



# The Good News

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## *Planting Seeds Of Growth*

The beginning of a calendar means lots of hard work at Good Shepherd School. Catholic Schools Week celebrations tied in with high school acceptances, midterms, basketball, and rehearsal for the spring musical--it's all happening!



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### GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Sponsored by NCEA, Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. GSS students and faculty celebrated with a Career Day, Teacher Awards Ceremony, Student Vs. Teacher basketball game, among other events. Through these events, we had the opportunity to focus on the value that Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation. Thank you to Student Council and all who helped organize the events.



*Congratulations to all of the teachers and students who played in our annual teachers vs. students basketball game!*



*Ms. Angela Dinger, Esq., Senior VP & General Counsel of William H. Sadler, Inc. speaks to our 5th and 6th grade students about her professional career and takes questions from students.*



*The 4th graders cheer on the teachers and students at the basketball game.*



*Father Tom and Mr. Colm Fitzmaurice, Good Shepherd Parish musician and web developer, Bank of America, speak to our 7th and 8th grade students about vocations and artistic careers.*



*Student Council members present Certificates of Recognition to all GSS faculty and staff. Pictured here Ms. Gasparino, 3rd grade teacher, receives her award.*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

### OUR HONOR ROLL STUDENTS...

Valentine's Day wasn't all about chocolate, a dress down day, and the color red! We celebrated our students' achievements in the second marking period with our honor roll awards ceremony. Congratulations to all students who received an award.



*8th Grade Honor Roll Recipients*

### AND OUR 8TH GRADERS FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES...

Our 8th grade students have been accepted into the following high schools:

Regis High School  
Notre Dame School  
Fordham Preparatory High School  
St. Jean Baptiste High School  
Mount St. Michael Academy  
Xavier High School  
All Hallows High School  
Sacred Heart Academy  
St. Catherine Academy  
Cathedral High School  
Aquinas High School  
St. Raymond High School for Boys  
Cristo Rey New York High School  
Preston High School



## 6TH GRADERS PRESENT AN ANCIENT EGYPT MUSEUM EXHIBIT

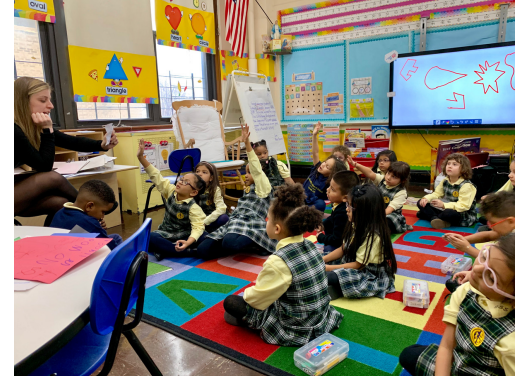
Ms. Koroma's 6th grade class worked hard creating Ancient Egyptian artifacts and presentations. Students from all grades visited the exhibit and saw pyramids, death masks, mummification and more!





## A "FLURRY" OF LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten class practiced adding numbers that equal ten by having a snowball fight! Ms. Brown placed math problem snowballs around the room and the students picked up the snowballs and solved the math problem on their own. Excitement was in the air!



## BASKETBALL UPDATES



Congratulations to our basketball team for a great season! They finished the season with a win against Corpus Christi. On the season, the team scored 188 total points!

Mr. Pizzuto, coach, says "With Good Shepherd Basketball, we aim to develop positive leadership skills both inside and outside the classroom. As representatives of Good Shepherd, we aim to make the Good Shepherd community proud with our actions on and off the court."

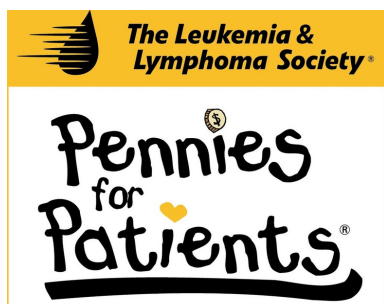
## PREK CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS WEEK



Our PreK classes celebrated Dr. Seuss Week last month in celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 2nd. Each day was themed based on one of Dr. Seuss' books. Books included: The Sleep Book, The Cat in the Hat, Fox in Socks, and of course, Green Eggs and Ham. Thank you to the parent volunteers for taking the time to come in and read Dr. Seuss to our preschoolers!



## IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...



### GSS PARTICIPATES IN PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

GSS is once again taking part in the Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you to our Student Council (pictured left) for organizing the fundraiser.



*2018-2019 Student Council members*

Our school has teamed up with LLS to create a world without cancer, and YOU can help our Squad make a difference in this journey. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible. Donations support LLS research, patient services, advocacy, public and professional education, and community services.

Please visit this link to donate to our fundraiser:  
<https://events.lls.org/pages/nyc/Good-Shepherd-School-2019>



Not only did we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but we also held our "Stuck for a Buck" event on Friday, March 15. Students and teachers taped Principal Mrs. Lavery to the wall to raise money for Pennies for Patients, our fundraiser to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you Student Council for organizing the event! Thank you to Mrs. Lavery for being such a great sport!



*Teachers and staff with Mrs. Lavery*



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### James Bahr



In each issue, we will be spotlighting a student who shows excellence in the classroom and in our community!

This month, we are spotlighting James Bahr, a third grader at GSS. James is a student with many talents and interests and has impressed us with his recent blog titled Jimmy's Birds. About his blog, Jimmy says "I wanted readers to learn about birds because if they don't, they can't identify them. You can tell if they are birds of prey, or gulls that want to steal your food. I want them to feel like they know about birds. Birds are pretty cool to me."

Alongside his interest in birds, James also plays guitar. He says, "I like to play 'Iron Man' because it is really simple. You have to get the right timing for the notes, especially in the beginning. Music is fun because you can do it yourself easily—you just have to step up. You can't be afraid. You just have to keep playing, even if you mess up."

James says about being a student at GSS, "When I am at school, I feel like I'm going to have a good day, because I feel ready for everything. Some days rise up and some days go down, but it's a good place. I learn new things every day."



You can also see James on stage crew for GSS Theater Club productions. He says, "I like that you have to go fast, but stay down low. You have to go pretty fast. The goal is for nobody to see you, except what prop you are moving or putting down. You have to be fast!"

Congratulations to James on his accomplishments and talents!



*With help, Jimmy built and painted this box that allows him to change out dioramas with clay figures, various backdrops, sun instead of moonlight light source, etc. His first go featured a seated wolf, a crouching wolf, and a Native American hunter.*



## THE COLORFUL WORLD OF DR. SEUSS COMES TO GSS!

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

2nd - 8th graders are currently in rehearsal for our spring musical, learning lines, fitting into costumes, making props and sets, and dancing and singing their hearts out! We hope you can join us for the performances.

Friday, May 10th at 7pm  
Saturday, May 11th at 3pm





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### YOU'RE INVITED...



Good Shepherd School's 2019 Graduation Ceremony  
on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 3:30pm

Academic Awards and Scholarships Ceremony  
for Grades 4-7 on Wednesday, June 12, 2019



A reunion for the Class of 1969 is planned for  
September 28, 2019 at the American Legion (840  
McLean Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704). If you are interested  
in attending, please reach out to Ms. Anne Duffy at  
[Anne.duffy286@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.duffy286@gmail.com)

### *Join FOGSS*

Alumni of Good Shepherd School are invited to join the FoGSS alumni  
community!

Network with alumni, stay up-to-date with the latest school and alumni news,  
find out about upcoming events and collaborate with fellow alumni.

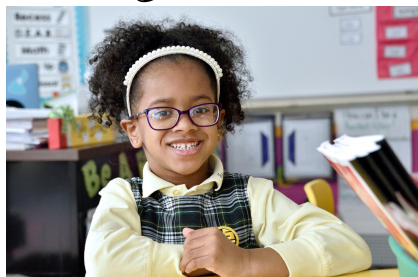
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