

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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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.

We Walk by Faith... in COUNSEL

November brings the third gift of the Holy Spirit to light as We Walk by Faith. Pope Francis defines Counsel as “the gift through which the Holy Spirit enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus and his Gospel.” According to R.J. Jacobs, SJ, Counsel may be connected to the virtue of prudence. It “nurtures our interior sensitivity to our conscience, and then aids us in taking the right action with the right intention.” Perhaps we have had an opportunity to gossip about a friend or a colleague behind their back. Refraining from doing so, the right action with the right intention, results from the gift of Counsel. This wonderful gift gives us an opportunity to stop and separate stimulus from response, so that we do not react but act at the right time and in the right way. So many poor decisions occur when one simply reacts to a situation whether by words or by deeds. Counsel allows our conscience to do its job, to pause, to reflect, and to decide. This week, let us pray for a greater awareness of this most necessary gift and pray for Counsel before speaking or acting in situations that come our way. May our Lady of Good Counsel be with us now and always to guide us.

Let us pray ...

that throughout the month of November, we may remember all who have returned home to our Lord.

that through the gift of counsel, we may pause and allow our conscience to pause, reflect and decide as we navigate our days.

for the Good Shepherd community, that we may continue to be a faith-filled family.





Reminders & Highlights

- **PowerSchool Forms**– These forms should be completed ASAP. If you need assistance please reach out to the front office or Mrs. Ingraham for help. **If your child's forms are completely filled out before next Thursday, they will have a dress down day on Friday November 15th.** This means that all forms and fields are completed. If a field does not apply to you, please write in N/A.
 - **Vision for the Future 2025–2026 Applications** – Applications for tuition assistance (Vision for the Future) for the 2025–2026 school year through the FACTS site opened on September 15, 2024. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2025, and notification of awards will begin on March 1, 2025. I highly encourage ALL families to apply for this. Sometimes additional funds are available but unless an application has been submitted, they cannot be given out.
 - **All Souls Day**– Throughout the month of November, we will be remembering our friends and family who have gone home to our Lord. In art class, students have been learning about the cultural significance of Dia De Los Muertos and art from other countries. Mrs. Murphy has created an ofrenda for the school. If you would like to send in a list of names and/ or photographs of departed loved ones. If sending a photograph, please have your child's name on the back so we can return it to you.
 - **Winter Uniform**– Although Mother Nature seems to throw us through a lot of different seasons each day, we have officially switched to our Winter uniform.
 - **Holiday Plant Sale**– Order forms went home in this week's Wednesday folders for our Holiday Plant Sale. You can purchase beautiful poinsettias, cyclamens, or wreaths and support GSCS at the same time. All orders are due in the office by Wednesday, Nov. 13. Delivery will occur sometime the week of Dec. 2.
 - **Cash Raffle November Ticket Sale**– At our annual Gala, 3 winners are chosen. The winning ticket wins \$5,000. The second prize winner wins \$2500 and the third prize winner wins \$500. Tickets are normally \$50 a piece. We are grateful for all of you so we are running a sale through the entire month of November only. Each ticket is only \$40.
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Christmas Bazaar– Please see a note below regarding the annual Christmas Bazaar.

Good afternoon families,

We hope you had a chance to review last week's Wednesday Mail where you may have found information regarding our upcoming Christmas Bazaar. If you are interested in making donations to support this event, our dedicated bazaar coordinator, Kristin Massey, has compiled a list of items available on Amazon. To explore these items, please click on the respective link below for your student's grade level.

“Let's get creative” Kindergarten

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/33W5MT5NV0LXU?ref_=wl_share

“Recess time” Grades 1 & 2

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24Z51MI0JIKXR?ref_=wl_share

“What's in a box” Grades 3 & 4

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ME8JU72PSA3Q?ref_=wl_share

“Santa's little helper” Grades 5 & 6

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1A2PQPY96J2RU?ref_=wl_share

“Road Trip” Grades 7 & 8

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CX6XQS2CHF8U?ref_=wl_share

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to making this year's Christmas Bazaar a wonderful and memorable event for all. Thank you for your generosity and participation!

From Mrs. Ingraham...

Thank you for your patience yesterday! The area around us lost all internet access and phone lines were down. We are back up and running this morning! We also wanted to share that on Monday, November 11th you will see some construction vehicles on our campus. There will be a large dying tree that will be taken down. Morning arrival will be normal but we kindly ask that no one use the parking lot for the day. The church lot and the parking lot behind the school are available for use.

Does Your School Have the Most Team Spirit? Let it Shine!



BISHOP'S 5K RUN/WALK

Sat., Nov. 23, 2024
8am-11am



**Show your School Spirit by building the biggest team
for the Bishop's 5K run/walk.**

***The three largest teams will win bragging rights
and a cash prize for your school!***



The Top 3 Largest Teams Will Be Awarded!



To qualify, you need at least **15 supporters from your school.**

The top three school teams with the most participants by midnight, Fri. Nov. 22, will win cash!

1st Place: \$1,000 • 2nd Place: \$500 • 3rd Place: \$250

Saint Mark's High School, 2501 Pike Creek Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

Registration Fee: \$29 Adults (\$40 on Race Day) • Students \$19 (under 18)

Your participation provides vital support and offers relief to those in crisis.

Stand with Catholic Charities and be a beacon of hope in someone's life.

Catholic Charities assists low-income households experiencing a financial crisis to pay for basic expenses such as rent, utilities,

food, and clothing. We manage Bayard House, a home for pregnant teens and women preparing for childbirth. Our programs include shelters for homeless prevention, low income housing for senior citizens, and behavioral health services.

Through the Diocese of Wilmington, we offer essential services to strengthen families, assist the disadvantaged, and build relationships throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

**For more information and to register:
www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/**

All proceeds will be used to support Catholic Charities' social service programs in Delaware and the Eastern shore of Maryland.