

# The Good Shepherd Academy

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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
- March Calendar: <https://www.thegoodshepherdacademy.org/calendar>

## ☰ Parent Service Hours (PSH) Opportunities

### ☰ Important Updates & Parent Reminders:

#### I. 2026-2027 Registration/Re-Enrollment Now Open on Gradelink

Thank you to all those who were able to respond to Mr. Mansueto, our Board President, regarding re-enrollment plans for the upcoming year.

**Families are now able to re-enroll/enroll for the 2026-2027 year through EnrollMe on Gradelink.** To re-enroll, please log into your Gradelink family account and look for the tab labeled "Re-Enroll".

## Enrollment for Returning Students

Open enrollment is now officially open for families who are returning, providing an opportunity to secure enrollment for the upcoming school year. [Click here to enroll now.](#) Enter School ID: 3015

We kindly ask that registration via Gradelink be completed in a timely manner. Please see the following important deadlines.

## Traditional Academy

Registration Fee: Due by March 25, 2026

Book Fee: Due by May 4, 2026

## PAYMENT DEADLINES, INSTALLMENT OPTIONS, AND DISCOUNTS

Tuition may be paid annually, by semester or, subject to the conditions and limitations noted below, monthly. Annual tuition and first semester tuition are due on August 3, 2026; second semester tuition is due December 7, 2026. There is a 5% discount if the Registration Fee is timely paid (i.e., paid by March 25, 2026) and the full annual tuition and the Book Fee are also timely paid (i.e., paid on or before May 4, 2026 (Book Fee) and August 3, 2026 (tuition)). There is a 2% discount for semester payments if they and the Registration Fee and Book Fee are timely paid. Tuition may be paid monthly but only if the payments are made automatically through ACH withdrawals. There is no discount for tuition that is paid monthly.

America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) offers to TGSA families tuition loans, subject to ACCU credit qualification requirements. This provides an opportunity for families who wish to pay monthly to do so and still receive the 5% discount that applies when the Registration Fee, Book Fee and full annual tuition are timely paid. That discount applies when the Registration Fee and Book Fee are timely paid and an ACCU loan for the full amount of the annual tuition is disbursed to TGSA on or before the August 3, 2026 deadline. The family pays back to ACCU the loan on a monthly basis.

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## Homeschool Academy

Registration Fee: Due by May 20, 2026

### **PAYMENT DEADLINES, INSTALLMENT OPTIONS, AND DISCOUNTS**

Tuition may be paid annually, by semester or, subject to the conditions and limitations noted below, monthly. Annual tuition and first semester tuition are due on August 3, 2026; second semester tuition is due December 7, 2026. There is a 5% discount if the Registration Fee and annual tuition are paid in full on or before May 20, 2026. Tuition may be paid monthly but only if the payments are made automatically through ACH withdrawals.

#### **II. Mass at St. Madeleine -Friday (3/13)**

On Friday this week, morning Mass will be at St. Madeleine. Our school tent took considerable damage from the strong winds this previous weekend, and we are in the process of restoring it.

Any homeschool families who join us for Mass on Friday are asked to transport their children to the school campus afterwards or to simply drop off their children directly to the school campus at 8:50am. We will not have the capacity to transport homeschool students to campus on Friday from St. Madeleine.

#### **III. Practicum: Mock-Trial for Upper Grades (7th - 12th)**

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

*March 6, **March 13 (Cancelled)**, March 20, March 27*

*April 17*

The mock-trial will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 22nd, from 1:00 - 3:00pm. Teachers are also asked to participate as the jury.

#### **IV. National Latin Exam - Thursday, March 12**

Students in grades 6-12 will take the National Latin Exam during the first period on Thursday, March 12th, from 9:00 - 10:00am. Students are preparing in their Latin classes, but students can also visit the National Latin Exam website for more practice tests to prepare: <https://www.nle.org/previous-exams-and-answer-keys>

Students who do well will be recognized and receive awards at the end of the year awards ceremony. As this is a timed test, it is important that all students get adequate rest the night before, have a hearty breakfast, and arrive at school on-time. On this day, Latin will be the first period and schola will be the second period.

#### **V. Spring Pictures - Friday, March 13**

Spring pictures are **optional** for families/students. Families who would like to receive a Spring picture for their child(ren) will need to prepay online, prior to 11pm on Thursday, March 12th, or send an order form with their child on the day of pictures. Students whose parents are purchasing pictures may come to school in their Sunday best. This **only** applies to students who will be purchasing a Spring picture.

To order online, access: <https://studio1-a.orderphotos.online/>

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Pictures will be taken between 9:00 and 11:00am in the hall. One or two parent volunteers are needed to assist in bringing students/classes to the hall at the appropriate time. Please email Mrs. Villegas if you would like to help.

### **VI. Iconography with Father Philip - Friday, March 13 (11:00am - 1:30pm)**

Father Philip will be hosting the March iconography class on Friday, March 13th. Students will begin at 11:00am and class will end at 1:30pm, although Father Philip will stay until 2:00pm if any students would like more time to work on their icons.

Upper grade students (Grs. 7-12) will have their regular classes for first and second period. Iconography will take the place of third period. Pizza will be provided for students working with Father Philip for the lunch break. The goal is for students to make considerable headway on their icons on this day.

### **VII. St. Patrick Day Festivities & Bake Sale - Tuesday, March 17**

In honor of the feast day of St. Patrick, the student council will be hosting special festivities on this day, including face painting, a special lunch, and bake sale. Students are also able to wear green accessories.

Parents who donate baked items will receive parent-service hours. More information to come from the student council soon.

**Sign Up Form:** <https://forms.gle/1bH9GpEmwRqaPW518>

### **VIII. St. Joseph Feast Day - Doughnuts with Dads & Career Day - Thursday, March 19**

On March 19th, TGSA will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph by inviting fathers, older brothers, uncles, grandfathers, etc. to visit and enjoy doughnuts in the hall with students.

For fathers who are able to stay, we are also looking for volunteers to visit each classroom to speak to students about their careers.

If interested, please fill out the following form (**by Friday, March 13th**):

<https://forms.gle/nhM4BxmJGqdRHyLy9>

Some classes may be baking bread in various designs associated with St. Joseph on this day. Please be on the lookout for requests for dough by your child's homeroom teacher.

### **IX. Sports Pictures for Track & Soccer - Friday, March 20**

On Friday, March 20th, pictures will be taken for all students participating in track or soccer, as well as for coaches.

### **X. St. Madeleine Lenten Soup & Stations of the Cross - Friday, March 20**

TGSA will be hosting the Lenten soup dinner at St. Madeleine next Friday, March 20th, from 5:00 - 7:00pm, with the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00pm. We are in need of donations of soup and volunteers to distribute the

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soup. For high school students receiving confirmation, this is an excellent opportunity to receive service hours. Father Bravo has also asked for TGSA students to lead the Stations of the Cross after the Lenten meal.

Sign-Up: <https://forms.gle/EkN8NcWWB3SnVe5v7>

### **XI. Mater Dolorosa Field Trip - Monday, March 23**

The Good Shepherd Academy faculty and students will be joining Father Bravo and St. Madeleine for our annual trip to Mater Dolorosa, a Passionist retreat center. Father Bravo will lead us in the Stations of the Cross and we will have a picnic afterwards with games.

We will have Mass at the usual time at St. Madeleine and then board the bus to head to Mater Dolorosa, located at 700 N. Sunnyside Ave., Sierra Madre 91024, immediately after.

Any homeschool families who would like to attend, please fill out this form by **March 16th**:

<https://forms.gle/Q1AQwwY1oH7UK6AVA>

### **XII. TerraNova Testing for Grades 2+ - Tuesday (3/24) and Thursday (3/26)**

Students in Grades 2 and above will take the TerraNova testing again this year over the course of two days, Tuesday and Thursday. Parents are asked to make arrangements for their child to be at school both days, as make-ups for the TerraNova standardized testing are difficult and take a considerable amount of time.

There will be various activities planned for the afternoons on both days for students, such as a movie, student council-led activities and Colonial Day activities; normal dismissal each day at 3:05pm.

### **XIII. High School Visit to St. Augustine - Wednesday, March 25**

All high school students are invited to visit St. Augustine for their living history day event on Wednesday, March 25th. Students have the opportunity to experience first-hand St. Augustine's living history day, a tradition that is more than 20 years old. With this knowledge, our high school students will be asked to share their insight and ideas to help make our Colonial Day our best living history event yet.

Address: 130 S Wells Rd , Ventura

Time: 6:00am - 4:00/4:30pm

To arrive on time, students will need to meet Mr. Renteria at Santa Teresita in Duarte at 6:00am so that we can depart by 6:15am. Mr. Renteria will be transporting students. Arrival time at the school campus will be between 4:00 and 4:30pm. An email will be sent out so that arrangements can be made for breakfast on this day. Lunch will be provided by Saint Augustine Academy.

### **XIV. Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser - Moved to April 17th**

Our second Jog-A-Thon will take place on Friday, April 17th. Fundraising for the event will open on March 27th. Similar to last year, each student will have a personal account through 99pledges. On the day of the Jog-a-Thon, April 17th, there will be a schedule allowing younger students to run in the morning while the older students are in class. Then the older students will run while the younger students are in class..

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Families will be emailed access to the accounts for their children on March 20th so that everything can be set-up prior to the beginning of the fundraiser on March 27th.

### **XV. Easter Break - April 1st - 12th**

We will return to school after Easter on Monday, April 13th.

### **XVI. Colonial Day Prep - Friday, May 1**

The Good Shepherd will be hosting its living history day on Friday, May 1st. The theme for this year is Colonial Day. Students and families will be receiving more information as to what the day's events will look like, as well as what students will need to be working on this month and next in preparation for the event. There will be no classes on this day.

### **XVII. St. Madeleine Hospitality Sundays - All Sundays in May, excluding Mother's Day**

Each Sunday of May, excluding May 10th, Mother's Day, TGSA will be hosting the hospitality Sundays at St. Madeleine. Families will be assigned a single Sunday in May in which they will be responsible for working together to prepare and serve food to St. Madeleine parishioners. This involves the following: creating the food menu, purchasing the food, preparing food, collecting payment, set-up and clean-up. The serving time is from 7:00am - 3:00pm.

Each family will only be responsible for a single Sunday. Families assigned to the same Sunday will need to coordinate and determine the logistics for that day, such as items to purchase, prices for menu items, schedule of shifts, etc.

A detailed information sheet will be sent out at the beginning of April so that families know what to expect and can begin preparing. Mr. Renteria will also meet with each group to ensure that they are well-prepared. As this is the final big fundraiser of the school year, parents are asked to use any remaining PSH towards the purchase of food and materials for their assigned Sunday. Please bring receipts to the front office so that any purchases made for the hospitality Sundays can be counted towards your PSH for this year at \$20 per hour.

Our Good Shepherd, guide and protect us!

In Christ,

Jourdain Renteria