



GOOD SHEPHERD Times

Uniting Academics, Faith, and Family.

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd School is a Catholic community dedicated to the development of the whole child. We foster the spiritual, intellectual, moral, emotional, social, and physical growth of each child by providing a quality Catholic education. Our fellowship helps us to grow in our love for God, His Church, His people, and all of His creation.

April 2018



Updates from Mr. McGinty

Good Shepherd Gala & Fundraiser

Thank you so much for supporting the Good Shepherd School Gala & Fundraiser on March 17th. We are so grateful for the positive energy, dedication, and support of the students, teachers and staff. The Golden Valley Country Club was filled with so much love and we are grateful for the generosity of so many grandparents, alumni parents, alumni, current parents, teachers, church & school staff and friends of Good Shepherd School who attended. We are truly blessed.

The Gala raised a record \$78,000 for Good Shepherd School's current budget. The auction proceeds help support our exceptional faculty and provide equipment and materials for many programs of our school including technology, science, performing arts, athletics, library and tuition assistance. This was a record-breaking year thanks to your support, and thanks to our incredible sponsors.

Additionally, Fund-a-Need totaled \$80,000. Plans are already underway to begin renovating more classrooms and installing new drinking fountains this summer. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend and would like to support the Fund-a-Need, donations are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please make donations payable to Good Shepherd School.

Upcoming Dates

- April 1 - Easter Sunday
- April 2 - Easter Monday - **No School**
- April 3 - School Resumes
Running Club 2:40-3:30pm
- April 4 - School Mass led by 3rd Grade with Archbishop
Recorder Concert following Mass
Report Cards
- April 5 - Pom Squad 2:45-3:45pm
- April 6 - First Friday Night of Prayer
- April 8 - All School Roller Skating Party 5-7pm
- April 10 - Running Club 2:40-3:30pm
- April 11 - School Adoration 10:30am-2:30pm
- April 12 - Pom Squad 2:45-3:45pm
- April 15 - Donut Sunday/PRISM Food Drive
- April 17 - Running Club 2:40-3:30pm
- April 18 - School Mass 8:30am
- April 19 - Pom Squad 2:45-3:45pm
- April 20 - **No School** - Teacher Workshop Day
- April 22 - School Mass Sunday 10:30am
- April 23 - May 4 - MAP Testing Window
- April 24 - Color Run 3:30pm
- April 25 - School Adoration 10:30am-2:30pm
- April 26 - Pom Squad 2:45-3:45pm
- April 28 - First Communion 10am

Remember that your donation could be doubled with your employer's matching program! Many companies like General Mills, Medtronic, Nordstrom and Expedia have generous matching gift programs, including matching volunteer hours!

Thank you again for your support and a very special thank you to Gala chair Dawn Speltz and the Gala committee for their wonderful work. It is events like this that remind us how valued and loved Good Shepherd School is in our community.

Welcome Levi Clarence Evans

5th grade teacher Mrs. Stevi Evans and her husband Bryce had a healthy baby boy over Spring Break. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Levi Clarence Evans, 8lbs 6oz, to the Good Shepherd School community. Mrs. Evans will be on maternity leave for the remainder of the school year. Please keep Mrs. Evans and her family in prayer and we look forward to having her back for next school year.

Welcome Mr. Danny Welle

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Danny Welle, 5th grade teacher, to Good Shepherd School. Mr. Welle will be Mrs. Evans' substitute teacher while she is on maternity leave through the end of the school year. Mr. Welle graduated from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota in 2015 with a degree in Social Science and Secondary Education. He has experience teaching middle school Social Studies, English, and Religion at Catholic schools in Duluth, Minnesota and Denver, Colorado. Most recently, he participated in the Alliance for Catholic Education through the University of Notre Dame. We are blessed to have Mr. Welle join us for the remainder of the school year.

Abundant blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mr. McGinty". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below it.

Mr. McGinty

April



ABCDEFG
Thank you God
for all I see!

HIJKLMN
Thank you God
for family!

QRSTU
Thank you God
for loving me!

WXYZ
Every day, I
thank thee!

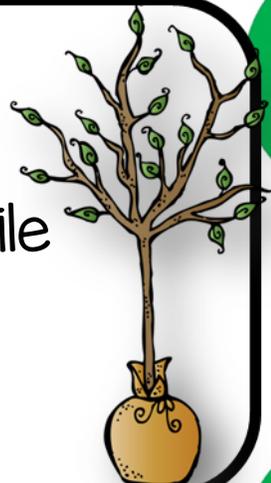


Kindergarten
Themes:
Easter
Spring
Universe
Plants
Bugs
Farm



We are excited
to learn about
Earth Day in
Kindergarten!
We will be
planting and
learning how to
take care of
God's creation!

Upcoming Events in K:
Earth Day Celebration
Visit from the Plant Mobile
Color Run!
Field Trip to Westwood



News from the Classroom



As the school year progresses, we cannot believe how much the first graders have grown!

We are Proving stronger mathematicians as we sharpen our skills in measuring, telling time, and geometry.

We haven't slowed down with our Reading and our caterpillar is almost all the way around the school!

In the Spring there is so much to look forward to,

including Leading school Mass next month.



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Second Grade News

It's Animal Report Time!

The Second Graders started the month of March choosing an animal that they would like to do their research report on. The students were able to pick from a selection of animals to research and learn more about. The second graders will become experts on that animal's appearance, diet, habitat, and interesting facts that they find about that animal.

These students have been working so hard. All of their research is done and we began writing. After we finish writing, we will edit and illustrate our reports. The second graders will then work on their typing skills by typing their reports in Computer Lab.



Third Grade

The third graders have been learning about Passover and the Seder meal. Passover has been celebrated for more than three thousand years. It was what Jesus was celebrating at the Last Supper. It is called Pesach or Passover because the Angel of Death “passed over” the Israelites’ houses when he smote the first-born sons of the Egyptians.

The Seder meal is a traditional meal eaten on the first and second nights of Passover. Friends and family gather together to tell and remember the miracles God performed for his people.

The Seder plate is put on the table. On the plate are six special foods that are explained during the Seder.

A platter holding matzot (unleavened bread) is placed on the table also. Matza, a flat, cracker-like bread made with flour and water symbolizes the unleavened bread eaten by the Israelites. In their haste to leave Egypt, there was no time for the bread to rise.

The Seder plate is a large platter. On it are placed:

A Roasted Bone: this stands for the sacrificial lamb offered by the Israelites on the evening of the departure from Egypt.

A Roasted Egg: Symbolizes a Festival Offering brought to the Holy Temple in ancient times.

Maror: Bitter herbs, usually horseradish root and romaine or endive lettuce. They symbolize the bitterness of slavery.

Haroset: A mixture of fruit, cinnamon, nuts and wine, haroset symbolizes the bricks and mortar the Israelites were forced to make for Pharaoh.

Karpas: Parsley or watercress, suggesting the first greens of spring.

Salt water: A reminder of the tears of sorrow shed by the Israelites when they were slaves.

U.S.A

Fourth Graders had a great time celebrating the Winter Olympics! In Reading they participated in a group project where they researched, wrote a paper, and presented a poster on a country featured in the Winter Olympics. Here is what they learned:

"For my country report I did Australia. Did you know there are more kangaroos than people there? The world's oldest fossil was found in Australia, and it is over 3.4 billion years old!" - Isabel Mullins

"My country was Norway. This year Norway won the most medals and also beat the world record for the most medals in the Winter Olympics! The capital of Norway is Oslo. Did you know that Norway invented the cheese slicer?" -Xavier Wendt

"I learned many things about Canada. Canadians own the Mall of America. Canada consumes the most donuts out of any other country. It is the second largest country in the world. Canada's lowest recorded temperature was 81 degrees below zero!" -Zach Crocker

"My report was on the Netherlands! The Netherlands has a lot of cool facts. One of the facts is that Amsterdam (the capital of the Netherlands) has over 350 festivals per year! Also, the Dutchies are the tallest people in the world! The Netherlands is cool to learn about!" - Maddie Olson

"In 2014, Canada's women's hockey team won gold. In 2018 they won silver! The youngest player on the men's team is Christian Thomas. The population of Canada is 36,828,875 people. The capital is Ottawa." - Milo Dungan

"There are more saunas than cars in Finland! Mobile phone throwing is a national sport in Finland. Finland celebrates National Sleepy Head Day where whoever is the last person in the house is still sleeping they get thrown in the lake!" - Zackary Sarvie

5th Grade

We begin CounterAct this month. The Golden Valley Police Department comes in to teach the 5th graders about peer pressures they may face. They teach the kids different ways to say no, and to how resist! The program is taught in all Golden Valley schools, and the Police Department does a fantastic job with the kids!



Congrats 5th Graders

The fifth graders worked so hard on memorizing and presenting their hero speeches. It was a fun day, and the kids went above and beyond with their research and costumes!

Way to go 5th grade!



Coming Up

- Both 5th grade classes are jumping into a class book study. They will spend time reading Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry.
- At the end of the month, the classes will visit the Fort Snelling Historic Site. Students will have a chance to walk in the home where Harriet and Dred Scott lived. They will learn about life on the Fort, and all of the different things the Fort has been used for over the years.
- Students will also begin a big geometry project, in which they will actually create their own cities! It will be a busy and exciting month!

Dear Families,

I just wanted to thank you for a fantastic year! I am going to miss the kids dearly, but I feel great knowing that Mr. Welle will be here with them. Thanks for all of your support throughout the school year. Your children are blessings in my life.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Evans

The sixth graders just completed their International Fair projects. Their projects consisted of three main parts: a typed paper, a display board, and a 10 minute prepared presentation!

They had the opportunity to learn about a specific country's geographical location and features, historical events, places of interest, and holidays/festivals celebrated in the country.

Welcome

Salve **Karibu**

Beinvenido **Yokoso**

Willkommen

They should be more than proud of their hard work and determination. What a great sense of accomplishment. We not only enjoyed watching every presentation, but we also learned a lot!

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Good Shepherd
Home & School News



More Spirit Wear - early April

- We've heard you want more Spirit Wear and we are excited to bring you some favorites from last time and new items for spring. Look for more information and order form coming soon!

Box Top Collection April 16-20

- Please help Good Shepherd by sending Box Tops to school with your child during this week! Happy collecting!

Volunteer Mass 5/30 at 8:30am

- Please mark your calendars for this very special School Mass honoring our Volunteers! This Mass will be led by our Kindergartners and we hope to see you all there!

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-11

- It seems like every time we talk about Good Shepherd to others, the first thing that comes up is how great the teachers are. Every teacher is the "best teacher we've ever had!"
- For these reasons, it's important to honor and celebrate this gift. Never will we find such a top-notch group of teachers that push our children to the best of their abilities AND care about each and every one of them.
- **Look for a Sign-Up Genius email soon regarding opportunities to help with gifts, lunches, coffee and other "treats."**

Thank you for your help!

Home & School Team

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It's not too late to get tickets to the
Father Daughter Dance
this Friday night!

It's at Bassett Creek Room
Brookview Community Center
Golden Valley, MN

\$35/pair + 5/each additional Daughter
Contact the office for tickets or purchase the
night of at the door.

DJ, Photo Booth, Crafts, Sips and Snacks.

It's an evening you won't want to miss!

**Also, if you didn't get your child's
artwork from the Gala, you can still
purchase and pick it up
from the office.
All art pieces are \$30.00.**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to thank all who volunteered to coach our Good Shepherd teams this year. These people put in countless hours coaching volleyball, soccer, basketball, and running club. Without each and every one of you we would not be able to offer these opportunities to our students.

Tom Wolfe	Dan Murphy	Zak Kretchmer
Casey Lund	Jared Knodel	Paul Saffert
Mike Jackson	Jeff Piper	Melissa Erra
Daniel Walsh	Jamie Held	Jeremy Frana
John Waters	Brett Struwe	Jim Rokala
Kelly Wihlm	Nathan Breunig	Dan Sylvester
Kyle Sack	Pablo Landrieu	Chris Whitehouse
Jason Johnson	Josh Edwards	Beth Peterson
Jerilyn Waters	John Waters	Shikita Hudson
Michelle Shull	Margaret Jaeger	Dawn Speltz
Angie Knodel	Angie Saffert	Stuart Lee
Chad Stancer	Rome Poppler	Cindy Sarvie
Bridget Rodine	Molly Breunig	Bridget Donnay
Maggie Dukinfield	Emily Piper	Yesi High
Jon High	Jason Lambertz	David Osberg
Angie Petit	Ted Rossiter	Kyle Toavs
Jennifer Toavs	Nicole Walesch	Fletcher Wanless
Sara Wendt	Yalew Tirsit	Laura Peters
Elizabeth Young		

I know there were many other parents who stepped in to help out throughout the team seasons. We are very grateful for your willingness to help when there was a need.

Thank You,
Leona Cornish
Athletic Director