



# Good Shepherd Times

May/June 2017



## Updates from Dr. Tift

This is the final Newsletter for the 2016-2017 school year. It's difficult to imagine that I am almost finished with my first year here at Good Shepherd School. I want to thank everyone in this community for the warm welcome I've received, and for your patience and support as I settled into my new role. Here are a few end-of-the-year reminders that we share in this final newsletter.

### SPRING CONCERT

We will have our Spring Picnic, Pom Squad Performance, and Spring Concert on **Sunday night May 21<sup>st</sup>**. We invite all of our school families and their guests to attend. A picnic supper runs from 4:30 – 6:00 P.M. Where else can you get such a great bargain of a meal? Two dollars includes dinner, dessert, and wonderful, fun entertainment. The Pom Squad will perform at 6:00 P.M. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will perform their fun outdoor concert, "A Kids Life". Please join us for this special evening event.

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION MASS

It is our tradition to recognize and thank all our wonderful volunteers at **Mass on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** which will be led by our Kindergarten students. We would not be able to thrive as a school community without the assistance of so many volunteers who generously donate their time throughout the year. Their presence in our school provides critical support to our teachers and staff, while building family networks and friendships. We want to thank all the moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends and relatives – including our special seniors – who help in the kitchen, library, learning center, classrooms, coaching, athletic day, and all others areas. Thousands of hours are donated every year to help make this school such a great place to learn. Thank you all very much!

### USED UNIFORM SALE

There will be a Used Uniform Sale on **Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**. The last day for the students to wear their uniforms will be **Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Our last day of school is Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be normal busing that day, but we will dismiss at 11:00 A.M. **There is NO After School Care that day, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Many families get together for picnics and parties after dismissal that day. These events are entirely voluntary and are not school-sponsored activities.

## Dates

- May 3 - 10:00 Mass led by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Band Concert 6 P.M. Social Hall
- May 4 - Pom Squad 2:45 - 3:45 P.M.
- May 5 - Spirit Day  
Kindergarten Round-Up (no school current kindergartners)
- May 6 - Father/Daughter Dance at International Market Square
- May 10-12 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Long Lake
- May 11 - Pom Squad 2:45 - 3:45 P.M.
- May 12 - 3 Piggy Opera 9 A.M. Social Hall
- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 16 - Three Piggy Opera for Hospitality Group
- May 17 - 10:00 Mass low
- May 18 - Pom Squad 2:45 - 3:45 P.M.
- May 21 - Donut Sunday/PRISM Food Drive  
School Mass Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Spring Picnic 4:30 P.M.  
Spring Concert 6 P.M.
- May 22 - Grandparent's Day
- May 31 - 10:00 Volunteer Mass led by Kindergarten  
Scholastic & Summer Reading BOGO Book Fair

## SUMMER CARE

**Summer Care begins on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.** Our Coordinators Haylie Zenner and Kelly LaVigne have put together a great program of wonderful field trips, and fun and interesting camps. The full summer schedule will be coming out in early May. Students entering kindergarten are invited to attend Summer Care most days. Please remember you can sign-up for every day, one day or any day that work best for you. Also, you can just sign up for the camps if you prefer. Drop-ins, of course, are always welcome.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Last year we had a great turnout for this fun week of activities. It is for students from the school and parish who are entering kindergarten and up to those going into fourth grade. Students going into fifth grade and older are invited to help out as volunteers. Registration materials have been sent home. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Berg at [vacationbibleschool@gsgvschool.org](mailto:vacationbibleschool@gsgvschool.org) or in the school office.

## SUMMER CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS

Thanks to your tremendous generosity at our Gala this year, we are in the process of scheduling our summer construction for our classroom renovations. More updates will be coming soon, but please expect a great deal of activity in the school this summer as we invest in your child's education.

## PLANNING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

As spring is now upon us, we are in the process of planning for the 2017-2018 school year. We currently have openings for the upcoming school year in almost every grade. Please help us spread the good news about Good Shepherd by telling your neighbors, fellow parishioners and family members about our fantastic school. Now that the snow is gone, you may wish to again place your Good Shepherd lawn signs in your yard.

New families often ask if they can request a specific teacher for their son/daughter for the upcoming school year. It has been our practice for many years to deny such requests. Our rationale for that practice is that we firmly believe that every teacher at every grade level is extremely qualified to be your child's teacher, or they would not be working here. Class assignments are suggested by a team of teachers that include the 2 teachers from each child's current grade level, with input from all four specialists teachers. The team evaluates the needs of each child with consideration for the overall environment of each class. Consideration is given for each child's needs relative to academics, behavior, gender, social skills, friendship, peer issues, and a variety of other issues. From there, each grade gives me two lists of students, and I then assign each list to a teacher for the next grade. This system has worked well for many years as it considers what is best for each child as well as what is best for each class.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Earlier this year we announced that we had received funding from the Aim Higher Foundation to offer aid to our families in need of assistance. We anticipate we will be receiving funding for next school year as well. Anyone requesting assistance is required to complete a financial aid form, which is available in our school office. If you would like to apply for assistance for next school year, or if you have any questions about financial aid, please give me a call.

## BUS DRIVER WANTED

Our long time bus driver Joe Binish has decided to "retire" from his driving duties at Good Shepherd. We wish Joe the best as he pursues quieter opportunities. Due to his departure, we are seeking an additional driver to help share duties with occasional daily routes and field trips. We provide free training for any qualified driver who may be interested. Please contact me if you or someone you know may be interested.

## Dates continued

June 1 - 2 - Scholastic & Summer Reading  
BOGO Book Fair

June 1 - Last Day to Wear Uniforms

June 2 - Athletic Day

June 5 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Valleyfair  
Used Uniform Sale

June 6 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

June 7 - Last Day of School  
10:15 Prayer Service  
11 Dismissal  
No After School Care

June 8 - Teacher Workshop Day  
Summer Care Starts

June 19-23 Vacation Bible School



## OUR NEW SIXTH GRADE TEACHER

We are very excited to announce that we have hired an outstanding teacher to fill the very large shoes of our beloved Miss Tri, who is retiring at the end of the year. It is a testament to the excellent culture of this school community that we had many strong candidates apply for the position. One candidate stood out above the rest. She comes to us with a wealth of teaching experience, including ten year of previous experience teaching at Good Shepherd School. Mrs. Julie Carlson, who left us some years ago to stay home with her four children, is excited to return to the teaching profession. Mrs. Carlson stated, "I am thrilled to be returning to Good Shepherd School! I have wonderful memories teaching here and am looking forward to being a part of the school staff again. The sense of community within Good Shepherd is truly special, and I feel fortunate to be a part of this great school!" She comes to us highly recommended by her former Principal (Mr. Zellmer), and will bring a wealth of skills in her new role partnering with Mrs. Halstrom.

## TUITION AND FEES

As a reminder, all tuition and fees (lost books, school care payments, hot lunch, etc.) must be paid in full by Friday, June 2nd. It is a school policy to withhold report cards and prohibit participation in the end of the year activities for any student with outstanding fees; this includes sixth grade graduation activities. I am required to turn over all unpaid balances to our collection agency. Please contact me regarding payment arrangements if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

## TADS

I know many of you expressed frustration with our new TADS billing system this year. In my previous role as a school administrator I've had very positive experiences with the TADS tuition and financial aid programs. A majority of the problems we experienced were with the lunch and school care modules, which were new "beta" versions of the TADS software. As problems with those modules were identified, the TADS staff implemented software updates. We apologize for the difficulties you experienced this year, and we will be meeting with the TADS leadership next week to express our concerns.

## SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

I also want to thank you for your patience with our School Care Program this year. We are confident that we are now moving in the right direction and improving both our recordkeeping and staffing issues. We are in the process of conducting an internal audit of the School Care Program records for the 2016-2017 school year. Our goal it to ensure we have accurately recorded the debits and credits for each of our programs (Before School Care, After School Care and School Care.) We will contact you if there are adjustments to be made in your billing.

I really hope to see you at some of our upcoming events, especially the picnic and concert. Let's hope for beautiful weather that night as we are serving ice cream and watermelon.

I want to especially thank Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Starosta and all who contributed to producing our Newsletter each month, and provide love and support to your children each and every day.

Have a fantastic summer!

Dr. Bob Tift



## MAY 2017 HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Spring!

We hope everyone has really enjoyed the 2016/2017 school year, and as we are all gearing up for the last few weeks of school we would like to remind you of a few more events you are going to want to put on your calendars!

- **May, 1st-5th-Teacher Appreciation Week** (please make sure all donations are sent to the office ATTN: Home and School prior to this week)
- **May, 5th-Kindergarten Round up** (Jamie Held from H&S will be in attendance for questions)
- **May, 31st-Volunteer Mass**
- **June, 7th-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PARTY!!**

Gathering will begin immediately following dismissal at Brookview Park. Families are encouraged to pack a picnic, and gear up for some water fun! We do have a license for alcoholic beverages if you so choose. *This is NOT a school sponsored event!* More info to come.

*A Very Special Thank You* to our volunteer who so beautifully designed the planter at our front doors. It will carry its beauty throughout the summer for all to see!

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# May



We have a few big Events before the school year is complete!

- May 12: 3 Piggy Opera
- May 15: Mother's Day Tea Party
- May 31: First Kindergarten Mass
- June 1: Field Trip to Como Zoo
- June 6: K Celebration!



## Themes:

Spring  
Plants  
Bugs  
Farm  
Ocean  
Community  
Helpers  
K Fun!



May is the month of Mary. We are busy learning the Hail Mary prayer and are preparing to lead our first Mass at school.

Holy Mary, mother fair,  
Filled with love from God,  
Pray for us in all our needs.  
Pray for us today.



We can't believe our first year at Good Shepherd School is almost over! We learned our letters and numbers and how to read, write, add, subtract and so much more! We learned to take care of God's creation and each other and made great friends along the way. First grade... we're coming for you!

## First Grade News

We have lots of news in First Grade. We helped put together Easter baskets to donate to children who are in need. We had many volunteers helping us and it was so much fun. We each put together three baskets on our own.



We then helped load the baskets into some parent's cars and they dropped the baskets off for us! It felt so good to help others out!



It was so fun to help our fifth grade buddies act out The Stations of the Cross last month. Acting out the Stations sure helps Jesus' journey with that cross seem more real. We are so grateful He was obedient and willing to suffer so our sins can be forgiven.

We are now writing book reports. It is fun to find out about new books we may be interested in reading from a classmate who reads the book and tells us about the story while presenting his/her book report to the class. Some of us really enjoy factual books while others love to read mystery or more suspenseful books and still others enjoy books about animals or insects. We're sure glad there are so many different authors to write such a wide variety of books.

Speaking of reading, we are still making our way to Dr. Tift's office with our Reading Caterpillar. We will continue reading for the caterpillar until the end of the school year to try to make it to his office. We are near the Kindergarten rooms so we are getting close. Keep up the reading!!

A few dates worth noting:  
Thursday, May 4- Westwood Field Trip  
Sunday, May 21 - Spring Concert  
Monday, May 22 - Grandparents' Day  
Friday, June 2 - Athletic Day

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# Field Trip to Mill City

The Second Graders traveled to Mill City on April 13th to discover how flour was made in this old mill. The students traveled in groups to stations. They met Berry Wheat, had time in the water lab, learned about Minneapolis' history in 19 minutes flat, and traveled to the top of the old mill through the Flour Tower. Once at the top of the tower the students were able to observe the beautiful city line on the observation deck.



# **WHAT THIRD GRADERS ARE LOVING THIS YEAR...**

“Learning about volcanoes. We did this thing where we took a testing tube and put stuff in it and it exploded!” – Griffin

“I loved reading day, we got to bring a stuffed animal, flashlight, and the lights were off.” – Isabel

“My favorite thing was when we learned how to play Prodigy, you can battle other players and creatures.” –  
Elaina

“We made Easter placemats for our service project.” – Vivan

“We had an exchange day with the Jewish Day School students.” – Alice

“We had a fun reading morning! We brought our stuffed animals!” – Robert

“We published stories!!” - Brad

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**Recently the fourth grade looked at changes in Good Shepherd's landscape from pre-settlement to today through a special hands-on activity and series of historic aerial photos. They also answered these questions, " What is a watershed?" " Why do our lakes have so much algae today?" and "What can we do to keep our waters clean?"**

A watershed is an area where water flows into a creek, which flows into a river. We can protect it by picking up pet waste. We can help rake leaves. We can sweep fertilizer away. ~Luke

A watershed is a type of water system that protects the environment. You can help by not polluting and picking up after your animals. The reason there is so much algae is because we keep polluting the area. So stop polluting today. ~Ava

A watershed is a system that helps keep water clean. You can protect a watershed by raking leaves. You can adopt a storm drain too. ~Payton

A watershed is a low area of land. Water flows in streams into it. We can help protect it by sweeping leaves out of the sewers. When you walk you dog, bring a bag with. ~Henry H.

A watershed is streams and creeks that drain into rivers. People are polluting them. Storm drains pick up too much garbage. We can protect them by cleaning the storm drains. ~Charlie

A watershed is an area of land that is slanted. Whenever it rains, the rain goes down the hill and into the lake or river. We can protect watersheds by cleaning the storm sewers and making sure nothing goes in the storm sewers but rain. ~Jolie

A watershed is an area where water drains. It flows into rivers. We can protect it by getting the leaves out of the drain and by cleaning up the streets. ~Mya





# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

May and June

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## Service Projects

### Lent

Students went to Feed My Starving Children and packed several meals for children in Haiti.

### Earth Day

Students picked up trash around the school, surrounding streets, and ponds. We had a little fun too, at Lions Park!

### Easter

Students are collecting spare change for Kitui, Kenya. This is an area suffering from drought. The spare change will go to help build wells and dams. We are doing this *Living Water* project with our buddies!



## Crucifix

Students learned about the crucifix, and the importance of the cross. Each student was able to illustrate what he or she felt the atmosphere was like when Christ died. They practiced creating silhouettes to help portray an emotion.



## Geometry Cities



Students worked diligently to create a city that contained...

- ✓ Parallel streets
- ✓ Perpendicular streets
- ✓ Intersecting streets
- ✓ Acute angles
- ✓ Right angles
- ✓ Obtuse angles
- ✓ Polygons
- ✓ Prisms
- ✓ Nets
- ✓ Composite figures
- ✓ And MUCH more...



## A FANTASTIC YEAR!

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

It is hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the school year! It has been such an amazing year with all of the fifth graders. We are sure going to miss every one of them. They are ready to move onto sixth grade, but we will enjoy our last weeks together. We have absolutely loved working with them, and seeing them progress has been a true joy! They are a spirited and hardworking group that will accomplish so much in the future! Each child has touched our hearts in a different way, and we will carry a piece of them with us forever. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

~Miss Joyce and Mrs. Evans

## GRADE SIX

As the sixth graders approach the end of the school year, they would like to share some of their favorite memories of their years at Good Shepherd School.

My seven years at Good Shepherd have been amazing. I made a lot of friends here. My favorite week was Catholic Schools Week because we did so many fun things including All-School Hide and Seek. Mr. Zellmer was a great principal, and I think Dr. Tift is doing a great job taking his place. I also loved Athletic Day. It was so fun! I think that the skills I have been given here over the years will help me in the future. This school has been really good to me, and I will remember everything I can. Of course, I won't forget how much fun I had. I really owe everything to the teachers, and I really enjoyed Good Shepherd School.

Michael Kretchmer

My past four years at Good Shepherd have been amazing. To me, Good Shepherd has felt like a family, and I'm very sad to leave. Some of my favorite memories were going to Feed My Starving Children, packing sandwiches in fourth grade, Gibbs Farm, Westwood, the MIA, and many more. I am looking forward to going to Long Lake and Valleyfair this year. Good Shepherd will always remain in a good place in my heart. Although I am moving on to Hopkins North Junior High next year, nothing will compare to Good Shepherd. I loved the Marathons, Spirit Days, how we dressed up for different holidays, the Penny Challenge, and especially Catholic Schools Week. I love the community here and how we all care for each other. One thing I think I'll miss the most is how we all stick together, no matter what.

Y'Lan Aloï



I have been at Good Shepherd School for two years, and I love it here. Some things that I really enjoyed were Catholic Schools Week and the Marathon. Next year I will go to Hopkins Middle School. The teachers I have had at Good Shepherd for the past two years have been my favorite teachers I have had in my entire life. They are all so sweet and kind. The teachers at Good Shepherd School do a very good job at teaching you everything you need to know, and I am glad that I came here last year. I am very sad to be leaving this school but excited to move on to middle school.

Hannah Morrison



Good Shepherd is the best. It is the best because all of the teachers are so nice and caring. One of my favorite things we do is Catholic Schools Week. It is fun because we get to play All-School Hide and Seek. I also like that we get to have school Mass buddies. It is fun to do projects with our kindergarten buddies.

Jacob White

My time at Good Shepherd has been wonderful. My teachers and friends were extremely supportive when I came, and I am very grateful for that. I love Good Shepherd for its supportive and welcoming community. I gained knowledge of God and Christianity at Good Shepherd. The faith at Good Shepherd is extraordinary. Good Shepherd has prepared me for junior high at Benilde-St. Margaret's. I will always remember my time here!

Reggie Hyde

I have gone to Good Shepherd for two years. Good Shepherd is a kindhearted, loving community, and everyone wants to be part of it. My favorite field trips were BizTown and the Hyland ski trip because they taught me valuable lessons. BizTown taught me how to do taxes and how you work in the real world. The ski trip taught me school could be fun. I love how all the teachers and staff are super kind and generous. I will miss doing the spring concert and the Christmas concert. I look forward to attending Benilde-St. Margaret's, but I will always remember Good Shepherd in my heart.

Jane Boase

My two years at Good Shepherd have been wonderful. Since my visit day in fourth grade up until now, Good Shepherd has made me feel so welcome. Since I have been here, there have been all sorts of fun activities, but my favorite would have to be BizTown. I made a lot of friends here that I will never forget. Good Shepherd has helped make school a fun place to be. Next year I will be going to Benilde-St. Margaret's, and I know what Good Shepherd has taught me will help me through middle school. My time at Good Shepherd has been so great, and I have to thank my teachers and all the great Good Shepherd students. I hope everyone will have as great of an experience as I did.

Dominic Argenta

I love Good Shepherd, and the seven years I have been here have been awesome. I like the staff because they are kind and loving. At Good Shepherd I got to go on a lot of fun field trips like the Mill City Museum and BizTown. My favorite thing about Good Shepherd is Catholic Schools Week because you get to do a lot of fun things like Wacky Hair Day and All-School Hide and Go Seek. Good Shepherd is an awesome school, and I hope Hopkins North will be as awesome as Good Shepherd.

Max Wendt

In the one year that I have attended Good Shepherd, I have had a great experience. All of the teachers are very kind and helpful. The community as a whole is very welcoming and kind. My favorite experience at Good Shepherd was when we played All-School Hide and Seek during Catholic Schools Week. Next year I will be going to BSM, and I am glad I chose Good Shepherd because I'm confident I will be ready, thanks to all the great teachers.

Jelani Waynewood



Good Shepherd has been the experience of a lifetime for me. I remember when I was a really shy little girl on the first day of kindergarten and how Good Shepherd has helped me grow so much. Good Shepherd has not only given me an education, it has let me practice my faith, make new friendships, and most of all, it has built my character as a person. I have enjoyed so many things, but my favorite times were Catholic Schools Week, the Marathon, and BizTown. I could list so many more. Even though I am going to Benilde-St. Margaret's next year, I will always come back to my incredible seven years at Good Shepherd.

Grace Ehrmantraut

My seven years at Good Shepherd have been great. I have met so many amazing teachers and friends. I will never forget the memories I have made here. Some of my favorite memories include Ski Club, Athletic Day, Buddies, Westwood, and all my class field trips. Next year, I will be attending Hopkins North Junior High, and I look forward to all the new experiences it will bring.

Lily Wanzek



In the seven years that I've been at Good Shepherd, there have been both ups and downs. Good Shepherd teaches good education, and I thank my parents for working so hard to send me to this school. I'm happy that I had God by my side, and I never gave up. Good Shepherd has great activities for kids such as Running Club, basketball, soccer, Chess Club, etc. My favorite activities were basketball and soccer. Good Shepherd has fun projects for every grade like the Three Piggy Opera in kindergarten and the state project in fourth grade, but my favorite project was the Wax Museum in fifth grade. I'm so happy that I have met some good people who accept me for who I am. I'm happy to continue my journey at BSM and take the traits and education that I've learned from Good Shepherd along with me.

Carol Farh

I have had so many great memories from Good Shepherd. I will miss all of my friends and the teachers I had throughout my time at Good Shepherd. One of my best memories here was probably when I was the brick pig in the Three Piggy Opera we did in kindergarten. Another thing I loved was the All-School Hide and Seek and hiding with our kindergarten buddies this year. That's another thing I love – having buddies. I think it's a great experience and a great way to learn about people who aren't your age. I also love Athletic Day. It's a lot of fun, and I'm very competitive so that makes it even more fun. I like making a creative cheer and name for the team too. I like the field trips, the projects, the Penny Challenge, and so much more. I can't wait to have new experiences and meet new people at my next school. I will always remember Good Shepherd and the great fun I had here. Good Shepherd will always have a special place in my heart, and I will miss it a lot.

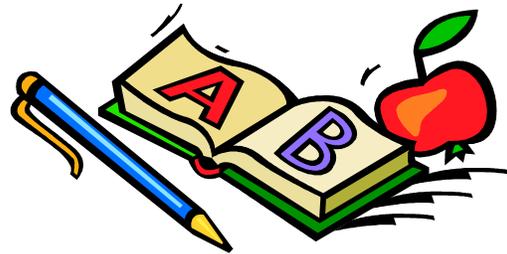
Rory Hamilton

I have been at Good Shepherd for seven years, and I will never forget my friends and teachers at Good Shepherd. My favorite thing at Good Shepherd was Catholic Schools Week where we dressed up every day of the week like sports clothes on Monday or beach stuff on Thursday. I have learned so much here at Good Shepherd, and I loved all of the activities here. Next year I plan to go to Benilde-St. Margaret's.

Kenevan Carter

My years at Good Shepherd have been amazing. I loved all the fun activities we did, and all the teachers and staff who work here are so nice. I also like all the fun field trips we went on during the years here. Next year I will be going to Hopkins North. A lot of my friends will be going there, but I will miss all of the teachers. Junior high will be a big change in education and my daily routine. Good Shepherd has been a once in a lifetime experience, and I would rate it 10/10. I will remember Good Shepherd my whole life.

Cal Daml



Good Shepherd is an amazing school. I have been going here for seven years, and I wish it were eight. Of course, that might be a burden to have another classroom built and a new teacher just to have one measly student be at Good Shepherd a year longer! Although I can't continue to go to Good Shepherd, it will always have an amazing effect on my life after sixth grade. I'm sure that all the skills taught to me will be used in school and in life outside that. I will always hold Good Shepherd in a special place in my heart.

Madison Knodel

What I like about Good Shepherd is that it is a Catholic School because then there aren't a lot of people. I also like that everyone welcomed me because I am new so I didn't feel shy or left out. I also like it because we have music and art, and other schools don't always have them. Another thing I like is that you have the option to have a lunch prepared by the school or to bring your own lunch, and that is another thing all schools don't have. My favorite field trip was when we went to Hyland because I learned how to ski. I am looking forward to Valleyfair because I love roller coasters, and I will get to ride them with my friends. I am also looking forward to Long Lake because we get to stay there for three days with only our teachers and classmates and without our parents. Most importantly, I like how we learn about God in Religion, and we go to Mass because public schools don't do that. I like that I know what is happening at Mass, and I can understand everything because I go to Mass most Wednesdays. These are only some of the reasons why I like Good Shepherd.

David Petit



Good Shepherd has taught me so much. Not just about math and reading, but about life too. Some of my fondest memories have been made at school including visiting the Jewish Day School, the Sandwich Project, All-School Hide and Seek, and the recorder concert. The teachers and staff are phenomenal and always willing to go out of their way to make sure you are doing fine mentally, socially, and physically. I can't even choose what my favorite grade or teacher is because of how caring every person that I've met at Good Shepherd is. Next year I'll be going to Hopkins North. Many of my friends are going there, but some of them aren't. I will miss Good Shepherd so greatly, but I'll never forget all the fun I had. Good Shepherd will always have a special place in my heart.

Kenna Brandt



My four years of experience at Good Shepherd were amazing. All of the teachers were super nice, and none of them pushed you over your ability. My favorite day is Athletic Day where we get to do athletic activities outside all day. My personal favorite sixth grade field trip was the Hyland Hills ski trip. Next year I will be going to Benilde-St. Margaret's for seventh grade. I am not really looking forward to leaving my friends and leaving Good Shepherd School, but I will make new friends at BSM. Thank you, Good Shepherd, for making my life a whole lot better.

Mitchell Thueringer

My seven years at Good Shepherd were amazing. My favorite field trip was all of them. I will really miss the people I met and the teachers. I have made a lot of friends since I have been at Good Shepherd. I have a lot of good memories with the friends I have made. I will miss having buddies because they were a lot of fun. I will be attending BSM next year.

Isaiah Vorpahl

My seven years at Good Shepherd were the best of my life. Some of my favorite events were Athletic Day and Catholic Schools Week. Two of my favorite trips were BizTown and the Minnesota History trip. I will miss my friends and all of the nice teachers who have taught me during my experience here. I will remember everyone here when I go to Benilde-St. Margaret's.

James McCarthy

I have learned so many things during my time at Good Shepherd, like the ability to forgive others. Friendship is another one of the biggest things. I've learned here that you can make new friends every day with people you would never think you have something in common with. I have made so many good friends at Good Shepherd. One of my favorite things about Good Shepherd is the great community and feeling welcome, no matter what grade you are in. The staff is amazing, and everyone is so kind and caring. I don't know where I would be in life if I didn't go to Good Shepherd. One of my favorite activities is Catholic Schools Week because it gives us a whole week to do things we usually wouldn't be able to do like dress up in silly ways or play hide and seek with our buddies. Next year when I go to Benilde-St. Margaret's, I will always have Good Shepherd in my heart and mind. I will definitely miss my friends, but I am looking forward to the future and what it holds such as gaining more new friends, getting to meet a whole new kind staff, and different class selections. I will miss how familiar I am with this school and being able to tell visitors where to find everything. I am so excited to come back to Good Shepherd when I am in high school and see how things have changed and maybe see my former teachers. I am looking forward to the future, but am going to miss and remember my time here at Good Shepherd School.

Sydney Kapphahn



My time at Good Shepherd has been amazing! The faculty and staff are so nice. Good Shepherd has become a second home for me. One of my favorite weeks is Catholic Schools Week. My favorite day of that week is Wacky Hair Day. My favorite field trips were Feed My Starving Children, Gibb's Farm, and the Minnesota History tour. I'm looking forward to Long Lake. I also like working in the office for Service Club. I have so many great friends here. I am really going to miss Good Shepherd, but I know they have prepared me for middle school.

Juliet Walesch

My seven years at Good Shepherd have been the best years of my life. The teachers and staff have been great. They are all super fun and very nice. They are there for me when I need it and make school a lot better. The Good Shepherd community is awesome. Everyone here has a great attitude from the students to the volunteers who come in and devote their time to the school. One of my favorite days is Athletic Day. I love all of the different activities that we do; they are so fun! I like that the sixth graders get to be captains. I also like all of the field trips we go on. My favorite field trip was BizTown. I liked all of the real-life situations. Those will be really valuable in the future. I really hope my next two years at Sandburg Middle School will be as good as my last seven years here at Good Shepherd!

Owen Skram

Good Shepherd has been a great school for me and for many others during the seven years I have been here. I have so many memories from Good Shepherd, some as far back as kindergarten. I will miss all the good lunches like beef ravioli and grilled cheese sandwiches. I enjoyed the field trips here like Westwood Nature Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Art. No matter where I go in my next few years, Good Shepherd will always be one of my favorites. I hope Benilde-St. Margaret's will be just as great as Good Shepherd.

Sam Peters

My seven years at Good Shepherd were amazing. I really enjoyed the field trips. My favorite field trips were the fifth grade Minnesota History tour and the sixth grade ski trip to Hyland Hills. I have learned so much about God. I will miss everyone when I go to Hopkins North Junior High. My favorite parts of Good Shepherd are the amazing teachers and principals.

Emmett Frenz

I have been at Good Shepherd for seven years now. It is the best school I have ever gone to. It has the best staff and the nicest teachers. Good Shepherd also has nice kids and the best principal. My favorite day of the year is Athletic Day, and my favorite week is Catholic Schools Week. I also like how Good Shepherd keeps our faith strong by hosting Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays. During my time at Good Shepherd I learned how to play the recorder and the trumpet. I also joined Chess Club every year and found out that I could beat my dad at chess. I also joined Cub Scouts for a few years and had fun. I really loved to play basketball for our school. I like to look back at my old yearbooks and see how much I have changed over the years. I really loved getting my laptop in fifth and sixth grade. I did Ski Club for a couple of years. The Marathon is really fun; I really like the donuts and hot chocolate! In fourth grade we went to Gibb's Farm, and that was my favorite field trip because we dressed up in an old-fashioned manner and "went to school" in old school houses. I will be going to Hopkins North for school next year. The education I have received from this school has prepared me for middle school.

Brayden Moser

My seven years at Good Shepherd were the best. My favorite things I did were Athletic Day, Catholic Schools Week, and the Marathon. I have learned so many things at Good Shepherd. I am going to St. Thomas Academy. I hope I have a great time at STA like I had at Good Shepherd.

John Charles Farrell



I liked my seven years at Good Shepherd because it is such a fun, loving, and caring community. Some of my favorite field trips have been to the Art Institute, PRISM, Gibb's Farm, and so many more. I really liked how we always did All-School Hide and Seek because if you found a good hiding place the year before, you could hopefully go back there. The teachers have all been great! They have taught me so much, from everyday learning to how to be a really great person. All the teachers I have had were so much fun. I am excited for next year because I am going to BSM, but I am going to miss all the fun activities, teachers, and friends at Good Shepherd terribly. From my first day of school, I have always thought that our school was special. Thank you so much, Good Shepherd, for the best seven years of my life.

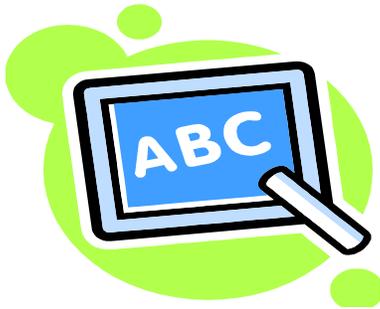
Alexis Murphy

My seven years at Good Shepherd have been amazing. One of my favorite memories is Athletic Day. I like Athletic Day because it's a day when we go outside and do fun activities instead of being in a classroom. I don't want to leave Good Shepherd at the end of the year, but I'm also kind of looking forward to going to Benilde-St. Margaret's. I think one of the most important things I learned at Good Shepherd was how to work well in groups. I think this will be a help, no matter what job or career I go into. Another thing that is important and I learned a lot about is my faith. I learned so much here at Good Shepherd. I'll always remember this school, the friends I have here, and the community. I want to thank all of the teachers and staff for making my seven years at Good Shepherd some of the best years of my life. Thank You Good Shepherd!

Ben Wikenheiser

My years at Good Shepherd were great. I had a lot of fun throughout my years. One of my favorite field trips was when we went to BizTown. It was fun because we got to pretend we were adults for a day. A week I like is Catholic Schools Week because we get to be out of uniform and have a lot of fun. One skill I learned at Westwood Nature Center was how to build a fire. We also have a lot of fun during school parties. Another thing I like is that you meet great people at Good Shepherd. All the teachers are great. I love when we do all-school events like Rock, Paper, Scissors and Hide and Seek. I have had a great time at Good Shepherd. I will dearly miss the school.

Jack Shull



The past three years at Good Shepherd have been amazing. Good Shepherd feels like a big family to me. I know everyone in the school. I loved going to BizTown! It was an amazing experience. I also love the Marathon and Catholic Schools Week. My favorite days of Catholic Schools Week are Faith Day and All-School Hide and Go Seek. Next year I will be going to Central Middle School (CMS). I will dearly miss my Good Shepherd family!

Jordan Hirsch

Good Shepherd was the best school I have been in. My favorite thing was going on a field trip to Westwood and learning about the water cycle. I will miss Good Shepherd, but I had a lot of fun in this school. I will be going to Benilde-St. Margaret's next year. I will pray that the kids at Good Shepherd will all be okay. I will work to make all my new teachers happy by doing my assignments.

Alex Charette



My favorite thing about Good Shepherd is how nice all of the teachers and staff are to all of the kids. I love how they take care of us when we are sick and, especially, when they keep our teeth nice and safe in a tooth container when they fall out. I also liked when we went on field trips. One of my favorite trips was when we went to the Mill City Museum in second grade. I also enjoyed going to BizTown in fifth grade and being a CFO. I really enjoyed all the extra activities Good Shepherd offers like Catholic Schools Week, Athletic Day, and Running Club. I loved going to Good Shepherd for seven years, and I will miss everyone when I go to Hopkins West Junior High.

Anna Enzler

I have been at Good Shepherd for seven years. Those seven years were really fun, and I had a great time here. One of my favorite things at Good Shepherd is Athletic Day. I had a lot of fun when we had a theme and just got to go to activities with friends, spent time with our team, and got ribbons at the end of the day. I also like when we support Common Hope by having the Penny Challenge and giving them money for new supplies and clothes. Another thing I like is Catholic Schools Week because we get to dress up for a week. One of my favorite field trips is to Westwood because we go there every year, and I learn something new every time I go there. I loved working with the staff because they taught me what I needed to learn these past seven years. I'm glad I got to go to Good Shepherd with my friends.

Charlie Conway

The thing I love most about Good Shepherd is that everyone is so nice and welcoming. All the teachers here are very nice. The field trips are so much fun. I love that we get to wear a uniform because then you don't have trouble picking out your outfit in the morning. I am a little sad, nervous, and excited about leaving. I am sad because this is the schools I went to for the first seven years of my life, and I am leaving some very good friends. I am nervous because I worry about going to a brand new school. I am excited because I am going to a new school. I will miss Good Shepherd School so much when I go to Hopkins North.

Catie Schaub

I have been at Good Shepherd for seven years. I have really enjoyed going to this school. I think all of the teachers here are super good at teaching and are very nice. My favorite field trip was definitely when we went to BizTown. I like BizTown because it was the closest thing to real life as an adult that I have experienced. It was an awesome experience. I will be moving to Colorado in the summer, so I will really miss my friends. I will be going to Sky View Elementary. In all, I think Good Shepherd is a great school.

Alexander Bieniek

Good Shepherd is such an amazing school. I've loved going here. The teachers and students are all so nice, and they all treat everyone with respect and kindness. We do so many cool things at school. We go on a lot of field trips like when the whole school went to a play at Benilde-St. Margaret's or the time the sixth grade went to the nature center. I also liked when all the sixth grades went to PRISM to deliver gifts to children who don't have much. I like that we do a Christmas concert every year with the whole school, and lots of kids get parts in it. We learn so much about God and Jesus here, as well as having religion classes. I have learned so much at Good Shepherd and it was so great to be able to go to this school.

Margo Anderson



My years at Good Shepherd have been very interesting. I have learned social skills by having wonderful friends around me. I have learned about instruments and music around the world in music class. I also learned physical skills and rules of new sports in gym. In religion, I learned about my religion and grew stronger in my faith. In math, I have learned new formulas and equations.

CJ Sauer

I really like Good Shepherd. All of the teachers always help me – from a cut on my knee to when I don't understand a math problem, and they help me after school. I am sad to leave, but Good Shepherd has prepared me for the long journey ahead. Good Shepherd has formed me into a caring, polite, young individual of the community who will continue to invent and strive toward goals. I promise to continue inventing and imagining, caring and loving, and spreading the word of God. I am excited to move on to Hopkins North.

Nina Fontanella

I have loved my years at Good Shepherd. The teachers are amazing, and so are Mr. Zellmer and Dr. Tift. I loved Catholic Schools Week and Athletic Day. These were very fun activities. It was also very honorable representing our school. I look forward to going to Southview Middle School in Edina next year. I have learned lots, and I am sad that I have to leave.

Evan Von Eschen

# GOOD SHEPHERD BAND CONCERT



Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00  
P.M.

Good Shepherd Social Hall

\* Band students need to arrive at 5:50 P.M. and be dressed in nice clothes, no jeans please.

**See what  
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**Sign up Today!**

**Location: Good Shepherd School**

**Date: June 19-23, 2017**

**Time: 9- 11:45 a.m.**

**Registrations due May 18, 2017**

Extra forms can be picked up at the school office. For more information contact Lauren Berg at [vacationbibleschool@gsgvschool.org](mailto:vacationbibleschool@gsgvschool.org)

All School Outdoor  
Picnic Supper and Concert  
*Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>*

Picnic Supper 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Cost: \$2.00 per person includes:  
Hot dog, potato chips, Juice, and an ice cream treat for dessert.

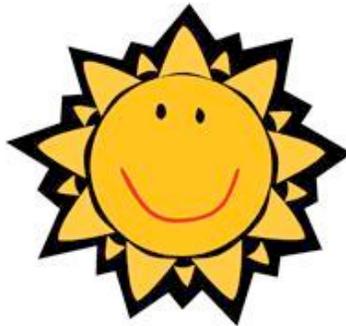
Concert Performance:

Pom Squad

&

Kids Life!

Presented by  
Grades 4-6



All grades are welcome to attend.

Concert will begin at 6:00 P.M.

\*Held at Good Shepherd School; rain or shine! Bring a lawn chair, picnic blankets, sunglasses etc.  
In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors.

\*Students in Grades 4-6 need to wear jean shorts, pants, or skirt and a plain bright colored shirt!