SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

# Crusader Chronicles

## Good Shepherd Catholic School

***Principal's Message-*** *Our diocesan theme for the school year,* ***Companions on the Journey,*** *presents us with two invitations. We have been invited to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ on our journey to the reign of God. We meet the Lord through Word and Sacrament. We have also been invited to accompany others on their journey and through them we come to know the Lord in community and service.*

*Our focus on the Spiritual Works of Mercy will offer us seven ways to grow individually and communally. These signposts provide guides to track our progress on the journey.*

*Our special prayer for the year is the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our school community will pray this prayer daily. The prayer demonstrates that journeying with the Lord transforms us and our world in ways that are countercultural to the secularism that surround us.*

## Aftercare

### New staff

Brigid Baldwin, the older sister of the multiple Baldwin's in our school, will be working aftercare this year. We are still in need of additional staff. If you know anyone that would be interested please have them email Mrs. Pileggi or call the school.

## GSCS Car Magnets

### Thank you FSO

Our Family School Organization designed new Good Shepherd car magnets. Each family should have received 2 magnets courtesy of the FSO. Any family who did not get their magnets yet will find them in Wednesday mail. If you do not get them please let us know.



**1st Graders caught wearing "Good Choices Glasses"!**



**Meet Ms. Ashley, our new Cafeteria Manager**

## Birthday Snacks

### Reminder

Remember students get a free tag day (out of uniform) on their birthday! Students can also bring in a special snack for their class if you choose but we ask that snacks be individually factory packaged. Thank you for following this safety precaution.

## FSO Facebook Page

### School Parents Only

Our Family School Organization hosts a facebook page for school parents. Use the link below to access the page and request access.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/166273514796101/?ref=share

## Power School Forms

### Student Update Forms

If you have not already done so, please go into your Power School Parent Portal and click "forms"on the left margin. All families need to do all student update forms each year. This is not accessible on the mobile app so you need to do this on a computer. The link below will get you to the portal.

https://cdow.psisjs.com/public/home.html

## New Doorbell System

### Security Upgrade

We are in the process of installing a new doorbell system in an effort to increase security. This system is directly connected to our school network and pre-existing security cameras. A big thank you to Josh Landers for installing the system.

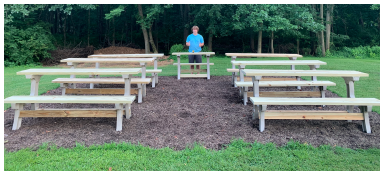
Currently, the doorbell feature is not yet enabled but should be activated by next week. In the mean time, all teachers are able to get in with their key cards. Junior High students have access to a key card pass when needed.

Any parents who are trying to enter the building can knock or call the main office. Remember, visitors are limited at this time.

## Eagle Scout Project

### Herbie Montgomery

Herbie Montgomery, GS class of 2018, created an outdoor classroom for Good Shepherd this summer as his Eagle Scout Project. The timing for an outdoor classroom is perfect. It allows teachers to conduct classes outside while giving students a mask break. Thank you Herbie and congratulations on your accomplishment of Eagle Scout.



## Parent Volunteer Hour Tracking

### Digital Form

We have created a Google Form to track parent volunteer hours. Use the link below to access the form. Notice it is a school website link for easy access in the future. This is for parent hours not student service hours.

goodshepherdschool.net/volunteerhours

## Summer Volunteers

### Thank you!

Thank you to the moms, dads, and students that volunteered over the summer both mulching the playground and gardens and moving furniture in the school building. Both efforts contributed to a welcoming environment for our students and teachers this week.



## Upcoming Events

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| 9/6/21 | No School- Labor Day |
| 9/13/21 | Back to School Night |
| 9/16/21 | Opening School Mass |
| 9/24/21 | 1/2 Day of School- Noon Dismissal |
| 9/24/21 | Grandparent's Day |
| 9/25/21 | Golf Tournament |
| 9/27-10/8 | Renaissance Testing |
| 10/1/21 | No School- Teacher Retreat |

*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.*