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Turning the Tassels

As hard as it is to believe, another summer is upon us! The 95th Graduating Class of Good Shepherd School is pictured above on Isham Street, and we are blessed to be able to celebrate our students and their achievements in person. This issue highlights some of our favorite moments from the Spring/Summer 2021 season. Even with the challenges of this school year, our incredible faculty and staff have worked closely with our GSS families to achieve another successful year of learning and growing.



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GRADUATION SEASON 8TH GRADE GRADUATION



Valedictorian Jeremy Rodriguez will be attending Fordham Preparatory School and was awarded a \$68,000 Scholarship over four years as well as an \$8,000 Jimmy Lee Merit Scholarship over four years.

On Friday, June 11th, 2021, the 95th Graduating Class from Good Shepherd School turned their tassels and officially became the newest group of GSS Alumni. We were thankful to be in-person with the graduates and their families to celebrate Graduation and Graduation Mass. Also pictured here are our 8th Grade Ring Ceremony, 8th Grade Graduation Dance, and our 8th Grade Honors Ceremony.



Saludatorian Gilkarys Melo will be attending St. Jean Baptiste High School and was awarded a \$6,000 Scholarship over four years. Gilkarys was also the recipient of the John & Jean Brennan Scholarship, which is \$10,000 over four years.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Pictured above are the recipients of the Damian Meehan Memorial Scholarship. Thank you to the Meehan family for making this scholarship possible. Congratulations!

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

On Thursday, June 17th, 2021 we graduated our Kindergarten Class! They are officially First Graders! Thank you to Ms. Angel, '09 & Ms. Javier for all the amazing work they've done this year.





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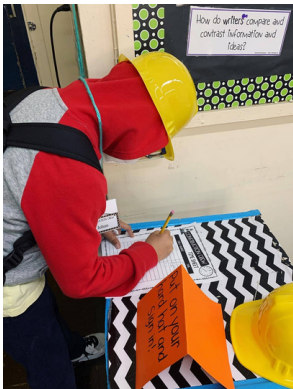
GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE

SECOND GRADE'S GREEN THUMB



In partnership with Inner City Scholarship Junior Board, Mrs. Miralle's Second Graders grew their own herbs in community service and a study of environmental sustainability. They assembled their self-watering Mason jars, planted their seeds, and then studied and drew each step of their plant growth.

THIRD GRADE'S CONSTRUCTION SITE



The Third Grade turned their classroom into a construction site! Ms. Gasparino's class had to use what they have learned throughout Math this year to find the area of models that were placed on the floor throughout the classroom. Safety first! Students had to put on their hard hats upon entering the classroom. Great work!

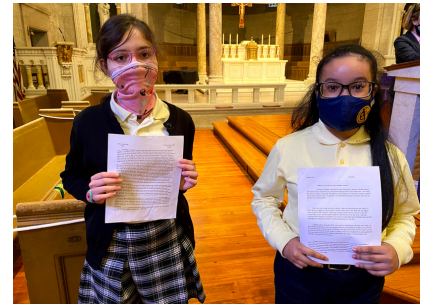
FIFTH GRADE IN OUTER SPACE!

Fifth Grade had a great time learning about the solar system this year! They created models of the solar system and then gave presentations, sharing information about each planet. Pictured left is Emily, a remote learner, and right is Jaylah.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Brianna, 8th Grade, Taryn, 7th Grade, Nathaniel, 6th Grade, Analia, 5th Grade! These students won an essay contest during Catholic Schools Week. The topic: Why I Love Being A Catholic School Student.



SEVENTH GRADE ELA BUILDING SHELTERS

The Seventh Grade created shelters after reading the book *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. Their assignment was to build a shelter for Brian who is trying to survive in the wilderness. The shelter had to keep him warm, hide his belongings, store his food, and keep him safe from bad weather conditions. The students used their creativity and items from nature to build their shelters.





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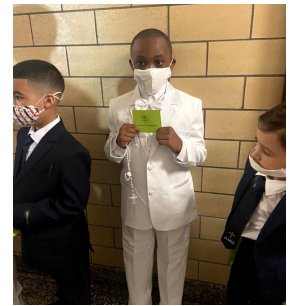
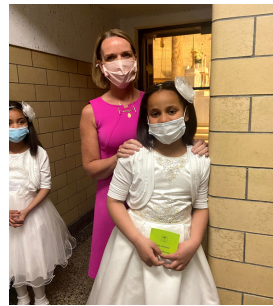
GROWING IN FAITH

First Holy Communion



On Saturday, May 15th, 2021 the Second Graders made their First Holy Communion.

Thank you to Mrs. Miralle and all those who prepared the class for this very special day. Our prayers are with them, and we hope with this milestone, they feel God's love with them each day.



Confirmation



On Saturday, June 5th, 2021, Seventh and Eighth Graders were confirmed by the Most Reverend Bishop Edmund Whalen at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Congratulations to those students who have come into deeper communion with their Catholic faith.

Student Spotlights



Jayde Eneh

Jayde Eneh, 5th Grade, was accepted into the REACH program through Regis High School, an intensive and extremely selective three-year leadership and academic program. Congratulations, Jayde!



Peter Ortiz, '17

Peter Ortiz was Valedictorian of his graduating class at GSS in 2017 and is now a recent graduate of Regis High School. Peter will be headed to Binghamton University this fall majoring in Sociology with an interest in Urban Planning & Economics. At Regis, Peter played Varsity Baseball (3 years) and Junior Varsity Baseball (1 year). Also at Regis, he was honored as a National Recognition Scholar and a National Hispanic Recognition Scholar.



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SCHOOL EVENTS

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Pictured left is a photo from the Middle School Field Day and pictured right are the students and Mrs. Lavery on Principal's Appreciation Day.



The PreK's End Of Year Celebrations took place during the last week of school. They went to the park, enjoyed some yummy treats, and watched a slideshow of their year in PreK! Thank you to Ms. Lynch, Ms. Mateo, Ms. Mendes, Ms. Ross and our teacher's aides for a wonderful year!

A NEW FLAG



Thanks to the American Legion, a brand new flag is waving over Good Shepherd School! The students gathered outside to watch as Mr. Kevin Mooney, '68 on behalf of the Good Shepherd Men's Club, and Mr. Aris Ovalle, '89 hoisted the new flag in the air.



From the Principal



Dear Good Shepherd School Community,

As we begin our summer vacations and reflect on what has been an extraordinary school year, I would like to share my immense gratitude for your continued support of Good Shepherd School.

As a school community, we have learned to be responsible, empathetic, and care for each other in ways we never imagined. Our students, parents, faculty, and staff demonstrated the kind of tenacity, creativity, and flexibility that made this year's academic and arts programs a success. We maintained a positive and resilient attitude as we adapted to an ever-changing learning and living environment. 2020-2021 has shown us we can overcome challenges by praying together, encouraging, and supporting one another.

I am incredibly proud of our Parish school's:

- Commitment to spiritual development and worship through our weekly Friday Masses, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and celebration of the Sacraments
- Commitment to in-person instruction five days a week, including an extended year program through the services of Catapult
- Class of 2021 and their prestigious high school acceptances and academic scholarship awards
- Middle school acceptances to highly competitive academic Higher Achievement Programs including REACH (Regis High School), Xavier High, and Fordham Preparatory School
- Re-imagining of our Drama program to connect and perform virtually

On the next page, you will find information on how you can support GSS. If you are able to donate to support our Annual Appeal, you will greatly impact the lives of GSS students as we head into the 2021-2022 school year. You can choose to support Academics & Technology, Scholarship & Financial Aid, or Arts & Athletics. Without our generous supporters, we could not keep the legacy of GSS alive.

I thank you for your continued support as we prepare to safely open Good Shepherd in September so we may continue to pray, learn and grow together.

Mrs. Geraldine Lavery
School Principal



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Thank you for your generous and continued support.

