

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Crusader Chronicles

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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

The Jesuit practice of the Examen, a daily reflective prayer on the day, reminds us of the value of the gift of counsel. While much has been written about this prayer, it basically consists of five steps:

1. Ask God for light. Attune ourselves to look and listen, we may find God present within us, all around us, and speaking to us constantly.
2. Give thanks. Whatever talents or gifts we have are just that—gifts. And gratitude is the only proper response to the reception of gifts.
3. Review the day. If we think we have “got” it, we will lose it. If we think we have “arrived,” we have gone down a cul-de-sac.
4. Face your shortcomings. We have not always made choices that lead us to praise, honor, and serve God.
5. Look toward the day to come. We need to act wisely, as God would have us act. We narrow things down. The future becomes today.

Engaging in the Examen on a daily basis sets a routine to practice counsel in our lives. It provides time for us to allow the voice of God to speak to us and to lead us to acknowledge where we've been today, where we are in the moment, and we hope to be tomorrow. Perhaps this week, if we have not prayed the Examen, let's make a commitment to take time to see if this prayer fits us.

Let us pray ...

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

for Father Jay as recovers from surgery.

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!

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive– Our food pantry is in need of canned fruit, syrup and jellies. If you are able to donate some of these items, St. Vincent de Paul would be grateful.

From Mrs. Ingraham

November is really flying by! Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly read this newsletter so that you can stay up to date, as there is a lot going on! I'd like to share with you that Miss Casper will be moving on from Good Shepherd at the end of Trimester 1. We wish her the best of luck. Beginning Trimester 2, Mr. Vanderwerff will be taking over teaching Social Studies for grades 3-8. He is a big history buff and has a degree in Education and is studying for a History Degree. Mrs. Boyd, with her passion for religion, will be taking on 6th grade Religion. Rooted in her faith, Ms. Cartier will be taking on 7th and 8th Grade Religion. We have been working diligently to fill in the Technology hole and once this has been finalized, news will be shared promptly.

I thank you for your support, patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly.

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.



GSCS FSO PRESENTS

TURKEY WARS

WIN A PIZZA/ICE
CREAM PARTY

Support the FSO's Annual Fundraiser

Let's have a contest to see which class can make their turkey the fullest! Starting on 18 November, students can buy turkey feathers to fluff out their class turkey. Feathers will be 0.50 each. The winning class will win a Tag Day with pizza/ice cream party for lunch on Friday, Dec 13.

All proceeds benefit the activities of the FSO.

Look for Class Turkeys on display inside.

November 18 - November 25

Buy Turkey Feathers for 0.50/each