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Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

***Principal's Message*- Companions on the Journey** – *Luke 15:1-7*

Mary and Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Simeon and Anna, shepherds, wise men, angels – There are quite a few people connected with the Christmas story. Each of these persons is on a journey of some type and all of them have companions who journey with them. Advent offers us the opportunity to pray with them along the Christmas journey.

Zechariah was the husband of Elizabeth, the cousin of Mary. Scripture tells us they were both advanced in age and childless until the angel (Gabriel) informed Zechariah that he and Elizabeth would have a son, the herald of the Messiah. Disbelieving the angel, Zechariah is muted until the birth of John the Baptist when he names the boy John, as he had been directed by the angel. Then Zechariah praises God with the canticle we call the Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79).



In this second week of Advent, let us mute ourselves when we are tempted to speak unkindly about another or to complain about our circumstances along our journey. May we trust the Lord that our silence at such times will result in greater blessings for us.

Holiday Shop

Next Week

Next week FSO will have a holiday shop during school hours. Classes will be assigned shopping times. Please review the information that is coming home in your Wednesday mail.

First Reconciliation

2nd grade students

Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received their sacrament of First Reconciliation this past weekend. They will now start their preparations for their First Holy Communion in the Spring.

Warming up for Jesus

Please support this Advent service project by sending in coats, hats, mittens, and blankets. These items will go to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. We greatly appreciate your support.
Submitted by:
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Students meet the author of Saints Around the World

Christmas Program Costumes

Don't Forget!

For those students that signed up to be in the Christmas Program, all Costumes should be brought in to school by Monday December 20th.





North East Christmas Parade

Calendar Changes

From the Diocese

The below calendar changes were announced to principals yesterday. These changes will be entered into our School's Google Calendar.

Bishop's Holiday
In appreciation of the welcome he has received among the schools of the Diocese of Wilmington and in gratitude to administrators, teachers, and staff who have given faithful service to students throughout COVID-19, Bishop Koenig has granted a school holiday on **Monday, January 3, 2022** to all schools of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Wellness Day
Parish and diocesan school administrators and teachers will participate in a Diocesan Professional Development Day on March 14, 2022 focused on spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social-emotional wellness. In addition, administrators in parish and diocesan schools may select **another day in the month of March** as a Wellness Day for faculty and staff. The Wellness Day is a school holiday. Mrs. Pileggi will be consulting with the teachers and staff to determine which day in March would be best for them before selecting a date. This information will be shared as soon as it is confirmed.

Memorial Day Weekend
In the 2022 diocesan calendar, Monsignor Hurley has scheduled **Friday, May 27, 2022** as a diocesan holiday. Parish and diocesan schools will be closed on this day.

Christmas Program Details

Important Timeline

It is very important that families follow the given times and directions. Please read carefully! A hard copy was sent home in Wednesday mail or you can go to https://www.goodshepherdschool.net/christmasprogram

This event has been planned in an effort to allow our school community to gather while avoiding large groups in one place. Everyone in the school building will be required to wear a mask. Anyone who would like to attend the band concert needs to RSVP through the form below. Thank you for helping in our efforts to keep everyone in our school community safe.
https://forms.gle/UDyodbw3FSFQiDLv8

Vision for the Future

Tuition Assistance Program

Beginning December 1, the online tuition assistance application will be available to families with students in parish and diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Specific information can be found in Wednesday mail. The deadline for submitting applications is March 4th.

Upcoming Events

12/8/21	6th Grade Prayer Service
12/11/21	Perryville Christmas Parade
12/11/21	Dinner Theater
12/14/21	Honors Breakfast
12/17/21	Spring Musical Auditions
12/21/21	Christmas Program
12/22/21	1/2 Day of School- no aftercare
12/23 - 1/3	No School- Christmas Break

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.