

eRam- Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012

Honor Roll, First Trimester

Congratulations to our Honor Roll recipients for Trimester One which ended on November 23, 2011! These students worked very hard to receive the grades they earned and should be commended for this accomplishment.

First Honors (3.66 or above, no grade lower than an A-):

Cati Bianchi

Ireland Conti

Emily Knapp

Chloe Tschirky

Victoria Yassa

Second Honors (3.3 to 3.65 GPA and no grade lower than a B-)

Anna Erickson

Kathleen Tripp

Anna Noto

Maddison Barnes

Bella Airoidi

Nate Armstrong

Braelynn Westjohn

Peter Diaz

Devin McLeod

Rory Hatcher

Diego Letamendi

Sara Patz

Emily DeFrancesco

Sierra Laird

Emma Bargetto

Sonja Kaufmann

Hailey DiRienzo

Teo Barragan-

Jacob Shipley

Buelna

Jacqueline DePedro

Travis Hatcher

Jerome Lumicao

Viktoria Tripp

Jordan DePedro

Vincent Wolfe

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 **Kathleen Cambra, Jennifer Kehoe, Allison Renda, Stephanie Osorio, Jen Sears, and Erin Watson** for serving refreshments at the Christmas Concerts. Thank you to the **Parent Club** for providing all of the goodies.

The following is from **Mary Ann Kono**, President of the SVDP Society at Our Lady Star of the Sea:

...A tremendous thank you to all of the **Good Shepherd families** for their donations of food for the pantries at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Joseph's at Thanksgiving time. Your donations were a great boost to our food pantries.

... Also, thank you also for the overwhelming amount of toys, games, coats etc. donated for the Christmas Project in Watsonville. I went to the Christmas Project Headquarters on Saturday, December 17th, to help wrap the gifts. Our family went to help deliver the toys to the Migrant Camps in Watsonville on Christmas Eve. All of the migrant families were greatly appreciative of all of their gifts. For some of these families, the Christmas Project gifts were the only ones that they got for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar Items

January 10th-12th - ACRE Testing (Annual exam on religion curriculum and student knowledge for **Fifth Grade only.**)

January 16th- No School, MLK Jr. Holiday

January 25th- Minimum Day with SEP

January 29th- Catholic Schools Sunday and the beginning of Catholic Schools Week

Announcements

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. There is 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. We also need 10-12 students willing to sing one song at the end of the 9:00 mass at St. Joseph's and the 10:15 Mass at Resurrection with other Good Shepherd students. Mrs. Conley will be teaching the whole school the song, and a select few will perform them at the masses.

Parent Service Hours Opportunities

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

Days:

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.

50th Anniversary Committee

Calling all alums, teachers past and present, parents, students, grandparents and anyone who loves to plan a really great party...Good Shepherd's 50th Anniversary is coming up in 2013 and we are starting the planning now for an entire year of celebration events! If you would like to be on the 50th Anniversary Committee, please contact Kaia Roman, Development Director, at kroman@gsschool.org or call her at (831) 288-5729.

Weekends:

Help us get the last amount of bark into the playground after the final structures have been installed this Saturday. Email Lisa Holdaway if you are available the weekend of January 14th to help in the final push. If the bark is in, we can get it inspected on Tuesday, January 17th and have it ready for use on January 18th. We're almost there...

Catholic Schools Sunday is January 29th. For eleven different masses at three parishes that weekend, we are asking for one parent and student to stand up after communion and speak to the congregation about the benefits of Good Shepherd and Catholic education. If you love our school and feel passionate about speaking to the parishioners, please sign up for one of the Masses on the bulletin board in the foyer of the office in the first weeks of January. Your "talk" should only be 2-3 minutes long. We also need 10-12 students willing to sing one song at the end of the 9:00 mass at St. Joseph's and the 10:15 Mass at Resurrection with other Good Shepherd students. Mrs. Conley will be teaching the whole school the song, and a select few will perform them at the masses.