



Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School

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November is the month of Thanksgiving and we have so much for which to be thankful! I would like to begin by

thanking all of you for your tremendous support in our Fall Fundraiser which exceeded \$7500 in profit for our school. We couldn't have done this without your support. THANK YOU!

During the past few weeks, Rhode Island has seen a steady rise in the number of positive cases of COVID-19. With the increase in numbers across Rhode Island, it



is important that we all wear masks and remind our children how important it is for them to also wear their masks and socially distance.

Hand washing is crucial in fighting, not only COVID, but all flu and contagious illnesses such as colds, as well. If your child is ill, please have them stay at home. If your child becomes ill at school, they will be sent home with instructions from the school nurse. Also, any child showing symptoms will be sent home with an [Attestation Form](#) which is used as documentation for our school to track illnesses within our school community. I am pleased to report that all forms have been returned as requested from those students who are returning back into our building following their illness.

Keeping in mind all safety precautions we are taking to keep our students and staff safe, I want to address another topic that was discussed during the Governor's Press Conference this week. Bearing on the side of caution, please be mindful of the impact that out-of-state travel could have on returning to classroom instruction. Our latest guidance from RIDOH requires a 14-day quarantine and self-monitoring of symptoms if a person travels to and from a state with a higher than 5% positivity rate. Even if a traveler is tested and has a negative test result, RIDOH *prefers* a 14-day quarantine. Attached is the [State of RI Compliance Form for Travel](#) that will be available for all faculty, staff and families to complete if they plan to travel over the next few weeks.



As we progress through the school year we will continue to adhere to the Department of Health Guidelines and Policies in order to provide our staff and students with a safe learning environment. I have included the link from the Department of Health with the most recent updates that we were given regarding Covid-19 cases in the school. Please reference this link: [RIDOH Playbook](#) for updates.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify our distance learning plan that was established this summer. As a reminder, a form was emailed to all families prior to the start of school regarding your families' preference for your child's learning. As



indicated in that form your child must adhere to that decision until the end of the **1st Trimester (December 9th)**, unless they are ill or in quarantine. For the safety of all students and faculty, I have to remind



families that this decision must be followed and students cannot stay home for reasons other than illness. If a student comes in and out of the school building for reasons

other than illness it becomes a challenge for teachers to track their learning, as well as a challenge for our documentation for contact tracing. We have rosters established for each day in the event that we need to contact the Department of Health. We also make daily phone calls for students who are not present on their scheduled in-person instruction or follow up with families whose children are ill. I know this is a challenging time for all but we would appreciate your support in this matter. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Reminder: There will be NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, November 3rd (Election Day) and on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. On these two days there will be NO SCHOOL and NO Meets for students so they may enjoy these days without schoolwork.

Early Care (Homework Haven), a quiet place to read and study, is offered free of charge each day from **7:30am-8:15am** and began on the first day of school. Students are still able to take part in our early care program throughout the school year.

Afterschool Extended Care is also offered daily, from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Pre-registration is required (hourly fee required for this program).

Our October **Jeans Day (Dress Down Day)** took place on Thursday, October 22nd. Proceeds from this jeans day benefitted The Bobby Jones Chiari & Syringomyelia Foundation. Through the generosity of our school families and staff we raised \$550.00. I am so proud of everyone's support! Our next Jeans Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18th and will benefit The American Red Cross**. As a reminder, students are allowed to dress down appropriately and modestly. Donations should be made on the day prior or at the latest the day of the scheduled Jeans Day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place virtually this school year. A date will be determined in the next few weeks.



Appointments are necessary for conferences this year in order to send out zoom links to families who would like a conference. All

conferences will be limited to no more than 10 minutes, per teacher, in order to accommodate the large number of parent conferences. If more time is needed, please ask that a follow-up visit be scheduled.

Regarding our grading system, our Honor Roll Requirements are:

- High Honors With Distinction: 96 – 100
- High Honors: 90 – 95
- Honors: 85 – 89



Students in grades 5 – 8 must score in the above noted grade ranges in each major subject area. In grades 6 – 8, the Spanish grade is also included to attain Honors, as listed.

Just as a reminder First Trimester grades close on **Wednesday, December 9th.** Please remind your child to keep up with their assignments and check in with their teachers for missing work. Report Cards will be sent home on **Friday, December 11th.**

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 have to offer your child and his/her family. **Please call the school office if you need to update your email or contact information for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Great News!! We continue our partnerships with area high schools to continue your child’s Catholic Education. Over the last few weeks, Catholic High School Admissions directors conducted virtual zoom meetings with our 8th grade students and shared what their school has to offer as they continue onto high school next year.

Working together with Saint Raphael Academy in Pawtucket, RI, and Bishop Feehan in Attleboro MA (only 15-20 minutes from Good



Shepherd School), we would like to build this collaboration between our school and other Catholic High Schools. We would love the opportunity for our families to visit the website

of these schools and see what wonderful opportunities are available for your children as they continue their educational journey into high school.

Don’t forget: Good Shepherd School also joined the AmazonSmile program. If you shop on Amazon you can support our school at no extra cost. All you need to do is bookmark: smile.amazon.com and select **Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System** and a small percentage of your purchase spending will come back to our school.

We would like to also share with you that our school Facebook and Instagram pages are updated regularly with activities that are taking place throughout the school day so parents can get a glimpse of the great things happening in our classrooms. Please follow us on our Facebook page: **Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School** and on Instagram: **Gwcrsschools**

On behalf of everyone at Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School, I would like to **Thank you** for your continued support of Catholic Education!