



# NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## "IT'S ALL ABOUT S.U.C.C.E.S.S.!"

We have reached the end of January. Hard to believe, but time has flown and it will continue to do so. We must fly with it or get left behind. However, getting left behind is **NOT** an option. Your children received their Progress Report today. Please ask them for it. If they don't have it, please contact your teacher to inquire. It is not too late to spark some "*enthusiasm for learning*" in your child. We need you to help your children understand the expectations we all hold for them and why. If home and school join together in this quest for success, it **WILL** happen.

### T.I.P. [The Informed Parent]

When it comes to learning, both praise and criticism work because your children will live up (*or down*) to the expectations you set for them. Here are some tips that will help you help your child live up to the positive expectations.



### Communicating Positive Expectations:

- When you ask a question while your child is working on a learning activity, wait for your child to respond. If you rush to supply the answer, you're sending the message that you don't think your child can answer. A longer "wait time" may communicate higher expectations and, therefore, increase student achievement.
- Avoid comparing brothers and sisters.
- Treat all of your children equally and with respect.

### Increasing Motivation:

Parents are the primary influence on a child's motivation. You can help your child develop that "*can do, want to do*" attitude by—

- Showing your child how to set goals. Remember, the more specific the goal, the easier it is to achieve.
- Teach your child how to handle a challenge. Show how a big task can be broken up into smaller parts.
- Talk about schoolwork every day, and don't forget the specifics.
- Use praise wisely, not freely: only provide praise when it's deserved.
- Emphasize progress. Compare work your child brings home to work done several months ago, then point out any improvements.
- Display your children's achievements on the refrigerator or in the bedroom. Alternatively, help your child make a scrapbook of work he/she is particularly proud of.

**Remember:** "*Whether you think you can or think you can't—you are right.*"

### ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY....Repeat

On **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold a fish fry from **11:00 – 2:00p** at school. This event is a PTA function in which the funds generated will be used to purchase materials and other resources for our **Parent Education Program**. We will need donations of food items and paper products to reduce the expenses and maximize the profit. The biggest expense will be the cases of fish. We already have a parent donating one case. We need **two** more cases. Here are the donations needed:

Grades	Item	Amount
K and 1	Mac and Cheese	2 boxes per child
2 and 3	Large Can of Green Peas ( <b>size #10</b> )	1 can per child
6 and 7	Donation to Purchase Cases of Fish	\$5 per child

We are taking pre-paid orders so that will have a good idea of the number of dinners to prepare. Tickets are **\$8** and will go on sale **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will also need five servers for the Fish Fry. Please contact **Miss Gail** and let her know if you would like to be a server.



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### MONTHLY CALENDAR

- 1 Early dismissal at 1 p.m.
- 4 Saturday Class (9 – 12p)
- 10 Dismissal at 3 p.m... Parade
- 13-17 Dismissal at 3 p.m... Parades
- 15 Early dismissal at 1 p.m.
- 17 Progress Report Two
- 20-22** Mardi Gras...NO SCHOOL
- 22 Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
- 23 Students Return to School

### SATURDAY CLASSES: TEST PREP REMINDER

The following dates will be used for **Test Prep:**

- February 4
- March 3 and March 17
- April 21

There will be a **Test Prep Meeting/Workshop** for **ALL** parents and students on **February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.** At least one parent is **REQUIRED** to attend this very important meeting so that we can map out our game plan and bring about the successful outcome we desire for all of our students. The teachers will need your support and cooperation to ensure that our students are ready for their Spring Tests.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This week, we celebrate the fine work that Catholic Schools continue to do in academics and service. Our students are participating in several activities including a clothing drive. Students who bring in clothes for the needy will have free dress day this Friday. **On Wednesday, 2/1/12**, students will be allowed to wear their favorite pajamas for **Pajama Day!** More info to come.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Nothing liberates our greatness like the desire to help, the desire to serve.*  
- Marianne Williamson

Emily M. Paul, Principal