

August 9, 2016



**“Spurring into Academic Success”**

Welcome Back! I am incredibly excited to begin my sixth year here at Good Shepherd! This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, and as usual combined with special events, extracurricular activities, and athletic teams certain to encourage our RAMS to be involved!

During the 2016-17 school year, we will continue to build upon and improve our foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued *excellence in education*. Our mission remains...  
*To help develop morally, responsible Catholic citizens who will follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ!*

As always, our faculty and staff is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities in all that your child can be a part of.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child’s education! Your active participation is key to the success of your young RAMS during his/her elementary and middle school years. Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Good Shepherd. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student’s success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child’s studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

We would like to welcome the new faculty and staff that will be joining our GSCS family. Mrs. Melissa Gomez as an elementary and middle school Language Arts teacher, Mr. Santiago Velasquez as our elementary and middle school Spanish teacher, Mrs. Myriam Harris as our after school care director, Mrs. Maria Calvani and Ms. Gabriela Morales as our after school caretakers. We wish them much success for this school year!

We welcome the new and veteran families to GSCS and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy* . . . *enthusiasm* . . . and a *great standard of excellence in Catholic education!* It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Serving children and Christ,

*Mrs. Cabrera*

Principal

Good Shepherd Catholic School

NOTE:

A few important dates to remember

- **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> Back to School Meet and Greet at 10:00 A.M. Parish Hall** (*great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and receive any pertinent information/schedule from the homeroom teacher*).
- Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> First Day of Class dismissal at 1:00 P.M. no after school care
- Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular dismissal and after school care will begin
- Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> First school mass at 8:30 A.M.
- Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day no classes
- Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Grandparent's Day!
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic at 11:00 A.M.
- Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Confirmation at 10:00 A.M.
- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Communion at 10:00 A.M.

Please remember that our school calendar can be found on our website.