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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. 2026-2027 Registration Information & Email

Dear Parents, with the second semester already underway, it is time for us to begin preparations for the next academic year. After the Gala, Mr. Mansueto, our Board President, will be sending an email regarding re-enrollment to all parents.

The 2026-27 Registration Packet will be sent out at the beginning of March for students in both academies. We kindly ask that registration be turned in prior to the end of March. More detailed information to be sent after the Gala.

II. 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.

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, hear 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.

III. St. Valentine Student Council Bake Sale - February 13, 2026

Our Student Council is hosting a Saint Valentine's Day Bake Sale this Friday, February 13th, right after the

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Angelus.

Our Student Council will be selling their very own homemade and store bought treats, and we need your help to make it extra sweet. If you are able, please donate your favorite treat. Homemade and store bought items are both welcome.

All sweets may be dropped off in the office tomorrow Thursday or Friday before 12pm.

- Service hours will be offered for all donated sweets and may be entered in Gradelink.
- All proceeds will go toward an upcoming field trip.

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

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VIII. Parent Guild Meeting - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

IX. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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 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. Mass at St. Madeleine on Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026

Students in Grades K-6th will attend Mass at St. Madeleine on Ash Wednesday. Students who would like to go to Confession will have the opportunity with Father Benedict on Friday, February 13th or Friday, February 20th, from 12:00 - 12:30pm.

XI. 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. Field trip form to be sent out on Friday, February 13th.

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

 [Moms' Night Upcoming event dates \(2\).pdf](#)

XIII. 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](#)

XIV. Faith & Science Club - Friday, February 27, 2026

Students will continue the basics of computer programming from last month (variables and functions) and be introduced to conditional logic and loops, making code repeatable. Students will have an opportunity for hands-on coding.

XV. Stations of the Cross

As the season of Lent quickly approaches, TGSA will begin our weekly tradition of praying the Stations of the

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Cross once per week, beginning the week after Ash Wednesday.

In Christ,

Jourdain Renteria