

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

Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Year 2025

2025 will mark a Jubilee Year for the Roman Catholic Church worldwide. A Jubilee Year is a Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, the call to conversion, and a time of joyful celebration, occurring once every 25 years. Special graces for the forgiveness of sins are made available during the Jubilee Year. We may obtain a plenary indulgence – remission of all temporal punishment (time in Purgatory) for sin– by meeting the normal conditions (confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions, and no attachment to sin) and by participating in one of the following activities: Pilgrimages: The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations, but pilgrims may also go to their diocesan cathedral.

Pious visits to sacred places: At these locations, we are to engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices.

Works of mercy and penance: We are to perform the spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance, such as abstaining from meat on Fridays.

The upcoming jubilee year offers us the opportunity of a lifetime. May we avail ourselves of the Lord's generosity.

Let us pray ...

for all members of the Good Shepherd community, that we may remember to count all of our blessings as we enter the holiday season.

for all those suffering in any way, that they may find strength and comfort in our Lord.





Reminders & Highlights

- **Report Cards**– Please log into your child’s PowerSchool account to view their Digital Report Cards.
 - **Santa Shoppe**– Santa Shoppe will be open Thursday and Friday this week.
 - Congratulations to our Kindergarten class for winning this year's Turkey Wars. FSO is sponsoring a pizza/ice cream party for them this Friday during lunch and the class also wins a Tag Day for this Friday!
 - **Annual Fund**– A sincere thank you to all who have contributed towards iGiveCatholic or our Annual Fund! Collectively, we have raised almost \$14,000 thus far. I would love to be able to share with the broader community that a large percentage of our own families contributed. If you have not contributed yet, please consider making a small donation if possible. There is no generosity that is too small.
 - **2025–2026 Enrollment!** We are excited to share that re-registration for the 2025–2026 School Year will begin January 6th. Students currently in our Kindergarten through Grade 7 homerooms will automatically be re-registered for the 2025–2026 school year, effective Monday, January 6th, unless Miss Ashley Kelly (akelly@goodshepherdschool.net) is emailed that your child is not returning by Monday, January 6th. If you know of someone who is interested in enrolling or learning more about Good Shepherd, please refer them. We are also excited to share that we will also be accepting applications for preschool students, but we need at least 10 students in order to run the class.
 - **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 and to complete the narrative portion of the application.** Sometimes additional funds are available but unless an application has been submitted, they cannot be given out. Even if you think you may not qualify, I recommend applying.
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- **Bag Bingo Donations-** We are looking for donations for designer bags for our annual bag bingo in January.
- **Thursday 12/19 Pajama Day-** We will be enjoying our Christmas Luncheon together on Thursday as a whole school. We'd love to invite all of our staff and students to wear their school appropriate pajamas so that we can watch The Polar Express afterwards.
- **Family Volunteer Hours-** We believe that in order for us to succeed, we need to work together. We do ask each family to help with events in whatever way they are able to. We will be needing volunteers at our Honors Breakfast, Designer Bingo, Gala and Strawberry Festival. Please make sure that you log your hours by filling out this form each time. [Log Form](#)

Reminders and Important Dates

Santa Shoppe 12/10 – 12/13

Turkey Feather Reward for Kindergarten- 12/13

Honors Breakfast- 12/17

Christmas Program – 12/20 at 11:00

*Please wear your Sunday best!

Noon Dismissal – 12/20

*Pajama Day

*No Aftercare or Hot Lunch

School Reopens- 1/6

Designer Bag Bingo- 1/11

From Mrs. Ingraham

Happy Advent!

Thank you for taking the time to read through all of our reminders and highlights. Tis the season of business! Please help me welcome our new music teacher, Miss O'Mara. Miss O'Mara will be officially starting when we come back in January. She has a strong music background and is a singer. She is very eager to get started and is hoping to start a choir enrichment program at Good Shepherd. Stay tuned for more updates on this!

I would also ask that you help me give a warm welcome to Mrs. Donithan, who will be taking over an Informational Literacy class, previously a Technology Special. Mrs. Donithan has a solid background in establishing a library program and will be incorporating literacy and library, technology and study skills into her class.

You will notice that we will be opening up re-registration for the 2025-2026 school year when we come back in January. I have truly loved every second I have spent in this community thus far and getting to know each and everyone. I hope to be able to continue to grow this beautiful school next year with all of our families. Please know that my door is always open and that no concern or idea is too small, we are all part of one team. I truly value our partnership and our whole staff values you and your children. Good Shepherd is truly a gem in the Perryville community, that I pray more people will know about.

On behalf of our whole staff, we want to thank each and every one of your for choosing Good Shepherd for your child's Catholic Education. I am a firm believer that there is no greater gift that we can offer our children than this and for families to be able to support one another. If you know of a family who has this desire for their child, but is experiencing financial hardships, please know that their is aid available. We are always willing to work with any family.

Prayerfully,

Mrs. Ingraham
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