

Crusader Chronicles

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Happy New Year! As we begin a new liturgical year and prepare for Christmas, we have the opportunity to see meekness in action in the events of the Christmas narrative.

In the Gospel of Saint Luke proclaimed at Christmas, we hear about the birth of Jesus. We are told that "there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock" (Lk 2:8). To these shepherds the angels came to announce the birth of the Savior.

These shepherds are the meek about which the third Beatitude speaks. They are found fulfilling their daily responsibility without much attention from others. They were probably simple-living people doing a day's work, albeit a 24-hour day living among the sheep.

It was to these meek that the great gift of Christmas was given. The shepherds were the first people to see the newborn king. They would be blessed and "inherit the land" of salvation by their humble homage of the Christ Child.

This week, let us meditate on the shepherds gazing upon the Lord, reminding us of the hope of salvation that lies before us.

***Let Us Build
the Kingdom of God***



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Mrs. Sharon Hodges

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved teacher and principal, Mrs. Sharon Hodges, who left an indelible mark on the Good Shepherd community. She departed this world on December 4th, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, compassion, and wisdom that will be forever within the hearts of students, colleagues, and parents.

Funeral Details: Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Zellman's Funeral Home (123 S Washington St, Havre De Grace, MD 21078)
Visitation Time will be from 11:00 - 12:00, followed by a funeral service at 12:00. The Burial Ceremony will follow the service at Harford Memorial Gardens (3839 Aldino Rd, Aberdeen, MD 21001).



Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Congratulations to our Trimester 1 Honor Roll Students

First Honors

- Elizabeth Boyd
- Andrew Cox
- Kate Cox
- Savannah Erickson
- Rosemary Fongemie
- Delaney Geppi
- Elliana Keane
- Andrew Lorandean
- Kevin Zhang

Second Honors

- Emily Borusiewicz
- Lillian Boyd
- Ben Burton
- Mallory Collette
- Peyton Flemmens
- Amirah Francis
- Clare Frank
- Arianna Freyre
- Everly Keane
- Isabel Keller
- Ellianna Massey
- Emma Massey
- Stella Rouse
- Alannah Smith
- Lillian Smith
- Lucy Tapera
- Zerah Villar
- Anabel Wein

Report Cards & Honors Breakfast

Report cards were sent home today through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Congratulations to our Trimester 1 Honor Roll students. On **Tuesday, December 12th**, students will be announced at prayer and the Honors Breakfast will follow around 8:15.

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. This will also be a socks for solemnities day! We look forward to seeing the comfy socks!

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.](#)

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](#)

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

Gift of Good Shepherd

Give the gift of Good Shepherd this Christmas season! We will be offering the package of 2 Bag Bingo tickets, 2 Comedy Show tickets, and 2 Gala tickets for \$250. This package is available until December 21st.

Candy Cane Sales

Candy canes are a holiday treat that has much connection to our faith! Our 8th graders are selling candy canes to spread some joy and raise money for their class trip. Candy canes will be sold at lunches for 50¢. They will be delivered to students at the end of the day to be enjoyed at home.



Spiritwear Sale

The Good Shepherd Holiday Sale ends Friday! Save 35% on everything! Find the perfect gift for everyone on your list - from parents to grandparents and beyond! Guaranteed delivery by Dec 23rd! Visit: <https://1stplace.sale/43217>

Christmas Program

On **December 20th** at 6:30 we will be hosting our Christmas program and band concert. Information about parts went home in the Wednesday envelope.

I-Give Catholic Campaign

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



#iGIVECATHOLIC

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!

A Moment to Chuckle:

Q: How does a penguin build a house?

A: Igloos it together.

Q: What do Snowmen call their offspring?

A: Chill-dren.

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](#)

Santa Shoppe

Santa has many elves and they have stopped by Good Shepherd! Information about the Santa Shoppe will be going home in the Wednesday envelope.

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](#)

Upcoming Dates & Events

- 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
- Designer Bag Bingo- Jan. 7

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.





Give the Gift of **GOOD SHEPHERD**

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GIFT THE EXPERIENCE OF A GSCS EVENT!



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 BAG BINGO TICKETS (\$60 VALUE)
- 2 COMEDY NIGHT TICKETS (\$70 VALUE)
- 2 SPRING GALA TICKETS (\$160)

Package can be divided between different recipients after purchase.

For details on our events and more check out our website at
www.goodshepherdschool.net or follow us on Facebook!

**SALE
ENDS
12/21/23**



Candy Cane Sale

selling at **50¢**

from

DECEMBER 5-20

at **LUNCH**

All proceeds benefit 8th Grade's field trip.



Good Shepherd Catholic School

Birthday-in-a-Bag

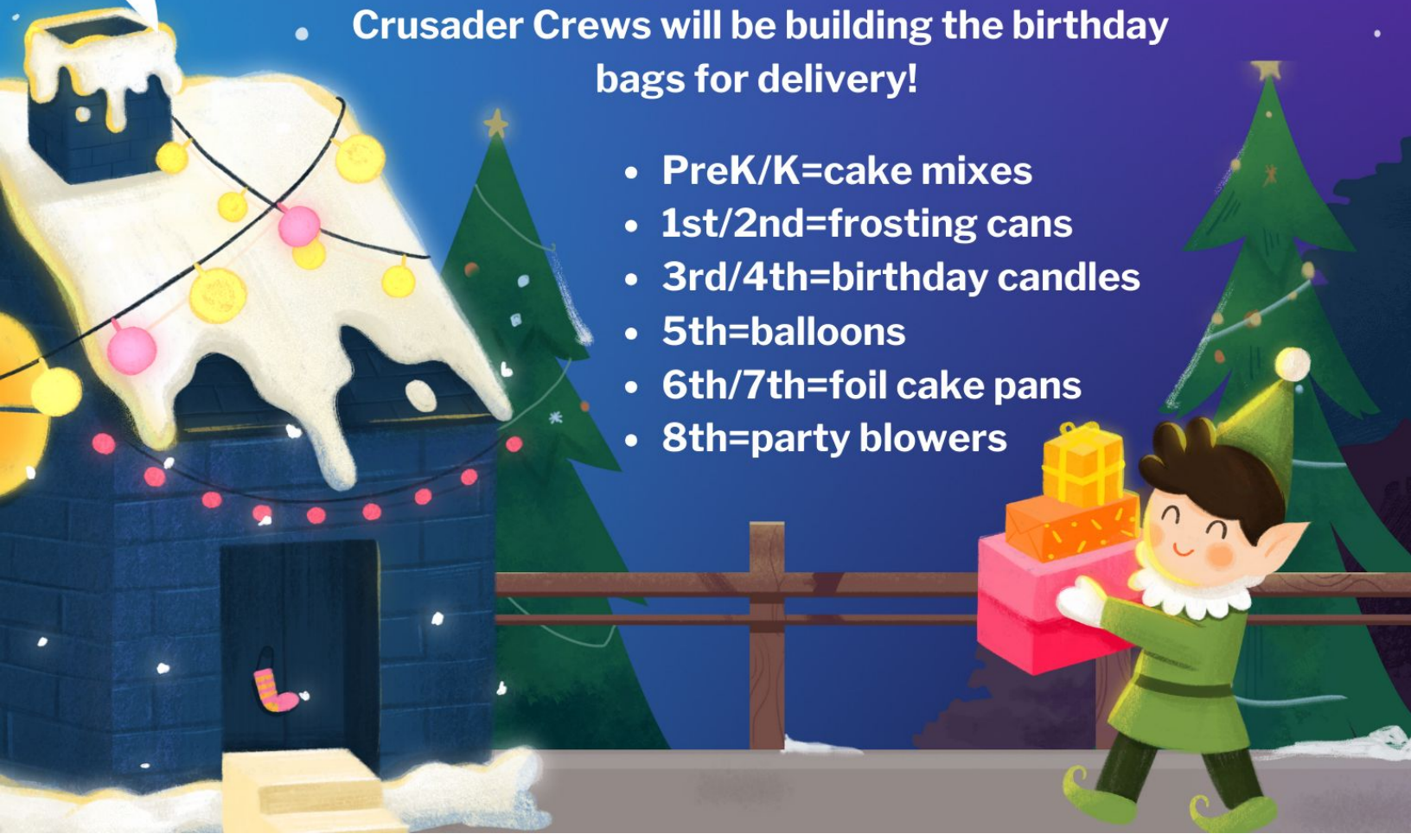
Advent Service Project

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

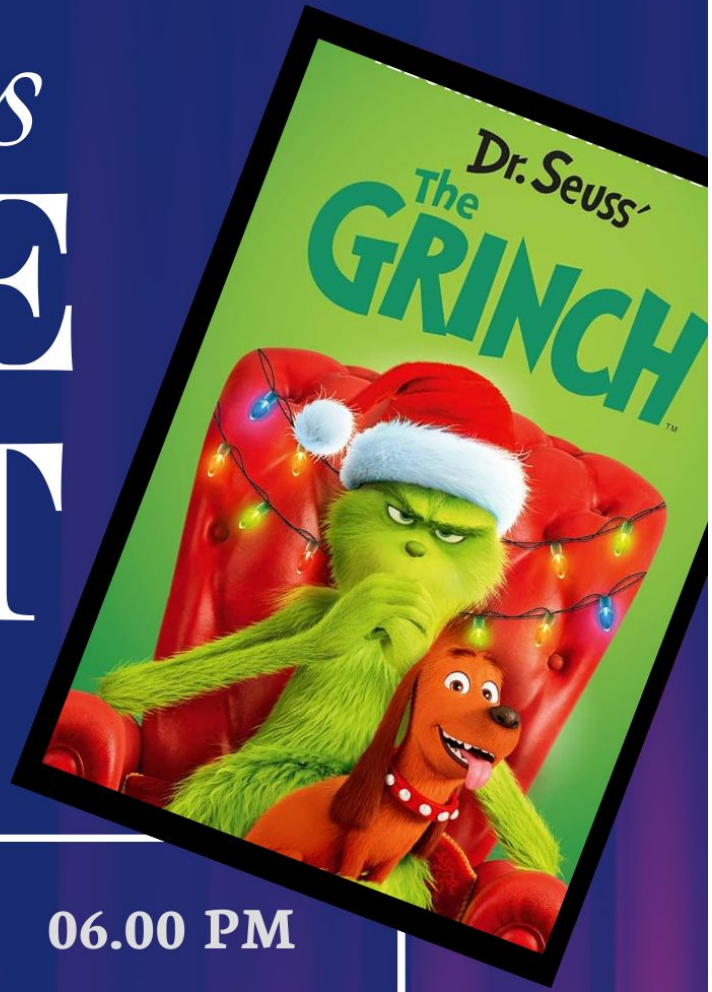


Christmas **MOVIE NIGHT**



**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

\$30 in advance / \$35 at the door

Call to reserve 410-642-6265

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Holiday SALE 20% OFF



GREAT GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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