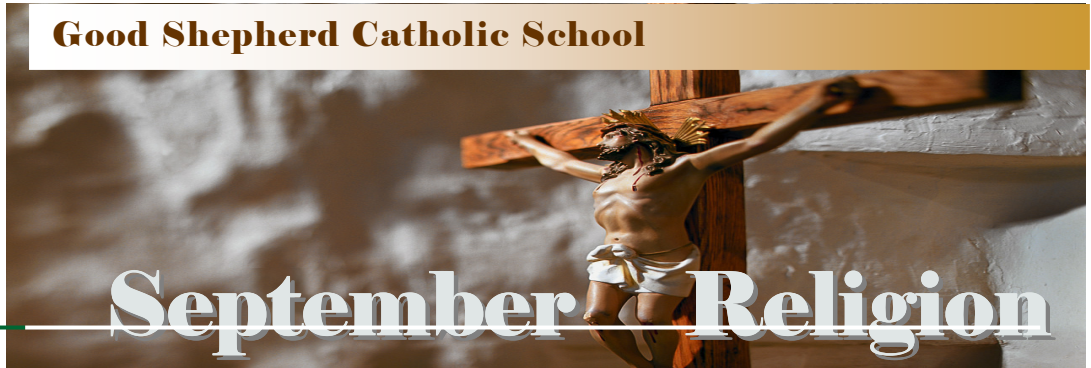


September 1, 2009

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**Dates To Remember:**

Back-To School Night	9/16
No School— Labor Day!	9/7-8
ITBS Testing	9/22-9/25
St. Francis Blessing of The Animals	10/2
Our Lady of the Rosary Liturgy	10/7
1st Trimester Progress Repts.	10/9
Parent Conferences	10/13-10/15
Minimum Days	
End 1st Trimester	11/13
Report Cards Home	11/20

**Eucharist—Meal & Communication!**

Middle School Retreat

The first full day of school was spent on a retreat for all middle school students. Students spent the day in reflection, prayer and having a lot of fun getting to know each other. Fr. Mike Marini came to celebrate mass with the kids, emphasizing the Eucharist as meal and communication.

Family Support— All the classes will be spending time learning about the sacraments and how they affect our lives today. It is important that students become aware of the sacred moments in their every day lives, and join in community celebrations of the

sacraments throughout the liturgical year. Parents can support this learning by:

- 1) having a family meal together at as often as possible.
- 2) Attend religious services as a family as often as possible.

Both these take time in hectic schedules, but it is well worth it!

6th Grade

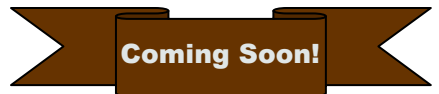
The sixth grade started their investigation of the Bible by doing an Old Testament scavenger hunt. They also shared family stories to demonstrate how stories get passed down from one generation to another.

7th Grade

The seventh graders are investigating the New Testament and are learning about the history of the time of Jesus.

8th Grade

The eighth grade reviewed the bible structure and are learning about the different writing styles and authors of the Gospels and Epistles.



St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals!

Franciscan Brother Warner will be here to bless our pets on Friday, Oct. 2, 8-8:20 a.m. All animals are welcome but must be restrained or in carriers, and they must be taken home directly after the blessing!

**Community**

**Service!**

- Time cards went home Tuesday, September 1.
- List of ideas on back of time card
- 5 hours due by end of trimester.