community we celebrate our successes and achievements. We share grief and downfalls. We unite together in solidarity, and even challenge each other to become better reflections of the Divine. We are made for community.

Free Covid Test Kits

For your home

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

https://special.usps.com/testkits

Joe Corbi Pizza

January 19-February 7

Our next school fundraiser will be with Joe Corbi's Pizza. Information can be found in Wednesday Envelopes. This fundraiser will run from January 19-February 7.

Upcoming Events

1/19/22	Gala Committee Meeting
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.