



***Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry***

November, 2020

Dear Parents,

November is the month dedicated by the Church to remember those who have passed to their eternal rest. We will offer the School masses during November for the deceased members of our Good Shepherd School family. November is also the month of Thanksgiving! I am truly thankful for all God has given to our school community and the beautiful blessings I receive each day as I work with the children, parents, and the wonderful staff of Good Shepherd School.

As we approach this season, I hope you take some time together as families to celebrate in thanksgiving for all that God has given you. If your family travels as outlined by the governor's executive order, your child will need to receive a note of medical clearance and two negative PCR COVID tests to return to school. The Office of the Superintendent of Schools does not accept rapid tests for school return. You will be required to provide full medical documentation.

Our children are truly blessed to belong to an incredibly generous school community! Thank you to all for supporting our first major fundraiser of the school year. The Halloween Trek or Treat Walk-a-Thon generated \$2,569 for school funds! It is not too late to send in your donation! A huge thank you to our very talented and creative GSS parents and students for dressing in costumes and joining in the fun. Although the weather did not cooperate, students had a great time participating in the festivities.

Cold Weather Recess will be indoors when the temperature is freezing or when conditions are wet, rainy, or snowy. However, please make sure your child comes suitably prepared for outdoor recess – gloves, scarf, hat, or hood.

We will test run an IRIS Alert on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. You should receive an Iris message to your primary phone contact. The CallerID will say Good Shepherd. Please only contact the office if you do not receive the TEST MESSAGE. We will use the IRIS system to inform parents of Urgent/Important announcements.

***Looking Ahead***

**Wednesday, November 4,** IRIS ALERT SYSTEM TEST 5PM (please only email Mrs. Kennedy if you do not receive the test message)

**Wednesday, November 11,** Veterans Day - School Closed

**Wednesday, November 18,** Thanksgiving Dinner at GSS - 3K-8

\$2 dress-up in your Sunday best day for dinner!

**Monday, November 23,** - Report Card Release k-8 via email. Please ensure that you meet all tuition obligations as we will withhold Report Cards if the tuition account is delinquent.

**Tuesday, November 24,** Virtual Parent Conferences - k-8 Noon Dismissal, UPK&3k Full Day

Teachers will reach out to parents regarding their office hours for the conferences.

**Wednesday, November 25,** - Thanksgiving Break begins - No School.

**Tuesday, December 1,** Kindergarten Registration opens for 2021-22!

**Friday, December 4,** Noon Dismissal k-8, UPK & 3K full day

**Wednesday, December 23,** 11 am Dismissal, 3K-Grade 8

**kindest Regards,**

***Mrs. G. Lavery***  
***Principal***

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