



Welcome!

Thank you for being here. We hope that you find tonight's meeting informative. Should you have questions or would like something to be placed on the agenda for the next PTO meeting, please email the PTO Board at pto@goodshepherdcatholicsschool.org



Thirty-two New Families!

Wow, our school family is really growing! We are excited to see all these new faces. Hope you are settling in well, and should you have any questions feel free to call your contact family that was given to you in your welcome gift or you may call the school office at any time.



Back To School BBQ

The Back To School BBQ was held on Friday, August 15th and if you were not able to make it you missed some fabulous BBQ and a wonderful opportunity to meet with school friends and fellow GSS families.

Thank you to Colleen Dunavin and Kristina Gurera for coordinating this event and to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up. A special thank you to Mr. Hoelscher who was kind enough to cook all the meat. It was delicious!

For those that are curious, we served over 300 guests that night!

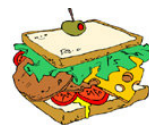


PTO Breakfast

The PTO Breakfast was a huge success thanks to everyone who made donations and volunteered their time.

A special Thank you goes out to Jacque Cook and Brook Lohmann for coordinating this event and to Rome Amlong, Angelica Guevara and Dawn Nwosu for standing over the hot stoves to cook.

We are happy to report that we were able to donate \$1598.71 back to Good Shepherd Catholic Church.



In-Service Luncheon

Was held on August 14th. PTO provided a day were all the Good Shepherd School Staff could come together for lunch amid a busy week of preparing for school. Thank you to those who helped make this a success.

PTO Board 2008-2009

- Sr. Denise Thompson-PTO Advisor
- Shannon Wincek-President
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- Maria Lohmann-Treasurer
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State Fair of Texas

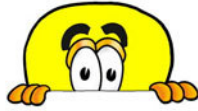
There will be no school on September 26th so that everyone may have an opportunity to enjoy this yearly event.

Tradition dictates we meet in front Of "Big Tex" for a group photo at 2:00. We hope to see you there!





Happy Birthday Sr. Denise!
September 9th



Dates to Remember!

- Sept. 26th State Fair-No School
- Oct. 9th, 6:30pm-PTO Executive Board Meeting
- Oct. 23rd and 24th-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 25th-Fall Carnival
- Oct. 31st-Fall Class Parties



Attention All Parents!

If you have signed up to be or are interested in becoming a Contact Parent or Room Parent, please join us on

Thursday, September 18th, at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

We will be discussing the role you will play and the many wonderful opportunities in which you can be of service to the school and the children.

Fall Carnival Meeting

Following the above will be the first Fall Carnival Meeting!

Contact Parents, Room Parents and all those interested in being involved in this wonderful, fun filled event need to attend!

Refreshments will be provided.

Hope to see you there!



Spirit Store

Show your school spirit!

Cardinal Pen	\$1.00
Cardinal Cup	\$1.00
Good Shepherd Car Flag	\$5.00
Good Shepherd Car Decal	\$5.00
Good Shepherd T-Shirt	\$10.00

Profit to date for items purchased \$530.00.

You may purchase these items through the school office or you may contact PTO.



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Are you warming up the oven? Better Start! The Cookie Dough Fundraiser will be starting Friday, Sept. 19th.

Top Selling Families

- 1st Place-4 Passes to Six Flags
- 2nd Place-\$100.00 Gift Card to Amazing Jakes
- 3rd Place-\$75.00 Gift Card to AMC Theater

Class Incentive

- Top Selling Class-Pizza for Lunch
- Highest in Class Participation-Free Dress Day

We hope that you are as excited about the prizes as we are!



Volunteer Opportunities

We are still looking for volunteers to help out in the Library and in the Cafeteria. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, this is a wonderful way to work off those mandatory volunteer hours.

Less Is More!

Settling in to daily routines is sometimes challenging when juggling multiple obligations. There's no doubt that extracurricular activities play a positive role in children's development and can improve their quality of life.

But how much is too much? Sometimes, less is more.

When looking at your schedule and planning extra activities, ask yourself who you are really doing this for? Is this activity something my child really enjoys or is it my desire to have them involved?

Remember that children need downtime to be spontaneous and carefree, when there are no schedules, no hurrying about and no keeping up with the kids next door. Quality family time can be more beneficial to living a healthy life than making the winning goal.

Homework Tips



Have a regular time to do homework, but don't let your child save it until right before bedtime.

Be flexible with homework scheduling, especially if your child is involved in extracurricular activities. If you find homework isn't getting done because of an activity, you may need to rethink extracurricular activities.

Setting a time frame to do homework may help your child resist temptation to hurry through assignments.

Make sure the homework area has good lighting and is fairly quiet and that you have all needed supplies on hand.

Catching Zzzzzz's



A school child usually needs to sleep about 10 hours every night.

When deciding on a bedtime, bear in mind what time your child has to get up and how long it takes him/her to get ready for school.

You want your child to get a good night's sleep and feel rested in the morning. If not, your child won't get the best out of school and every morning will be a hassle, trying to get a tired child out of bed.



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