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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*

"Willingly" is defined as "of one's free will." This month's Spiritual Work of Mercy takes us back to our roots in the Book of Genesis where free will was critical in the relationship between God and our first parents. God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed. What became the "fall" of Adam and Eve from God's grace was their free will to reject His way and choose instead their own way in life.

Free will remains a challenge from the beginnings of humankind until today. The fourth Spiritual Work of Mercy doesn't simply ask us to forgive, but to forgive willingly. At times our human nature, inherited from Adam and Eve, tugs at us to either reject forgiving others or forgiving others reluctantly. However, trusting in God gives us the grace to forgive from the heart – to let go without remorse.

Such trust in God to allow us to forgive willingly comes only by asking for it in prayer. As we pray the Our Father this week, let us pause at the lines that speak of forgiveness to remind ourselves that we are called to not only forgive, but also to forgive with the right attitude.

March for Life

January 21

Because the Youth Rally and Mass for Life has been cancelled by the Archdiocese of Washington, Good Shepherd will not be organizing a trip to DC for the March for Life this year. We certainly hope that this will be a trip that we can make in the near future.

Instead, Junior High teachers are planning a special day in place of the march. Students will participate in the virtual rally and mass as well as other group activities. More information about the planned events will be sent home with Junior High students this Friday.

Casino Night

Postponed

The date for Casino Night will be changed again. With hopes that the upswing of Covid cases will have more time to decline. The new date for Casino Night will be March 12. Information on ticket sales will coming soon!

Picture Make Up Day

Tomorrow

Picture make up day will be on Thursday January 13th. Any student that was absent for our original picture day and any student that needs to re-take their picture should be out of uniform that day.







High Voltage Electrical Safety Awareness Trailer visits Good Shepherd

Catholic School's Week 2022

January 30 - February 4

Each year we celebrate the excellence of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week. We start off the week attending Sunday mass in our school uniforms and continue through the week with a variety of tag days and activities that celebrate Catholic education. Details can be found below. This CSW flier will also go home in Wednesday Envelopes next week.



Yearbook Orders

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

The deadline to order is **January 20, 2022**

Yearbook order form link

Vision for the Future

Tuition Assistance Program

The online tuition assistance application is now available. The deadline for submitting applications is March 4th.

Applications for tuition assistance through the Diocese of Wilmington must be completed online by visiting FACTS at: online.factsmgt.com/aid



CSW 2020

Upcoming Events

1/13/22	School Picture Make-up/ Retake Day
1/14/22	1/2 Day of School- Noon Dismissal
1/17/22	No School- MLK Jr. Holiday
1/30/22	Opening Mass- CSW
2/1/22	FSO Meeting 7 to 8 pm
2/3/22	Science Fair

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.