



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Principal's Newscast

### January 2021

*"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you". Is. 60 1-2*

Dear GSCS Families and Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed Christmas and a relaxing New Year. The spirit of Christmas was truly present throughout December at GSCS. We enjoyed a hybrid Parish/School Christmas Show celebrating our Savior's birth and our students collected shoes for children in our Sister Diocese. This week, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season. The Psalm on Sunday assures us that the Lord will bless us with profound peace. May the peace of Christ be with you throughout the new year.

In January, we will be gearing up for Catholic Schools Week 2021. The theme for this year is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. The theme highlights the fact that Catholic schools are not only school communities, but also an integral part of the parish communities, cities, and states where they are located. Catholic schools, including GSCS, are known for their focus on academic excellence, faith development, and service to enable students to serve their communities and nation in the future. Despite our current circumstance, GSCS will celebrate a virtual and in-person Catholic Schools Week.

We are already planning for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Current family registration will begin in January with new family registration to start the end of February (see page 2). Feel free to encourage friends and family members interested in Catholic schools to sign up for the in-person tour or look for our virtual open house. Word of mouth continues to be our best advertisement! Thank you, once again, for your continued support and dedication to Catholic education and Good Shepherd. Look for the 2021-2022 new Tuition and Re-registration letter in January. Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns at [gdelorbe@goodshepherd.org](mailto:gdelorbe@goodshepherd.org).

Let's begin 2021 with a blessed New Year prayer:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.*

Peace & Blessings,

*Gloria Del Orbe*  
*Principal*

### GS Church & School's Christmas Play

**GSCS Mission**  
With Christ as the ever-present teacher, Good Shepherd Catholic School is committed to provide academic excellence, Catholic values, and a faith-filled community to its students.

### Calendar Of Events

\*Jan 18th—Martin Luther King Day Teacher/Student Holiday—No ELC, No Extended Care

\*January 27th—Knight of Columbus Bowling See page 8 of Newscast

\*January 29th—Donation Dress Down

\*January 30th Blood Drive See page 7 of Newscast, Plant Sale see page 8 of Newscast



Some of the shoes donated for the Mission—Thank You





## Re-Enrollment for 2021-2022 is Coming SOON!

- Existing student re-enrollment will begin in late January and continue through the end of February for the 2021-2022 school year. To take advantage of the **EARLY re-enrollment fee of \$150** re-enrollment packets must be submitted online by **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. This will also secure your child's space for the upcoming school year! All re-enrollment packets submitted on or after March 1<sup>st</sup> will incur the 2021-2022 re-enrollment fee of \$250.
- Online applications for new students continue to be accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. *If you have a child that does not currently attend GSCS, but is interested in attending GSCS for the upcoming school year, please submit their application no later than **January 31**, to be considered for enrollment prior to new applicants.* For more information on how to apply online, go to the school website, select *Admissions* from the main menu and then click on *How to Apply* (or request information from Holly Finke at [hfinke@goodshepherd.org](mailto:hfinke@goodshepherd.org)).
- Screenings for new students entering grades Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin in early February based on available openings.

If you have any further questions regarding enrollment for an existing student or a new student, please contact Holly Finke at [hfinke@goodshepherd.org](mailto:hfinke@goodshepherd.org) or 407-277-3973x111.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER: PEACE

Below are our GSCS Students and Staff for the Virtue of the Month:

PK3A-Easton O.

KA-Gianni O.

2A-Yancer G..

4A- Mariana P.

6A- Sofia S.

7B- Madison T.

PK4A-Isabel H.

K/1-Elizabeth S.

2/3- Erick G.

4/5- Miriam A.

6B- Natasha C.

8A- Mackenzie A.

GS Staff- Mrs. Haefner

PK4B-Jace P.

1A-Anthony A.

3A- Bethany S.

5A- Maria K.

7A-Melina A.

8B-Francesco F.



**Don't forget to order your plaque to be placed on the Memory Garden on \$25.00 per plaque!**

It is a meaningful way to honor someone who has passed, or a teacher who's inspired and influenced you; you can also honor a graduate, a family milestone—baptism, first communion, etc. There is no limit to your choice of remembrance!

Here is the link for the order form:

[http://www.goodshepherd.org/SchoolDocs/Plaque\\_Order\\_Boxes.pdf](http://www.goodshepherd.org/SchoolDocs/Plaque_Order_Boxes.pdf)





# GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

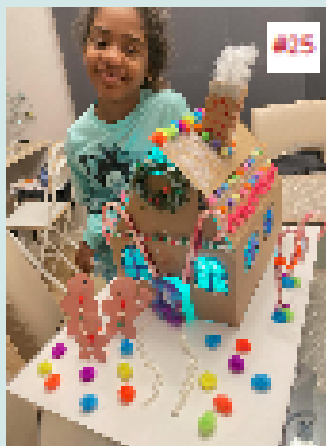


Thank you to all the families that participated in this year's Good Shepherd Gingerbread House Decorating contest. It was wonderful to see all the Christmas cheer in all the amazing Gingerbread Houses. We appreciate you supporting the HSA in this activity and look forward to many more.

Thank you to everyone who voted. Many categories were very close. The winners will be receiving a \$25 e-gift card by email.

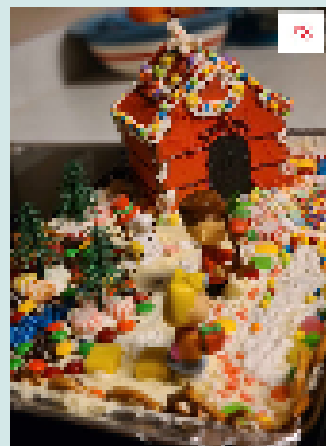
## MOST CREATIVE

Layla S.  
5th Grade



## FUNNIEST

Dawson W.  
1st Grade



## BEST ALL AROUND

Samantha P.  
1st Grade



On behalf of the HSA, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

May you all stay safe and blessed.

Kindest Regards,

Deborah, Belinda, Christina, Sharon



**Dear Middle School Parents,**

**I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. Good Shepherd may resume CYS athletic activities such as team tryouts & practices as of January 4, 2021. CYS regular season girls & boys basketball games will begin the last week of January, 2021.**

**Good Shepherd team tryouts for basketball will be held after school dismissal next week, January 12th through January 15th. We will need an accurate count of those students participating in order to take measures for teams and proper social distancing. All students planning to attend tryouts should sign up no later than January 11<sup>th</sup> by 8:00am. Students will sign up by sending an email to Reba Fritz at: [rfritz@goodshepherd.org](mailto:rfritz@goodshepherd.org). Please include the student's name and grade level. Tryouts are free and no sports fees are due until after our teams has been selected.**

**After the team has been selected, all student athletes must register through the CYS web site. The CYS sports fees must be paid "in full" in order to complete your registration. No athletes will be allowed to attend team practices unless registration process is complete. The GSCS sports fee will remain the same as our last school year at \$100. per athlete. All sports fees are non-refundable regardless of reason, including those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**The health and safety of all our athletes, staff, and volunteers remain the highest priority while following CDC, state, local and Diocesan guidelines. Please check the CYS web site @ [catholicyouthsports.org](http://catholicyouthsports.org) and click on the "Orlando" region for measures being taken by the League to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through sports.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mike Striby  
GSCS - AD**





# January Good Shepherd Catholic

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day  School Closed
<b>4</b> Steak and Cheese Sandwich French Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>5</b> Breakfast For Lunch French Toast Hash Brown Breakfast Sausage Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>6</b> Twin Tacos Taco Meat, Shredded Cheddar Cheese over Rice with Lettuce, Tomatoes, & Salsa Rice Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>7</b> Popcorn Chicken Garlic Breadstick Steamed Corn Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>8</b> FLIPPERS Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad Fresh or Chilled Fruit
<b>11</b> Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>12</b> Pasta with Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Steamed Corn Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>13</b> Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Roasted Vegetables Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>14</b> Cheeseburger on a Bun French Fries Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>15</b> FLIPPERS Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad Fresh or Chilled Fruit
<b>18</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day  School Closed	<b>19</b> Breakfast For Lunch Waffle Breakfast Sausage Hash Brown Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>20</b> Scoob a Bowl Tostitos SCOOPS!® Tortilla Chips Taco Meat, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, and Salsa Steamed Rice Corn Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>21</b> Macaroni and Cheese Garlic Breadstick Steamed Corn Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>22</b> FLIPPERS Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Freshly Prepared Italian House Salad Fresh or Chilled Fruit
<b>25</b> Pasta with Marinara Sauce Garlic Breadstick Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>26</b> Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green beans Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>27</b> Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Breakfast Sausage Hash Brown Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>28</b> Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans Steamed Rice Fresh or Chilled Fruit	<b>29</b> FLIPPERS Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Freshly Prepared Italian House Salad Fresh or Chilled Fruit

Student Lunch \$4.00  
Entrée Only \$3.00  
Adult Lunch \$4.00

All meals are served with the Vegetable of the Day and/or a selection from Harvest Market, Fruit of the Day, Variety of Milk or Water.



Fresh Vegetables, Featured Salads, Bean Salad, or Veggie Dippers Available Daily

**Maschio's Swap Outs Available Daily**  
Bagel Meal - Bagel with Spread, Cheese Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetable, and Beverage.  
Chicken Caesar Salad with Dinner Roll

**Maschio's Swap Outs**  
Monday Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Tuesday Cheeseburger on a Bun  
Wednesday Chicken Nuggets  
Thursday Hot Dog on a Bun  
Friday Chef Salad with Dinner Roll

Online payments can be made at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com)

Please make checks payable to:  
Maschio's Food Services, Inc.

Maschio's Area Supervisor  
Josh Stonecypher (814) 421-8377

Menu Subject To Change



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
Please call us at (731) 528-0005 or go to [www.maschiofoodservices.net](http://www.maschiofoodservices.net)

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# COVID-19 Parent Reference Guide

## HEALTHY NO SYMPTOMS

Proceed to school



## CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH COVID-19 NO SYMPTOMS

Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes

Cannot go to school



- Stay home for 14 days since last contact with person positive for COVID-19

## SYMPTOMATIC for COVID-19 NO DIAGNOSIS (exhibiting at least one Covid-19 symptom)

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 include: a fever of 100.4 or above, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new cough and new loss of taste or smell.

Cannot go to school



- If confirmed positive for COVID-19, follow section Positive for Covid-19 (Asymptomatic or Symptomatic)
- If confirmed negative for COVID-19 test, return to school when fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine. A medical doctor's note or negative test result is required to return to school.
- If confirmed diagnosis other than COVID-19 (e.g. stomach virus, ear infection, sinus infection) follow normal school illness policies to return to school. A medical doctor's note is required to return to school.

## POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 (Asymptomatic or Symptomatic)

Cannot go to school



### ASYMPTOMATIC

- Stay home for 10 days since first positive COVID-19 test so long as symptoms do not develop. A medical doctor's note is required to return to school.

### SYMPTOMATIC

- Stay home for 10 days since first symptoms appeared, remain home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication AND symptoms have improved. A medical doctor's note is required to return to school.

**NOTE:** In the event a school has a positive case of COVID-19, staff members and parents of those individuals exposed will be notified as soon as possible. The school will consult with the Diocese of Orlando and the local health department for guidance and directives. The nature of the circumstance will determine if a school closure is necessary and the length of closure; each situation is unique and will be addressed accordingly.



## MISSION OFFICE DONATION DRIVE 2020-2021

Your generosity supports schools in our Sister Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic.

All other donations can be brought to the Mission Office.  
Contact us at 407-246-4890 or [cgenovesi@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:cgenovesi@orlandodiocese.org).



## Peanut Butter

Please donate peanut butter for the missions. Peanut butter donations can be sent into the students classroom. Please send them no later than Tuesday February 9th.





Planning and hard work are well under way for the Good Shepherd School Foundation's On line Auction 2021. This year's event will go on line March 15, 2021. The funds raised on this evening will give the GSS Foundation the opportunity to continue to provide tuition scholarships and technology tools, while ensuring the high quality of education our school has always provided. *Your prior support made a huge difference in the amount of funds we raised to support these Foundation goals.*

This year our Auction will include a special Classroom Projects Auction and we are requesting donations of product or services from local businesses. Your support of this event will also increase your business's exposure to the 2,500+ families within our school and church community. Donations for your business will be listed prominently on Auction emails and website, the GSS Foundation web-site (with links to your business web-site).

We sincerely hope you will choose to promote your business for this year's on line auction or make a donation to our auction. If you don't have a business please donate items that we can use in our baskets.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Reba Fritz at 407-580-7137 or Holly Finke via email at: [hfinke@goodshepherd.org](mailto:hfinke@goodshepherd.org). Please know that every donation, no matter the size, is important and gratefully received. Won't you join us in a worthwhile mission that is not simply our calling, but our passion?



**BLOOD DRIVE**



**Saturday, January 30, 2021 12pm-5pm**  
**Knights Council #2112**

**Community & Four Parishes: Good Shepherd,  
 St. Joseph, St. Margaret Mary, St. Peter & Paul  
 Blood Drive to Combat Corona Virus (COVID-19)**

**Held at Knights Hall 5727 Cornelia Ave., Orl. Fl. 32807**

**Please Pre-Register for this event below** 

**DONATE  
 BLOOD**



**Registration Contact: Tony Pagan Jr.  
 Knights Community/ Pro Life Director  
 Phone: 407-325-0027**

**email: [apaganjr youthdirector@gmail.com](mailto:apaganjr youthdirector@gmail.com)**



## Knights of Columbus Youth/Family Bowling & Plant Sale

**When:** January 23, 2021

**Where:** Three-Point Bowling Alley  
7470 Hoffner Ave, Orlando, FL 32822  
(Intersection of Hoffner Ave./Old Goldenrod Rd.)



**Time:** 11 am- 1:00 pm

**Specials:** Discount \$12.00(3 games & shoes) or Regular \$4.00 per game and \$4.00 per shoes

**Requirement:** Face Mask and Social Distancing

**Contact to confirm your attendance:**

SK-Antonio Pagán Jr.- Community/Life Director

[apaganjryouthdirector@gmail.com](mailto:apaganjryouthdirector@gmail.com) 407-325-0027

## Knights Council #2112 Peace Plants Sale

**When:** January 30th

**Where:** 5727 Cornelia Drive, Orlando, Fl.

**Time:** 12pm-5pm

**Purpose:** To fund our charitable Knight programs that provide financial assistance to our four sponsored churches and local communities.

**For more Info Contact:** SK-Tony Pagán Jr.-

**Knights Community/Life Director** [apaganjryouthdirector@gmail.com](mailto:apaganjryouthdirector@gmail.com)  
or 407-325-0027





Virtual

# CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

FEBRUARY 2-3, 2021

*Faithful citizens make a difference.*



*Events held virtually include:*

*Legislative Briefing • Rosary with the Bishops*

*Defensor Vitae Award Presentation • Meetings with Lawmakers*

*Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit to be Live-Streamed*

Find more information and register online at: [www.flaccb.org/cdac](http://www.flaccb.org/cdac)



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