

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

The Gift of Counsel is a great example of how God invites us to take part in the Divine Life. He wants us to cooperate in the conversion of our own hearts. Through the Gift of Counsel, our conscience becomes a place where the human heart meets the Holy Spirit. Our conscience is formed by instruction and practice in the moral teaching of the Church – the Ten Commandments, the Law of Love, the Beatitudes, the Works of Mercy, and the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These guiderails keep our minds and our hearts on the road to heaven. Knowledge of these teachings is easy; practice of them may be quite challenging. The world beyond our Catholic classrooms and parish church is a culture different from our own. It raises up what we believe should be held down. It honors what we reject. It teaches but not Truth. The Gift of Counsel strengthens us to practice what we know with regard to the moral code of conduct. It readies us each day for the struggles in morality that each of us faces. Let us commit to reflect on the moral principles of our faith this week so that we are prepared to live by our conscience each day of this week and beyond.

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.

that as we enter the Thanksgiving holiday, we may remember to count our blessings.





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. 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.
 - **School Website**– Thank you for your patience these last few weeks! We are super excited to announce that our school website has been completely redone and will be going live within the next days. The Technology Geniuses tell us this may take a few hours so if you are having trouble accessing information, please be patient.
 - **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.**
 - **Bookmobile!** Students had a really exciting visit today from the Perryville Bookmobile. They were able to take a book home to read. Please make sure all books are returned by December 6th. Books can be returned to the school.
 - **Renaissance Testing**– Students participated in Renaissance testing these last 2 weeks. These assessments provide valuable feedback to help teachers drive their instruction. The Parent Report will be going home next Tuesday for you to review.
 - **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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From Mrs. Ingraham

With only a few days of school left until Thanksgiving Break, let's make sure that we are helping our kids continue to try their best at school. The end of the Trimester is coming to a close in a few days. It is important that we teach our kids to work hard from the beginning until the end, so please make sure that you help to guide your child to success by checking PowerSchool throughout the Trimester and not just at the end.

During this season of thankfulness and giving, it is important for us to recognize how blessed each and every one of us are. If you have been a part of the Good Shepherd community for some time, you will remember that we normally participate in the Day of Giving and then in January we participate in our Annual Fund. In the hopes of being mindful of your contributions, we have incorporated the Day of Giving within our Annual Fund this year.

Mornings at Good Shepherd begin with a shared prayer and a commitment to guiding our students in faith, excellence, and compassion. For 67 years, our community has been a beacon of hope, nurturing young hearts and minds with values that last a lifetime. Through this year's Annual Fund, we aim to raise \$25,000, inviting our students to witness the power of generosity firsthand. Beyond supporting the essentials—safe facilities, enhanced learning resources, and sustainable growth—your gift will help teach our students about philanthropy. They are learning not only the impact of support on their own education but also the profound joy of giving back.

This year, 5% of our Annual Fund will go to Project Linus, a charity chosen by our students that provides comfort blankets to critically ill children. Together, they learn that generosity can touch lives beyond their school, instilling a sense of fulfillment and happiness that reflects our Catholic faith.

We humbly ask you to prayerfully consider what you might be able to donate towards this initiative. There is no gift that is too small.



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