

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 UNDERSTANDING

The first two gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom and understanding – have been the focus of our annual theme for September and October. Perhaps these gifts are most essential as we approach our national elections on November 5. We are called in the next 10 days or so to pray that the Holy Spirit guides our consciences in the ways of wisdom and understanding so as to make the best decisions regarding the candidates for office. Beginning on Monday, October 29, you may wish to join a novena of prayer for the intentions of this election – the process, the candidates, and the people of the United States. Below is a daily prayer for this purpose.

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our nation as we exercise our right and responsibility to vote. May our choices be formed and inspired by a respect for the common good. Spirit of Justice, inspire those running for public office. May they be rooted in mercy, especially in their service to those who are most vulnerable and in need of compassionate governance. Spirit of Love, bless all who will be affected by the outcome of this election. May we turn away from partisanship and division to sow seeds of peace, reconciliation, and kindness. Amen.

Let us pray ...

that in the spirit of understanding, we may learn to focus on listening to one another rather than hearing.

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.
 - **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 Saints Day!**– On Friday Novembers 1st, we will be attending the All Saints Day Mass at Good Shepherd as a school. Students in grades Kindergarten through grade 2 are asked to dress up as a saint for this Mass. Students should wear their saint costume to school over their school uniform.
 - **Halloween TAG Day**– Students and staff may dress down for Halloween tomorrow. No costumes please.
 - **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.
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From Mrs. Ingraham's Desk

Can you believe it is almost November?! I thank you for your continued support of this beautiful school community and for enabling your children to have a Catholic education. It brings me immense joy to see their smiles each morning, even though they are not fully awake yet. We are trying really hard to spread the great news of our small but mighty community to as many people as we can. If you are on Social Media, we'd love it if you can follow us and share posts. I am also really excited to share that our school website has been revamped and will be newly published very soon. We've made lots of new updates with information and pictures. It is extremely important that if you have not completed PowerSchool forms that you do so ASAP, as one of the forms is a photo release. We would absolutely love to show updated photos and all of the exciting things that are happening at Good Shepherd but we need your permission to do so.



YEARBOOK CLUB

Meets every Wednesday starting Oct 9.
2:30-3:30 in Mrs. Chicosky's classroom.
All Junior High Students (6-8) are welcome.
Time commitment is whatever you can give.
If you have any questions see Mrs. Chicosky or
Mrs. Richardson. All you need is your chrome
book and plenty of creativity.

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.