



Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Welcome to a **new 2017-2018 school year!** We are looking forward to a wonderful, faith-filled and exciting year! We are pleased to welcome to our Good Shepherd staff, Mrs. Karen Dubois, as our new school secretary. She has been working hard these last few days to help me to prepare for the arrival of your children. Also, I would like to welcome our new Spanish teacher, Ms. Maria Carmen Chase to our school family.

A special “Thank You” goes out to **Scott Langley of RESH, Inc., the Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System, and St. Joseph Parish** for our new windows in our cafeteria and the new large window upstairs on the side of our school building. The new windows not only look great, but help to maintain energy efficiency for our school.

Our annual “**Back-to-School Open House and Orientation**” is scheduled for Monday, August 28th from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Good Shepherd School. **Students in all grades should bring their books and supplies on this night! Students in grades 5-8 should also bring in their crates to their homeroom for an easier transition for the first day of school.** Doors will open at 6:30pm and families are asked to report to their child’s homeroom for the first part of our Back to School Night. Throughout the evening you will be able to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers & Principal, and complete paperwork for to **Diocesan BCI and Safe Environment**. Remember, if you would like to volunteer or chaperone a field trip you must have all BCI and Safe Environment paperwork completed in our school office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year gets underway, beginning September 15th -27th. Please support the annual **Magazine Subscription Drive**. Magazines make great Christmas gifts!

Homework Haven, a quiet place to read and study, is offered from 7:30am-8:10am beginning on our first day of school. **Afterschool Homework Haven** will also be offered daily, from 2:40-3:15. Homework Haven is under the direction of Mrs. Berard.

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 after-school activities. With each other's support, we deepen our faith and knowledge to one day become well rounded, active members of the community.



Every student must purchase an agenda, at the cost of \$7.00. Students are expected to use their agendas, properly, on a daily basis and parents should be checking agendas daily. Additionally, it is required that parents sign agendas every Thursday evening.

Our first **Jeans Day** of the new school year takes place on Wednesday, September 27th and will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Please remember that dress down attire must be appropriate for school.

Please consider joining us for our first **PTO meeting** of the school year on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m., in our school library. *I am looking for at least 1 parent representative for each grade this year.* We will be scheduling a number of activities that will take place during the 2017-2018 school year, including Family Bingo Night, Field Day, school dances, Pumpkin Decorating contest, etc. Your help is greatly needed to organize these events for your children. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas!!

A special note to our Good Shepherd families: The faculty and staff at Good Shepherd feel that it is very important to keep parents and guardians well informed of school-related events and activities. One of our most *successful* and *efficient* ways of doing so includes sending monthly newsletters, calendars, and important notices out to families **via Rediker Announcement**. This system-wide announcement system will ensure that you will be informed in a timely manner of all that Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School and the Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System has to offer your child and his/her family.

Be on the “lookout” for our **Weekly Good Shepherd Memo** messages, detailing what is going on at Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School!

Parent volunteers are always welcome to spend some time with us. Lunch room monitors are always needed from 11:55-12:20 (grades 3-5) and 12:25-12:50 (grades 6-8). Please remember that all adult volunteers need to have undergone a **Diocesan BCI check and Safe Environment Training** prior to any volunteer opportunity. Please address any questions regarding the process or your status to Mrs. Dubois, our new school secretary, in our school office.

Our **Cross Country team** is *up and running*, for the fifth year! There is still time to join the team. Any student in grades 6, 7 & 8 interested may pick up the necessary information in the school office. Thank you, Mrs. Pelletier for coaching the team!



Milk is on sale for 40 cents, per carton, during morning break and lunch, beginning September 5th.

Band rehearsals (*for current band members only- no “new” members, yet!**) begin on Wednesday, September 6th, from 2:45-4:15. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2:45-4:15. Band participation is open to students in grades 4-8. *Information for interested new members will be sent home soon.

This year we will be monitoring the use of Jean's Day tokens that students use throughout the school year. Starting this year, students may only use **3 Jean's Day tokens per trimester**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A reminder regarding Telephones / Electronic Communication Devices: The school telephones are available for use by students under supervision of our office staff. Long distance calls may NOT be made by students at any time. The use of electronic communication devices for any reason is not acceptable and is forbidden before school, during school and after school. The electronic communications devices must be turned off before entering the building and kept in purses or book bags, **NOT WORN**.

Misuse of phones, etc. will result in disciplinary action and parents will be notified. *The privilege of bringing an electronic communication device to school may be revoked for misuse.*

Misuse of cell phones and other electronics:

- **First offense is a warning (note: if a student is using the device at the time it is confiscated, a one-hour detention will be imposed).**
- **Second and repeated offenses will result in after-school detention.**

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education. Do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns. I am just a phone call away.

God Bless,

Mrs. Jennifer De Oliveira M.Ed.



AHERA

In accordance with the Good Shepherd Catholic School AHERA Management Plan, this notification is provided to inform all building occupants of the existence and availability of our asbestos management plan. The plan is available, upon request, for inspection by interested parties, at the school administration office. Asbestos related activities scheduled for the present notification period include a six-month surveillance check, a three-year re-inspection, and training of the asbestos program manager.

HEALTH NOTICE

As everyone prepares for the start of the 2017-2018 school -year, the department of Health (HEALTH) wants to remind all parents that it is likely that we see a resurgence of flu-like illness in the autumn and winter months.

- Prevention measures continue to be of utmost importance.
- Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently with soap and water throughout the day. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand gels.
- Teach your child to cough and sneeze into their elbow.
- Children with flu-like symptoms (fever with cough or fever with sore throat) must remain at home at least 24 hours after they are fever free (100 degrees F) without medicinal assistance.



dates to Remember

- Sept 4- Labor Day (No School)**
Sept 6 Band Begins 2:45 p.m-4:15 p.m (former students only)
Sept 15-27 Magazine Drive Fundraiser
Sept 20- PTO Meeting @6:30 p.m. in Library
Sept 27- Jeans Day for Alzheimer's Association
Sept 29- Prayer Service @ 8:30 a.m
- Oct 5-27 Clothing Drive**
Oct 9- Columbus Day--NO SCHOOL
Oct 16- Teacher Professional Day--NO SCHOOL
Oct 17-20 BOOK FAIR @ Good Shepherd School
Oct 18- Jeans Day for Respect Life Billboard Project
Oct 18- Family BINGO Night 6:30pm-8:00pm
Oct 25- Monsignor Gadoury Gr. 2 visit from 9:30am-12:45pm
Oct 25- Pumpkin Decorating Contest @ Good Shepherd School
Oct 27- Prayer Service @ 8:30am
- Nov 1- All Saints Day Mass**
Nov 10- Veterans Day Observed--NO SCHOOL
Nov 15- Teacher Professional Day--NO SCHOOL
Nov 22- Prayer Service @ 8:30am
Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
Nov 29- Jeans Day for "Because He Lives Ministry"