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*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep."
-John 10:14*



Calendars

- 📅 4. TGSA 2025-2026 School Calendar
- February Calendar: <https://www.thegoodshepherdacademy.org/calendar>

☰ Parent Service Hours (PSH) Opportunities

☰ Important Updates & Parent Reminders:

I. Novena to St. Valentine for Gala - Feb. 5 - Feb. 14

Please join us in a schoolwide novena to St. Valentine, the patron of our gala this year, for a successful and blessed gala:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O glorious advocate and protector, Saint Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, bear our requests, attend to our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the Divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join thee in praising the Almighty for all eternity; through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray, then, O holy Martyr, for the faithful, who are so persevering in celebrating thy memory. The day of Judgment will reveal to us all thy glorious merits. Oh! intercede for us, that we may then be made thy companions at the right hand of the Great Judge, and be united with thee eternally in heaven.

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who solemnize the festival of blessed Valentine, Thy Martyr, may, by his intercession, be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the blessing and intercession of St. Valentine in the success of The Good Shepherd Academy's Gala

Saint Valentine, advocate and protector, pray for us.

II. 2nd Semester Parent-Teacher Conferences & Minimum Days

A. Homeschool Academy: Friday (2/6) & Friday (2/13); 1:00 - 4:00pm

☰ TGSA 3rd Quarter Parent-Teacher Conference List (Homeschool; 2025-26)

Parent-teacher conferences for the 3rd Quarter / 2nd Semester are only required for those students who have a C or lower for the 2nd quarter or semester average or for whom teachers think a conference is necessary.

III. First Friday Assembly & Virtue Awards - Friday, February 6, 2026

This Friday is a First Friday and so we will have a Morning Assembly after Mass. Students in Grade 3 will be

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performing a skit and virtue awards will be distributed to students who showed heroic virtue this last month.
Confession will also be from 12:00 - 12:30pm.

IV. Practicum: Mock-Trial for Upper Grades (7th - 12th)

We are very blessed to have Mr. Huch, the father of Paul Huch, teach a Mock-Trial class beginning this month. High school students will have the opportunity to serve as attorneys for the Prosecution or Defense with middle school students acting as the witnesses in the case. Students will prepare for the Mock-Trial over the course of two months, presenting the trial to students, teachers, and parents in early April. Students will work on their logical thinking and public speaking.

Mock-Trial classes will be on Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:00pm on the following dates:

*February 6, February 13, **February 20**, February 27*

March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

Lunch will be from 12:00 - 12:30pm and homework hall/tutoring from 12:30 - 1:00pm. Students will need to bring lunch each of these Fridays. Supervision available for younger siblings only from 12:00 - 2:00pm.

V. Colonial Day Campaign Speeches & Voting - Friday, February 13, 2026

This year's theme for our annual history day is Colonial Day in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Students in Grades 7-12 who would like to be considered for a leadership position for their colony/team will need to prepare a speech to give on Friday, February 13th.

Speeches will be in the school hall immediately after Mass. All students will be in attendance to listen to the speeches and then vote on the two upper grade students they would like to be their team leader/colony delegate. Parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing which students rise to the task and lead their classmates to victory this year!

VI. The Good Shepherd Academy Gala - Saturday, February 14, 2026

The St. Valentine's Gala is both a celebration and a joyful expression of our shared commitment to the mission of The Good Shepherd Academy.

Proceeds from the St. Valentine's Gala directly support the ongoing mission and future of The Good Shepherd Academy. Your generosity strengthens our ability to educate, form, and guide students in truth, beauty, and goodness—ensuring that our school continues to flourish for generations to come.

VII. President's Day - Monday, February 16, 2026 - No School

VIII. Parent Guild Meeting - Tuesday, February 17, 2026 [FebruaryPGMeetingFlyer.png](#)

IX. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday, February 17, 2026 [Fat Tuesday.png](#)

Our Lady of Grace will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at The Good Shepherd Academy on Tuesday, February 17th, at 5:30pm. Pancakes will be served in the hall for OLG parishioners and TGSA families beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be no charge. If you would like to visit and enjoy some pancakes prior to the beginning of Lent, please feel free to join us.

Traditionally, Shrovetide included the three days prior to Lent. These days were used by Catholics to clean their

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soul through the Sacrament of Confession and clean their pantries by eating all the food that they would not be able to have during Lent.

X. Upper Grade Retreat to El Carmelo - Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Students in Grades 7 - 11 will be visiting Father Philip at El Carmelo for their annual Lenten retreat on Ash Wednesday. More information to come next week.

XI. Mothers' Night - Friday, February 20, 2026

 **Moms' Night Upcoming event dates (2).pdf**

XII. Saints Book Club - Friday, February 27, 2026

Our next book club is on Friday, February 27th and we'll be discussing the life of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized a saint. Below are links to purchase the rest of the books for this year. Students are asked to purchase their own books. Please order the books ahead of time to give your daughters ample time to read. The St. Philip Neri book is a bit longer but very good.

Also, please click here to sign up to bring a snack to one of our meetings - [BOOK CLUB SNACK SCHEDULE](#).

 **TGSA Book Club Schedule**

XIII. Stations of the Cross

As the season of Lent quickly approaches, TGSA will begin our weekly tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross once per week, beginning the week after Ash Wednesday.

In Christ,

Jourdain Renteria