

eRam- Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Kudos...

(Please note that "Kudos" can be written and submitted by any parent, staff, student, or community member to recognize the outstanding service that so many give to our community. If you'd like to submit recognition to be written in the Ram at any time during the year, please send an email to achavarria@gsschool.org and write "Kudos for Ram" in the subject line.)

... to **Russ Bianchi** for continuously decorating our baskets at the front of the school to match the season.
... to our recent Endowment donors: **Bob Butcher, Mary Solari, and Alice Ponza**. Thanks to these three donors, already the Endowment has received over \$13,000 this year.

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Parent Survey. The results of the survey are an attachment in the e-Ram. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Anderson directly.

All are invited to Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday, December 8th at 11:00 am**. Please be considerate of our guests from Dominican Oaks who will need the seats nearest the stage. Thank you in advance to **Fr. Ron Green, Fred Martinez, Jennifer Tschirky and the third graders** for coordinating this Mass for us.

Dec. 9th is GREEN and RED day in Celebration of the Christmas Season. Your child may come in uniform or wear the colors GREEN and RED (This is not a free dress day. It is a Christmas Spirit Day). Santa pictures will be available on this day. Leadership will provide each classroom with Santa Photo Order Forms. Each photo with Santa will be \$2.00. Students may take individual, small group, and/or whole class pictures. Pictures will be delivered the following week. Show your school spirit and join the colorful, Santa fun!

Please note that the information about our Christmas Concert was incorrect in the St. Joseph's bulletin this past weekend. The starting times are 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm (per the calendar below). Sorry for the inconvenience.

Catholic Schools Week? January 28-February 4, 2012

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. This nationally celebrated week is an important time for us to show our school spirit and also thank everyone in our community for supporting our school. With different events scheduled for every day of Catholic Schools Week, expect to be hearing more about this as it approaches and please set aside time now in your schedules so that you and your children can participate. When we come back from Winter break, there will be a sign-up sheet in the school office for attendance at one of 11 masses at our 3 different parishes. We would like to have several students in uniform at each mass, and one parent with his/her child to stand up and speak at each Mass about why they chose Catholic education. Our teachers will be in attendance as well. Catholic Schools Week will be a fun time for everyone to get involved to celebrate and promote our school.

Cutting down on waste from lunches

For the younger students especially, with lunch boxes, the staff decided that students in grades K-4 will not throw anything away (even their trash). All items should go back in their lunch boxes to go home so that parents can see what was and wasn't eaten. Teachers will have available at each of the tables a basket for

uneaten hot lunch items such as fruit and extras. Everything else should go home with the student. Help us to cut down on whole items of food being thrown away.

Our Principal's Wacky Event

Reading is Out of this World! Mr. Anderson challenged our students to read 25,000 minutes during the week of the Scholastic Book Fair in November. Good Shepherd students took him on and read a total of 27,248 minutes. Mr. Anderson encourages and supports student reading and as promised came dress up as an Alien at our school assembly today, December 3rd. Way to go RAMS!!!

Calendar Items

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception- **Thursday, Dec. 8th at 11 am**

Auction Planning Meeting in library/ All parents are invited-**Thursday, December 8th at 8 am**

Green and Red Day; Santa Picture Day- **Friday, Dec. 9th**

Junior High Dance for 7th/8th graders- **Friday, Dec. 9th from 7 to 10 pm**

Christmas Concert- **PS- 1st at 6:30 pm; 2nd-5th at 7:30 pm on Weds, Dec. 14th in the GS Gym**

December Birthday Free Dress- **Thursday, Dec. 15th**

Minimum Day, No SEP- **Friday, Dec. 16th**

Parent Service Hours Opportunities

The following are some upcoming volunteer service opportunities. Email the office or contact person listed if you are interested.

Days:

Santa Claus is coming to Good Shepherd... but we need helpers. Earn Parent Points on Friday, **Dec. 9** by being one of Santa's helpful elves (including a photographer)! Please contact Mrs. Arefa in the office or Michelle Miller at mmiller@gsschool.org if you are able to help. We need help on **Friday, Dec. 9th from 8:30 - noon.**

We need a parent to help coordinate our "Community Volunteer Recognition Assembly" on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 8:00 am. This is during Catholic Schools Week when each day of the week we give thanks for members of our school and community. The person will be responsible for contacting all service people, grandparents, or any other volunteers that help support Good Shepherd. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Kaia Roman at kroman@gsschool.org.

Weekends:

The playground is almost finished. **Lisa Holdaway** has graciously volunteered to coordinate the "Playground Bark Party" for this Saturday, December 10th. The bark will be delivered this Thursday, but we need at least 15-20 volunteers (and middle school students) with shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows to spread the 250 cubic yards of bark. *Middle school students may earn hourly credit for their overnight field trips. Email Lisa at lisaholdaway@aol.com if you are interested.

Attachments

[Parent survey results.12.6.11.pdf](#)