

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land," proclaims a timeless message from the Beatitudes, inviting us to reflect on the virtue of humility and gentleness. As we prepare for Advent, a season of anticipation and expectation, these words resonate with the spirit of waiting and readiness for the coming of Christ. Advent serves as a time of reflection, prayer, and hopeful anticipation, echoing the meekness advocated in the Beatitudes. In the quiet moments of preparation, we find an opportunity to cultivate the meekness that opens our hearts to receive the transformative message of Christmas. To deepen this experience, consider opportunities to practice patience, kindness, and humility in your daily interactions. Embrace moments where a gentle spirit can foster peace and understanding, contributing to a world where the meek truly inherit the land. May this challenge be a transformative step towards a more compassionate existence as we await the joyous celebration of Christmas.

**Let Us Build
the Kingdom of God**



Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make the Christmas Bazaar a success!



Santa Breakfast

You better watch out! You better not cry! You better not pout I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town for our Santa breakfast on **Sunday, December 10th** from 8-11. This is a great opportunity for parents and junior high students to earn volunteer or service hours. [Click here](#) to volunteer.

[Santa Breakfast SignupGenius](#)



Happy New Year

This Sunday will begin a new liturgical year! As we begin the season of Advent we prepare to celebrate Jesus' first coming but also to prepare our hearts for when He returns. In celebration of the new liturgical year, we will have a **purple** tag day on Monday, December 4th. Come Lord, Jesus! Prepare Our Hearts!

Designer Bag Bingo

B-1, B-7, I-24... BINGO! Our Designer Bag Bingo will be held on Sunday, January 7th. Doors will open at 3:00 and bingo games will begin at 4:30. For tickets, call the office or go to www.goodshepherdschool.net/bagbingo If you are interested in volunteering, please click here to sign up.

[Bag Bingo SignUp Genius](#)

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who are receiving their 1st Reconciliation this Saturday! Please keep them in your prayers as they finish the final preparations for receiving this special channel of grace.

Geography Bee

U.S. states, continents, landforms... Our geography bee contestants answered many questions about the world and did a great job! Congratulations to Andrew Cox for being our Geography Bee Champ!



Christmas Program

On **December 20th** at 6:30 we will be hosting our Christmas program and band concert. More details will be coming home shortly.



Immaculate Conception- Dec 8th

December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception- a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be going to Mass. Each student is asked to bring \$1 for the collection. The money will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

Family (Christmas) Movie Night

FSO is sponsoring Family Christmas Movie Night on Friday, December 15th. Doors will open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:00. We will be watching The Grinch. Concessions will be available. We look forward to seeing you in your pjs

Perryville Christmas Parade

Let's Go, Crusaders! GSCS will be marching in the Perryville Christmas Parade on **December 9th**. The band and cheer team will be marching and students and parents are welcome to join us! Please complete the attached form so we know who to look out for.

[Christmas Parade Form.](#)

Coats and Sweatshirts

A reminder that as the weather is getting colder, students should have appropriate outerwear so they can participate in gym and recess. Please remember that room temperatures may vary and students may need to bring their school sweatshirt to wear during the day. Personal sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform.

Our 8th graders planned and led our students in a prayer service to remember our many blessings that we are thankful for!

Yearbook

Memories of an awesome school year captured in one location. Order your yearbook for the 23-24 school year by clicking [here](#). Orders due by January 25th. [Yearbook Order Form](#)



I-Give Catholic Campaign

Thank you to all of our generous donors!! We were able to reach our [#IGIVECATHOLIC](#) goal and are very excited to bring new technology updates for our teachers and students!

Indoor Flea Market

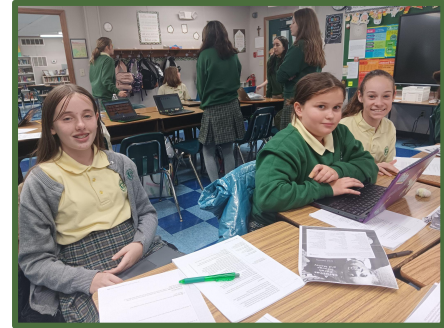
Our indoor flea market is in need of an organizer! If you are interested in helping to organize this fundraiser for the school, please contact the office.

Diocesan Financial Aid

The diocesan financial aid program has opened their application. If you plan to apply for financial aid through the diocese, please use the following link. online.factsmgt.com/aid. The application is open and the deadline is January 31, 2023. Don't wait to apply!



Students working on note taking and reading plays in small groups.



Upcoming Dates & Events

- 1st Reconciliation- Dec. 3
- Reconciliation Service- Dec. 6
- Immaculate Conception- Dec. 8
- Socks for Solemnities- Dec. 8
- Perryville Christmas Parade- Dec 9
- Breakfast with Santa- Dec. 10
- Holiday Shoppe- Dec. 12
- Holiday Movie Night- Dec 15
- Christmas Program & Band Concert- Dec 20
- ½ Day (No aftercare)- Dec. 21
- Christmas - Dec. 25
- New Year- Jan. 1
- School Reopens- Jan. 3

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q: Why do math books look so sad?
A. Because they are full of problems.

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.



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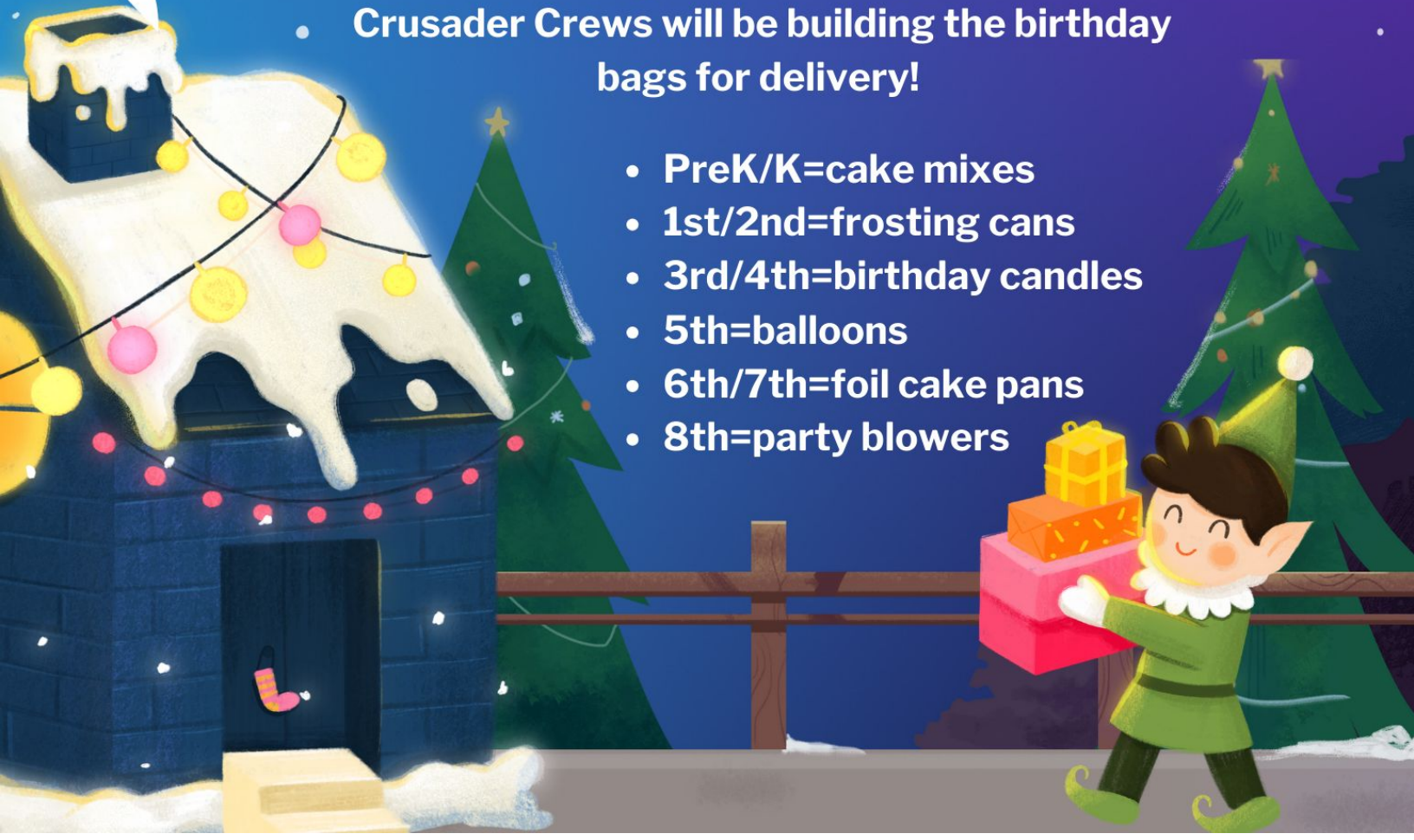
Birthday-in-a-Bag Advent Service Project

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday, there are many who may feel forgotten or not able to celebrate their birthdays throughout the year. Let's give others a way to celebrate birthdays by building birthday bags! Our goal is to build 85 birthday bags. We will give the completed birthday bags to St. Vincent de Paul to give to our local community. We will be collecting the following items, and

- Crusader Crews will be building the birthday bags for delivery!

- PreK/K=cake mixes
- 1st/2nd=frosting cans
- 3rd/4th=birthday candles
- 5th=balloons
- 6th/7th=foil cake pans
- 8th=party blowers

Send
donations
by Dec.
15th

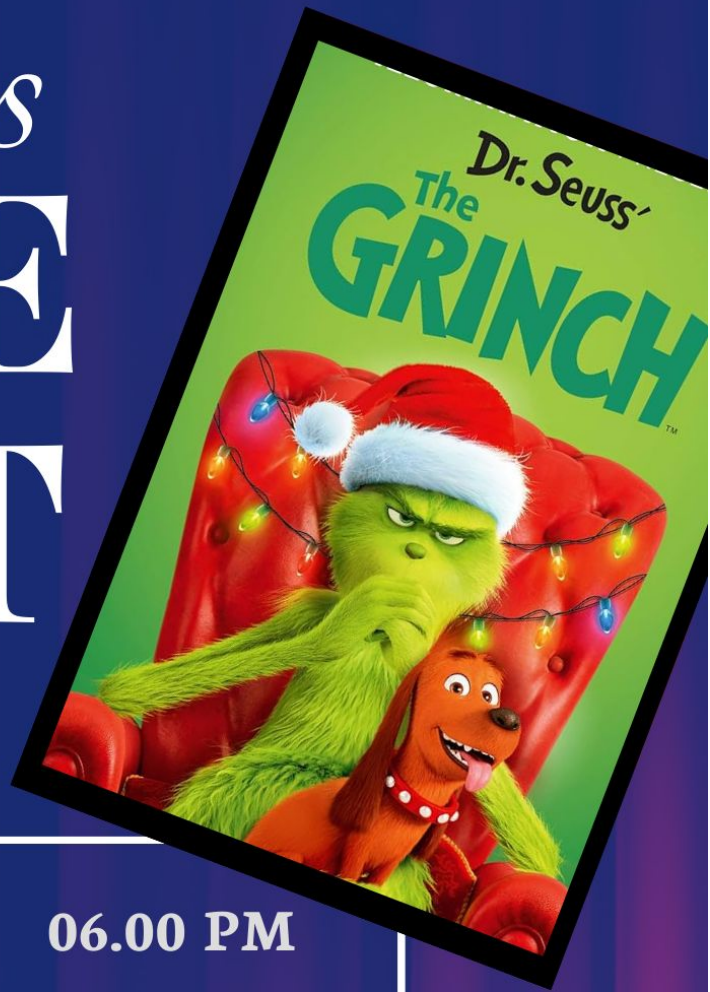


Christmas **MOVIE NIGHT**



**Friday,
December
15th**

06.00 PM



**Join us in the GSCS Cafetorium
for Christmas Movie Night. Wear
your pajamas and bring a cozy
blanket to watch The Grinch
with your friends!**





GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DESIGNER BAG



50/50

SNACKS FOR SALE
(No outside food allowed)

RAFFLES

800 AIKEN AVE PERRYVILLE, MD 21903

SUNDAY
January 7, 2024

Doors open at 3:00
Bingo starts at 4:30

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