

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

Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Year 2025 (For the season of Advent we shall set aside our monthly virtue focus to consider the upcoming Jubilee Year.)

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. In Old Testament times, a jubilee year was proclaimed every 50 years. God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves, and the forgiveness of debts. Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300, granting the full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Church first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years. Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint"). The jubilee will begin in Rome on the vigil of the Lord's Nativity on December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, and in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday on December 29, 2024.

Let us pray ...

That during this season of we remember how fortunate each and everyone of us are.

for all of the intentions of the Good Shepherd community.





Reminders & Highlights

- **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.
 - **Cash Raffle December Ticket Sale**– Why not give yourself more chances to win \$5,000?! At our Annual Gala, 3 winners are chosen. The winning ticket wins \$5,000. The second prize winner wins \$2,500 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 December. **Each ticket is only \$20.** Please contact the office for more tickets.
 - **Renaissance Reports**–Your child should have come home with the results from the Renaissance Testing taken before Thanksgiving. These brief adaptive assessments provide teachers with a lot of data to help pin point areas of strength and growth in your child.
 - **Holiday Plant Sale Fundraiser**– We are expecting delivery on Friday 12/6 if you ordered plants from our Holiday Plant Sale. Please plan to get your items at dismissal on Friday, Dec. 6.
 - **Immaculate Conception School Mass**– We will be having a School Mass on Monday 12/9 at 9:00 to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation. Please feel free to join us at Good Shepherd!
 - **Bag Bingo Donations**– We are looking for donations for designer bags for our annual bag bingo in January.
 - **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. Please make sure that you log your hours by filling out this form each time. [Log Form](#)
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Reminders and Important Dates

First Friday Adoration- 12/6

First Reconciliation- 12/7

Immaculate Conception School Mass- 12/9 at 9:00

Report Cards go Home- 12/11

Santa Shoppe 12/10 - 12/13

Turkey Feather Reward for Kindergarten- 12/13

Honors Breakfast- 12/17

Christmas Program - 12/20 at 11:00

Noon Dismissal - 12/20

School Reopens- 1/6

Designer Bag Bingo- 1/11

From Mrs. Ingraham

Happy Advent!

We kicked off our Annual Fund which was paired with iGiveCatholic this year just a little over a week ago exactly. I wanted to give you an update, that in this short amount of time, we have raised about \$11,000 already!!! This is absolutely incredible! This means that as of right now \$550 will go to Project Linus, a charity chosen by our students, which provides hand-made blankets to critically-ill kids. We are beyond excited that our students will get to participate in a hands-on service project from your generosity. If you missed Giving Day and would still love to contribute, you may send a check or contribute through Online Giving and choose Annual Fund. We are extremely grateful for all of your generosity.

I know that the weather has been teasing us with warm days and frigid days, but December is upon us. Our students are attending daily Mass once a week as a part of Advent and some times travel in and out of the school. PLEASE send your child in with appropriate winter clothes, which includes a winter jacket. Students will not be allowed to go outside for recess if they are not wearing the proper winter attire. We thank you for your understanding!

As always, 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. I am always willing to work with any family.

Prayerfully,

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