



Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

At this special time of our year, we are reminded that we have so much for which to be thankful. First, a big “THANK YOU” for supporting our **Feinstein Thanksgiving Food Drive**. A total of 500 food items were brought in and donated to the St. Joseph’s Food Cupboard. In addition, we collected \$240.00 for the **Pro-Life Billboard Program** with our October Jeans Day and another \$167.00 in November for the “**Harvest Community Church**, located in Woonsocket. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Our school choir has been given a wonderful opportunity to take part in a televised Christmas program for the Communications Office in the Diocese of Providence. On **Thursday, November 30th**, members of our school choir will perform some Christmas carols which will be televised during the last 2 weeks of December. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks about the air dates and channel.

As we enter the Advent Season, we are offering our students the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession**. A number of area priests will join us on December 4th and December 5th. We are so thankful for their support of Catholic education and for their time for our students.

During the month of December students are asked to take part in a new service project to help those in our community. Last week, families received a letter that explained the **Adopt-A-Family** project where we are asking for your help with a donation of a food item during this holiday season. In addition to the food donation, we also have set up a **Giving Tree** outside our front office for anyone to select a gift item for a child this Christmas. All donations will be collected throughout the month until December 17th.

Learning Fair information has been distributed to all students in grades 4-8. The annual Learning Fair will take place on April 25, 2018.

After-school Bowling Club is being offered to all students, Grades 3-8, on Mondays. Thank you to Mrs. Medeiros for coordinating this activity. Permission slips are still available in the office.

Our Friday-afternoon **Lego/Game Club**, for grades 3-8, continues to be a big hit with our students. Approximately 80 students have been participating, weekly. There is room for more students to join us. Permission slips are available for anyone still interested. I thank Mr. Poitras and Mrs. Berard for their assistance on Friday afternoons.

Mission Statement

At Good Shepherd Catholic School we strive to follow Jesus’ footsteps by being living examples of his love. We respond to Jesus’ calling by putting our faith into action through our studies and afterschool activities. With each other’s support we deepen our faith and knowledge to one day become well-rounded, active members of the community.



Our next **PTO Meeting** is Wednesday, December 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We will be planning for the upcoming **PTO Lock-In for Scholarships**, scheduled for Friday evening, February 2, 2018.

First trimester Report Cards are going home on December 7 and must be returned, signed, by December 15.

You are invited to join us for our **Immaculate Conception Mass** on Friday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m., Father Woolley will be our main celebrant and he will be assisted by our 8th graders.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, from 8:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., and 5:00-8:00 p.m. No appointments are necessary. **Please limit your visits to 10 minutes.** If more time is needed, please contact homeroom teachers to set up a follow-up meeting.

Students in grades 6-8 will be attending a production of **“A Christmas Carol”**, at the Stadium Theatre on Friday, December 15. All permission slips and ticket payments are due by Friday, December 1st. The cost of transportation will be covered by **“The Big Yellow School Bus Grant”**, recently awarded to our school.

Beginning on December 1, we will be collecting loose change for **St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital** in Memphis, Tennessee. Our students have been supporting St. Jude’s for over 30 years. Thank you, again, for your generosity. Our **Jeans Day** on December 14 will also benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Second graders from Monsignor Gadoury visited our school recently, as part of our Buddy Day Program. This was the first of four opportunities they will have to get to meet our fourth graders and strengthen a community spirit between our two schools.

Our **Christmas Concert**, featuring our Choir and Band will takes place on Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Monsignor Gadoury students will also be joining us for the concert.

Our Good Shepherd family wishes all of you a **Blessed Advent Season.** Let us spread peace and joy as we celebrate Jesus’ Birthday and enter a New Year!

God Bless,

Mrs. Jennifer DeOliveira

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DATES TO REMEMBER



November	30	Choir Televised Christmas Program @9am
December	1	Middle School Dance (Auditorium) 6:30pm-8:30pm
	1	Band Payment #2 due in Office
	4 & 5	Advent Confessions
	7	1 st Trimester Report Cards issued
	8	Immaculate Conception Mass -9:30 a.m.
	13	Parent/ Teacher Conferences - 8:00-11:00 am/ 1:00-3:00 p.m. / 5:00-8:00 p.m.
	14	Jeans Day for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
	15	"A Christmas Carol" - @ Stadium Theatre Grades 6-8 10:00 a.m.
	15	Signed Report Cards due
	20	Christmas Concert- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited!
	25-Jan 1	Christmas Break
January	2	Return to School
	3	National Geographic GEOGRAPHY BEE 1:00 p.m.
	4	PPAC field trip B.U.L.L.Y Prevention Show (Gr. 7 & 8) 8:45am-11:45am
	4	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. in Library
	12	ML King Prayer Service 8:30 a.m.
	15	MLK Day—NO SCHOOL
	17	Scripps Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m.
	19	2 nd Trimester Progress Reports distributed
	23	Jeans Day for GWCRS Scholarship Fund
	28	Good Shepherd School & Monsignor Gadoury Open House 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	28-Feb 2	Catholic Schools Week
February	2	Candle Mass 1:00 p.m.
	2	Annual Good Shepherd "Lock-In for Scholarships"- 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
	7	Parents' Night for Upcoming 3 rd Graders 6:00-7:00 p.m.
	14	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30 a.m.
	15	Jeans Day for American Red Cross
	16	West Side Story @ Stadium Theatre Grades 7 & 8 10:00 a.m.
	19-23	Mid-Winter Recess
March	1-2	Talent Show Signups Begin
	7-8	Talent Show Auditions 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
	15	2 nd Trimester Report Cards issued
	15	Talent Show 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
	26	Stations of the Cross (St. Joseph's Parish) 1:00 p.m.
	29	Grades 3 & 4 Field Trip to PPAC for the show Snow White & the Seven Dwarves

