

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 KNOWLEDGE

What would you think about a student's readiness for the world of 2025 if s/he freely chooses to end his or her education in the eighth grade? Eighth grade students are approximately 13 years old. In all 50 states, the earliest age at which a student may drop out of school is 16 years old and in some states it is 17-19 years old. Yet, this reality occurs in 2025! In our faith communities, there are young people who end their search for knowledge at 13 years old. They or their families decide that Confirmation is the end of the line in faith formation. Even some adults have discontinued their faith formation. The fifth gift of the Holy Spirit – Knowledge – develops in us the desire to learn more about our faith. The gift alone does not provide all the answers. It simply creates a burning urge to seek truth, beauty, and goodness which our faith offers.

During February let us commit to two resolutions related to the gift of Knowledge. First, let's pray more intently for this gift to inspire each of us to want to learn more about our faith. Invoke God's Spirit to open us to the possibilities of knowledge. Second, let us be determined to actually take action on this resolution. To act with the gift of knowledge is to seek a conversation, video, book, podcast, lecture, article, essay, movie, or whatever else one may find that deepens our knowledge, understanding, or practice of the faith in our lives.

Will you accept this February challenge?

Let us pray ...

for all of the intentions of the Good Shepherd community.



From Mrs. Ingraham

Hello!

It is Wednesday Mail Day. Please find the following in your child's envelope:

Weekly After care Bills: Due by Tuesday, Feb 11th.

Middle School Volunteer Hours Update. Please sign and return. Student hours should be turned into the office by February 24th. These forms can be found by Miss Debbie's desk.

Class photo envelopes. Photos are on February 18th. These photos are taken in uniform.

Good Shepherd Church Bull Roast Flyer. Plan to come out and have a good time. Info on various community events.

There is no school on Friday, February 7th.

Monday, February 10th: THERE ARE NO BUSES

Friday, February 14th : 12 pm Dismissal. CCPS dismiss at 1 pm. The buses will be running. There will be Aftercare.

You should have received a survey from the Board of Catholic Schools earlier this week. The survey helps them to understand your experience, identify areas of opportunity, and ensure we are providing the best possible education for our students. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey when it arrives in your email inbox. Your feedback is valuable and results are shared with us to help shape the future of our school. Thank you for your time.

Please know that my door is always open and that no concern or idea is too small, we are all part of one team and family. I truly value our partnership and our whole staff values you and your children. We thank you for choosing a Catholic Education at Good Shepherd Catholic School!

Prayerfully,

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January 2025

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

It seems as though this year is flying by! Planning for next school year has begun and we are excited for another year of growth, learning, community, and we are grateful for your continued trust in Good Shepherd as partners in your child's education.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you our new tuition rates for the 2025-2026 School Year.

This adjustment to the tuition structure will benefit families who apply for tuition assistance. Through accurately reflecting our tuition, we are able to increase the amount of financial assistance available, as the current regulations prevent us from factoring in fees when we submit our tuition rates for aid considerations. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that more families have access to the support they need to continue providing their children with a Catholic education. We also recognize that we have many families that are parishioners and we want to show them our appreciation. We are implementing in-parish and out-of parish tuition rates. The out-of parish tuition rate has a \$520 offertory contribution built in to support our parish.

We recognize that a lot falls on our families with each fundraiser to donate your time, talent, treasure and items. We hope that you have noticed that we have tried to limit the number of these requests this year. The Good Shepherd community is a strong, faith-filled family that provides so much for our community. In looking towards the future, we will continue to strive to focus on community building fundraisers that bring us and our neighbors closer together. These events cannot be done without your help as part of our family. In previous years, families have been asked to volunteer 20 hours each school year. We understand that this may be a hardship for some families, which is why we have lowered the required volunteer hours for each family to just 10 hours for the school year. But please be aware volunteers are NEEDED to ensure the success of our major fundraisers.

If you have not submitted your application for the Diocesan Vision for the Future Tuition Assistance Program, please do as soon as possible. Applications can be made through FACTS. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 31st.

If this change causes a concern or you have any questions regarding these changes or would like further information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Prayerfully,



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2025-2026 Tuition Rates

K-8	In Parish Tuition	Out of Parish Tuition
1 Child	\$8,338.00	\$8,858.00
2 Children	\$14,850.00	\$15,370.00
3 Children	\$21,362.00	\$21,882.00
4 Children	\$27,874.00	\$28,394.00
● Out of Parish Tuition includes \$520 towards offertory.		
Pre-K	In Parish Tuition	Out of Parish Tuition
Full Day	\$8,360.00	\$8,880.00
Half Day	\$6,260.00	\$6,780.00

* There will be a one time technology fee for all Middle School students which will be used to purchase a device that the student will utilize in their studies. Intermediate students will be given the option to purchase this early.

* Each family must also contribute 10 volunteer hours. (You have the option to pay a one time fee of \$200 in lieu of the 10 hours obligation).

* Tuition, fees, and incidental bills are paid using FACTS Management. Families will have a choice of 1, 2, 10, or 12 payments.

***The registration fee is \$135 per child.**





"A Knight to Remember"

The Good Shepherd Catholic School Annual Gala

Saturday, March 29, 2025
4 pm - 9 pm

The Wellwood Banquet Center, Charlestown, Maryland

Tickets: \$80 per person / \$600 per table of 8
(\$50 for Alumni under age 21)

Semi-formal attire requested

3-Course Dinner and Open Bar Included

Silent Auction - Raffles - Music and Dancing - Live Auction

Advance Reservations Required

Please call GSCS at 410-642-6265

or

Click below to register online!

[Click here to reserve tickets!](#)

Good Shepherd BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

Sunday, March 2, 2025

To be held at **The Wellwood**
523 Water St., Charlestown



1:00pm to 4:30pm
Food 1:30 to 3:30
Music 1:00 to 4:30

MENU

OYSTER STEW
PIT BEEF W/ ROLLS
PULLED PORK W/ ROLLS
OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL
(COCKTAIL SAUCE, MIGNONETTE)
FRIED OYSTERS (COCKTAIL SAUCE)
STEAMED SHRIMP
BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE
HUSH PUPPIES
COLE SLAW
DESSERT
DOMESTIC BEER & HOUSE WINE
ICED TEA, SODA, COFFEE

Catered by The Wellwood
Cecil County's Finest!

TICKETS

\$55.00 *IN ADVANCE*
\$60.00 *AT THE DOOR*

AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

410-642-6534

DOOR PRIZES!

RAFFLES!

BIG SIX!

ROCKIN' DJ!

All You Can Eat & Drink On Premises - Cash Bar for Liquor
Benefits Good Shepherd Parish