

# The Good Shepherd Academy

To Know, Love, and Serve God



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*"I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays  
down his life for the  
sheep."*

*- John 10:14*

Dear Parents,

With school beginning next Wednesday, I thought it helpful to send out a *Week Before Mailer*, with all of the information necessary for this beautiful occasion. The teachers and I are very excited to see the students once again, and, from what I hear, many of them are also ready to return!

While there is a lot of information in this Week Before Mailer, I strongly encourage you to read through each document in its entirety. At the beginning of each month, a similar email will be sent out with all of the pertinent information for that month. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for clarification.

Regarding Mass on campus on Wednesdays and Fridays, there are two important updates:

1. **There will be no Mass on Wednesday or Friday of the first week of school. Instead, Father Benedict will guide faculty, students, and parents with a "Mass Walkthrough" of what Mass will look like on campus this year. Those who attend daily Mass may need to make arrangements for that evening.**
2. **Due to necessity, Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays will be outside, under a canopy (on inclement weather days, other arrangements will be made). Due to this, students, and any parents who will be joining us in the morning on those days, will need to purchase a simple foam kneeler. For uniformity, please purchase a gray or black foam kneeler, remembering to write the name of your child(ren) underneath. Some potential foam kneelers are:**

a. **Kneeler:**

[https://www.amazon.com/YWSHF-Kneeling-Waterproof-Gardening-Cleaning/dp/B0BTSWR3L5/ref=sxin\\_16\\_pa\\_sp\\_search\\_thematic\\_sspa?cv\\_ct\\_cx=foam%2Bkneeler&sbo=RZvfv%2F%2FHxDF%2BO5021pAnSA%3D%3D&sr=1-4-6024b2a3-78e4-4fed-8fed-e1613be3bcce-spons&sp\\_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFrZT1zcF9zZWFrY2hfdGhlbWV0aWM](https://www.amazon.com/YWSHF-Kneeling-Waterproof-Gardening-Cleaning/dp/B0BTSWR3L5/ref=sxin_16_pa_sp_search_thematic_sspa?cv_ct_cx=foam%2Bkneeler&sbo=RZvfv%2F%2FHxDF%2BO5021pAnSA%3D%3D&sr=1-4-6024b2a3-78e4-4fed-8fed-e1613be3bcce-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFrZT1zcF9zZWFrY2hfdGhlbWV0aWM)

Yours in Christ,

Sincerely,

Jourdain Renteria

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