



Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

A new year is upon us! Our Good Shepherd Catholic School family wishes everyone the best of health and much happiness in 2018.

As we begin this New Year at Good Shepherd School, the faculty and staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generosity this past holiday season. Through your support and charitable giving we were able to provide a wonderful Christmas to 3 families this Christmas season. Words cannot express our thanks for your kindness and generosity for all that you have done for these families.

We would also like to extend a big ***thank you*** to all the Good Shepherd community, for your support of our annual **St. Jude Children's Hospital Loose Change Collection**. Mr. Jones' homeroom (Gr. 5) came in first place in collections. Our school was able to collect a total of \$1500.00 this year. ***THANKS to all!!***

Our PTO will have their next meeting on Thursday, January 4th at 6:30pm in the school library. We will be putting final touches on the activities for our **Annual Lock-In**, scheduled for Friday, February 2nd from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend and sign up to volunteer for this great event!

Our school-wide **Geography Bee** takes place this **Wednesday, January 3rd** at 1pm in our school Gym. This will be the final round before a school winner is announced to move to the next stage of the bee. Finalist from each homeroom in grades 4-8 will take part in the bee. Also, in two weeks we will conduct our school-wide **Spelling Bee** on **Wednesday, January 17th** at 9am in our school gym. Student representatives from grades 3-8 will take part in this event. A school-wide winner will be announced at the end of the bee to move on the next stage.

Second Trimester Progress Reports will be issued to students on Friday, January 19th. The reports need to be **signed and returned** by January 26th.

Our next **Jeans Day** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd to benefit the GWCRS Scholarship Fund. Dress down donations for each Jeans Day is a minimum of \$2.00 per student and is due in homeroom **on or before the scheduled day**. Students who report to school in uniform need not donate. Students are allowed to dress down appropriately and modestly. Apparel **NOT ALLOWED**, on any Jeans Day, are as follows: tight jeans or short shorts, jeans with holes in it, spandex, leggings and jeggings. In addition, inappropriate worded T-shirts, apparel that shows armpits or bellybuttons, low-cut shirts are considered unacceptable. ***However, we ask that ALL STUDENTS participating donate prior to the designated day, or on that day—the latest!***



As a reminder, girls in grades 6-8 are to wear **Donnelly's dress pants/skirts** during cold weather, or wear their **GWCRS gym sweatpants** under their skirts when outside. Students out of uniform are given an oral warning, a written warning, and finally detention. Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Schools Week activities will begin with **Mass** at 10:00am at St. Joseph's Parish (adjacent to our school building) on Sunday, January 28th. Our students will assist Father Woolley as readers and altar servers. Our school choir will provide music for the Mass as well. Please join us as we celebrate Catholic Education!!

Following Mass, our **Annual Open House** also takes place from 11am-1pm on Sunday, January 28th. **New registrations for the 2018-2019 school year** will be taken at that time for grades 3-8. Additionally, *Monsignor Gadoury* will also host their Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 11:30am-1pm. We look forward to seeing new faces so please spread the word. You are our best cheerleaders! GWCRS is counting on you!!

The **Good Shepherd Basketball** program has begun with four Catholic Athletic League (CAL) teams, which involve boys and girls in Grades 5-8. A special "Thank You" goes out to all our volunteer coaches: Mrs. Pelletier, Mr. & Mrs. Platek, Mr. Boylen, Mr. Moyen, Mr. Cunnanan, Mrs. Luca, and Mr. Robillard.

We continue to collect **Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels and ink cartridges.** Thank you for your support.

We thank everyone who participated in **Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards** program. We will continue this program again this year. Our School ID # is 05750 if you have not registered yet for this program our school will greatly appreciate your support.

Another timely reminder: We follow the Woonsocket Public Schools in **weather cancellation or delays.** Storm related closings/delays are broadcast on radio stations WOON-1240AM and WNRI-1380AM, and on TV—Channels 6, 10, and 12. Families interested may also sign up for text alerts through the RI Broadcasters Association website: www.ribroadcasters.com/closings.

Our **Game Corner**, is up and running, being used regularly during indoor recess on poor weather days. If you have any air hockey, soccer or foosball tables that you are not using, we will certainly put them to good use! As a reminder, if anyone has a **"tennis ball collection"** that they are willing to part with, we can always use them for our desk and chair legs.



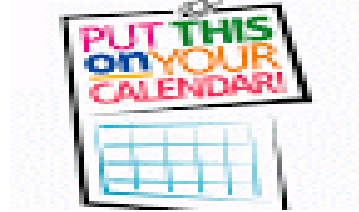
We ask students not to bring **expensive electronic devices/phones** to school (see pages 25 & 26 of our *GWCRS Parent/Student Handbook* at www.gwcrs.org).

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 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.

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

God Bless,

Mrs. Jennifer DeOliveira



JANUARY

January 3- Geography Bee 1:00pm (School Gym)
 January 4- Field Trip to PPAC (Gr. 7 & 8) 8:45am-11:45am
 January 4- PTO Meeting (Library) 6:30pm-7:30pm
 January 15- NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 January 17- Scripps Spelling Bee 9:00am (School Gym)
 January 17- Craft Club 2:45pm-4:00pm
 January 19- Progress Reports Distributed
 January 23- Jeans Day for GWCRS Scholarship Fund \$2 Donation
 January 25- PTO Meeting (Library)—Lock-In Planning 6:30pm-7:30pm
 January 26- ALL Signed Progress Reports due back
 January 28- Catholic Schools Week Mass @ St. Joseph’s Parish 10:00am
 January 28- Open House at Good Shepherd School 11:00am-1:00pm
 Jan. 28-Feb. 2 Catholic Schools Week – *watch for more information to come home!* ☺

FEBRUARY

February 2- “Candlemas” at St. Joseph’s 1:00 p.m.
 February 2- “Lock-In for Scholarships” 6 p.m.-8 p.m. (Gr. 3-5) and 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. (Gr. 6-8)
 February 7- Parent Night for Incoming 3rd Grade 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
 February 7- Craft Club 2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
 February 14- Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30a.m.
 February 15- Jeans Day for American Red Cross \$2 Donation
 February 16- Field Trip to Stadium Theatre (Gr. 7 & 8) to view “West Side Story”
 February 19-23 NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK

MARCH

March 1-2 Talent Show Sign Ups
 March 8-9 Talent Show Auditions 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
 March 12- Third Trimester Begins
 March 12- Confessions (Gr. 3-5) 1:00pm-2:00pm
 March 13- Confessions (Gr. 6-8) 1:00pm-2:00pm
 March 14- Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
 March 15- Annual Talent Show (Good Shepherd Gym) 6:30 p.m.
 March 15- Second Trimester Report Cards distributed
 March 26- Stations of the Cross 1:00 p.m. @ St. Joseph’s Church
 March 29- Field Trip to PPAC (Gr. 3 & 4) to view “Snow White & the Seven Dwarves”
 March 30- NO SCHOOL—GOOD FRIDAY