

# Ram Review

## Principal's Message

### Open House

Thank you to all of the children who attended church in their uniforms Saturday and Sunday at our school parishes for Catholic Schools Sunday. Free dress for these students will be Friday, February 12. As I made the rounds to each of the three churches (I didn't make it to San Agustin), I enjoyed the energy and excitement around Catholic Schools Week.

I realize that some of you are still unclear about the purpose of our Open House this Wednesday evening. This is for all CURRENT and PROSPECTIVE families. For the first twenty minutes, I will do a short presentation on the things offered at Good Shepherd, why parents choose our school, and our philosophy. This will be followed by recognizing our annual Volunteer of the Year. Following this presentation, you will be invited to visit next year's classroom to meet the teacher and understand a little more about the activities in this

grade. Middle school parents will visit next year's homeroom teacher. At this time, we will also have a few student ambassadors from the middle school who will take new parents to the proper classrooms and then be available to give tours of the school.

Following the classroom presentations, all families will be invited to visit any of our classrooms. This will be the time to visit your child's **current year** classroom and see what your child has been working on this year. Although the classrooms will be open until 7:30, the night will probably conclude closer to 7 p.m.

Remember that this is our one night out of the year that we really want to show off our school. We have seen quite a bit of interest already and we are looking forward to many new families visiting. Thank you for all your efforts to publicize our Open House and to invite new families. See you Wednesday!



## Kudos ...

- ♥ to everyone who came to our first Parent Club Family Fun Night last Friday. We'd like to especially thank our organizer, **Rebecca Liljenstolpe** and her helpers: **Bonnie Stow, Lisa & Daric Holdaway, Carrie Lane, Hana Anderson, Angela Henderson, Allison Renda, Kalyne & Jay Weisblatt, Shelley Ainsworth, Dominique Hansen, Laura Garvin, Karen Shipley**, Students: **Ryann Liljenstolpe, Gina Devencenzi, Anna Erickson, April Harlamoff, Mikayla Stow** and **Claire Conway**
- ♥ ... to our parish liaisons for Catholic Schools Sunday. Some of them attended more than three Masses at each parish to host an information table. Thank you to **Gladys Ghahremani, Maria Reyes, Sharon & John Bargetto, Kathleen & Mark Cambra, Katie Tripp, Lisa Holdaway, and Suzie Bargetto**.
- ♥ ...and to the students who spoke at the Masses. These include **Kyle LeBlanc, Karla Guizar, Larisa Warren**, (weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup>: **Natalie Deraiche**, and **Sabrina Bargetto**).
- ♥ ... to **Sam Huddleston**, author of *Five Years to Life*, donated 5 new books to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade project. <http://fiveyearstolife.com>
- ♥ Thank you to **Siri Rodoni**, a licensed Physical Therapist and Pilates Instructor for donating her time to teach Pilates to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information about Siri check out <http://www.synergy-pilates.com>



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### Exciting Class Begins for K—5th Students

Beginning Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to begin a Movement and Dance class one day per week for each of grades Kindergarten through fifth. **Dawn Imbrie** is our teacher from the Cultural Council of the Arts and the SPECTRA program.

Please ask your children about this new and exciting opportunity and we look forward to a presentation by these classes in mid-May to show what they have learned.



### PLAYGROUND CHANGES FOR K-3RD

*In an effort to give the second and third graders time on the play structure and swings, they will be given time every other Friday on the current K/1<sup>st</sup> grade yard. A parent has volunteered to supervise these second and third graders at lunch on every other Friday on that side so that Max Smith (our newest aide) will be free to organize activities for the K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders on the other (second/third grade) yard. This will begin on Friday February 12th.*



*It has not worked to have second graders in the primary yard because of the number of children in Kindergarten and First grade this year, so we hope that this will provide a positive temporary solution while the Board of Directors works on reconfiguring our soccer fields to meet the needs of all Good Shepherd students. Thank you for your patience in this process.*

### Seventh Grade Book Drive

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom is collecting books for kids at Juvenile Hall. Dr. Monica brought in 25 books and she wants to challenge the Good Shepherd students to match or surpass that number of books. These books will be collected until February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The books can only be soft cover, no hard cover. The kids in Juvenile Hall would love to have different books to choose from. The kids would prefer books about people who have over come challenges and/or come out of gangs. So far, 7<sup>th</sup> grade has collected 97 books.

### MARCH HOT LUNCH DEADLINE

Tuesday  
February 16—8:00 am



CALENDAR REMINDERS	
2/3:	5:30 - 7:30 pm Open House
2/4	Free Dress : CAREER DAY Ice Cream Social/Recess
2/5	11:00 Mass with Bishop Garcia Minimum Day - No SEP Staff Appreciation Lunch
2/9	Science Fair
2/10	Middle School Field Trip
2/11	B-Day Free Dress January Birthdays Preschool Bake Sale
2/12	Catholic Schools Sunday Free Dress—If student wore Their uniform to church 1/31
2/15	NO SCHOOL President's Day

### Preschool PreK Bake Sale

Thursday  
February 11

### Recess and Lunch

Items .50 cents or \$1.00

