

# Eighth Grade News

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat: Sept. 15th-16th

The overnight retreat will be held at Prairie Star Ranch. The students leave after school on Thursday, September 15th and will return on the afternoon of the 16th before normal dismissal time. Permission slips will be sent home soon.

## Memory Book

The students will create a memory book during their year. It is a keepsake of their final year at Good Shepherd. The memory book includes pictures, student individual pages and much more.

## 8th Grade T-Shirts

The Class of 2023 will choose a color and a design for their class t-shirt. This shirt will be worn throughout the year. Expect to see order forms in the future about choosing sizes and the cost for the t-shirt.

## Caps and Gowns

Caps and gowns will be purchased by the families. Information will follow. Students will be measured and their gown will arrive before pictures on January 18th. Order forms for pictures arrive after they are taken. Group pictures can be ordered as well.

## High School Visits

If your child is shadowing a high school, we ask you to notify the homeroom teacher in advance. Please try and use days when we are not in session. We ask they miss only one school day for touring. Many schools offer half days.

## High School Scholarships

The area Catholic high schools offer scholarship opportunities for incoming freshman. Please review their website for the application process and deadlines. If a letter of recommendation is required, please allow at least two weeks for a staff member to write the letter.

## End of Year Retreat

This end of the year retreat is led by staff of the parish and 8th grade teachers. It helps students close their year as a community of prayer and prepares them for their new high school opportunities.

## Good Shepherd Scholarships

The PTO offers two scholarships for 8th graders. Applications will be made available in March or April. The Knights of Columbus award five scholarships for our graduates. The applications will be sent in the spring. An 8th grader will also be awarded a teacher scholarship based on their Respect, Attitude and Motivation during their time at Good Shepherd. Finally, the students choose two to be awarded the Gentle Shepherd Award.

## Graduation Mass

The students lead the school Mass on May 12th. Students wear their caps and gowns.

## Graduation Breakfast

The Graduation breakfast following Mass is an opportunity to celebrate the success of the individuals in the class. Parents and the 8th grader attend the breakfast hosted by the 7th grade. It is also on May 12th.

## Graduation Ceremony

Graduation is May 15th. Diplomas are conferred at the evening graduation. The RAM, PTO, Knights of Columbus, and Gentle Shepherd Awards are announced also. High school scholarships are announced as well. A reception is hosted by the 6th grade following the ceremony.

## Important Dates

**9/15 & 9/16:** 8th Grade Retreat

**1/18:** Graduation Pictures

**2/25:** Confirmation Retreat

**TBA:** Confirmation

**TBA:** 8th Grade Musical

**5/5:** Field Day Teachers vs. 8th volleyball

**5/12:** Graduation Mass

**5/13:** Graduation 6:30pm

  
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