



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Principal's Newscast

### June 2023

#### GSCS Mission

With Christ as the ever-present teacher, Good Shepherd Catholic School is committed to provide academic excellence, Catholic values, and a faith-filled community to its students.

#### Calendar Of Events

- June 5th - June 30th - Pre K 3/4 Summer Camp
- June 5th - June 30th - ELC Summer Session
- June 12th - June 30th - Catapult Summer Camp
- June 19th - Closed No Summer Camp
- June 25th - Fr. Jim's Farewell 12 - 2:30
- July 4th - Holiday - Camp and Office Closed
- July 14th - Last day of Pre K 3/4 Summer Camp
- July 14th - Last day of Catapult Summer Camp
- July 28th - Last day of ELC Summer Session
- August 6th - Mrs. Rangel's Welcome Gathering 12 - 2
- August 9th - The First Day of School

Dear GSCS Families & Friends,

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is ready to enjoy a relaxing and fun summer. As always, the summer months will pass much too fast. During June & July, our office staff and maintenance staff will be hard at work, planning and preparing for a new Academic school year. I am grateful for having the opportunity to serve Good Shepherd Catholic School and working in partnership with all of our amazing school families. Special thanks to our faculty and staff for their never-ending devotion and commitment to our students' success and achievements.

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduates, as well as all our recipients of recognition certificates and awards throughout this academic year. Enclosed please find those students recognized.

The 2023-2024 GSCS Parent-Student Handbook, as well as school calendar, supply lists and summer reading will be posted on our GSCS website this month, just click on [www.goodshepherd.org](http://www.goodshepherd.org). Our entire school calendar is now available on the FACTS Family Portal, for your convenience. The first day of the 2023-2024 academic year is Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosed in this Newscast, find our new uniform vendor information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our front office.

Our Summer Office Hours are as follows:

June 12th – June 30th: M – Th 8:00 3:00 and Fri. 8:00- 12:00

June 19th - Closed

July 3rd – Mon. 8:00 – 12:00

July 4th - Closed

July 5th – July 21st: M – Th 8:00 – 3:00 closed on Fridays

July 24th – Aug. 4th: M – F 8:00 – 4:00

I want to personally thank all our families for the support, over my last four years at GSCS. It has been a privilege to lead GSCS in some of the most unprecedented times of our history. You have blessed my life with your love. Good Shepherd is very dear to my heart and I will always keep our school and parish community in my prayers.

We ask the Lord to continue to bless all our families and ask that He protect all of our students over the summer so that they are healthy, rested, and eager to return to school in the fall. May the Peace of Christ be always with you. Have a relaxing and safe summer!

#### *A Summer Blessing*

*May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go.*

*Walking with God means...Walking with honesty and with courage,*

*Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.*

*May you talk to God this summer, every day and in every situation.*

*Talking with God means...Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation,*

*Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions, and expressing sorrow when you have failed May you talk with God Every day.*

*~ Amen*

Peace & Blessings to you and your family,

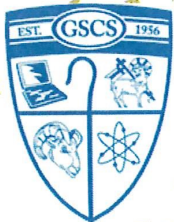
*Gloria Del Orbe,*  
*Principal*



## Graduation Day ~ May 31, 2023

*Jessica Awad  
Daniella Bernal  
Gianna Berrios  
Emanuel Botello Garcia  
Evalette Caln  
Jonathan Crespe  
Natasha Cruz  
Alondra De Jesus Valentin  
Joshua Escobar-Gomez  
Genesis Espinal  
Annalisa Esposito  
Ciara Isabel Feliciano  
Gabriel Ferrer-Sierra  
Gabriella Hernandez Martin  
Mariano Hudtvalcker Garafala  
Olivia Le  
Antonio Licana Escobar  
Wardleeh Marcellus  
Ella Martinez*

*Sebastian Multari  
Jean Alexis Ngamije  
Kristan Parrero  
Lailani Perez  
Bryan Rave-Torres  
Keira Rodriguez Colon  
Ezekeil Rodriguez  
Andree Sagastume  
Giovanni Santiago  
Yarely Santiago  
Sofia Scorsese  
Josiah Seepersad  
Lukas Senay  
Anaya Sites  
Jeilany Torres-Rodriguez  
Joseph Triana  
Simon Ultera  
Sebastian Vargas  
Kelly Laytown*



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The following students earned All Year Honor Roll for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Olaolu A.
- Isabella A.
- Isabel A.
- Sebastian M.
- Gabriel S.
- Thomas T.
- John Paul C.
- Anh C.
- Nicholas D.
- Khloe F.
- Alejandro F.
- Luciana G.
- Olivia M.
- Ethan P.
- Jayden T.
- Michael Z.
- Carolena B.
- Nicholas M.
- Louis Phillip Z.
- Scarlett B.
- Evan C.
- Ava D.
- Diego D.
- Emmanuel F.
- Paige H.
- Annabelle J.
- Evelyn M.
- Mariana P.
- Merritt W.
- Luca A.
- Jirra C.
- Felicity F.
- Gustavo M.
- Amelia R.
- Lisandy V.
- Lauren V.
- Rowan W.
- Miriam A.
- Victoria B.
- Stephanie D.
- Matthew F.
- Nicolai M.
- Mia P.
- Juliette S.
- Layla S.
- Ciara Isabel F.
- Gabriella H.
- Olivia L.
- Kristan P.
- Wardleeh M.
- Bryan R.
- Keira R.
- Lukas S.

## How to access the GSCS School Calendar

To access the school calendar, you will need to login to your Family Portal. You can reach the Family Portal by clicking on the link found at the school website: <https://www.goodshepherd.org/> as shown in the cropped screenshot below:



Family Portal

District Code  
gscs-fl

Username

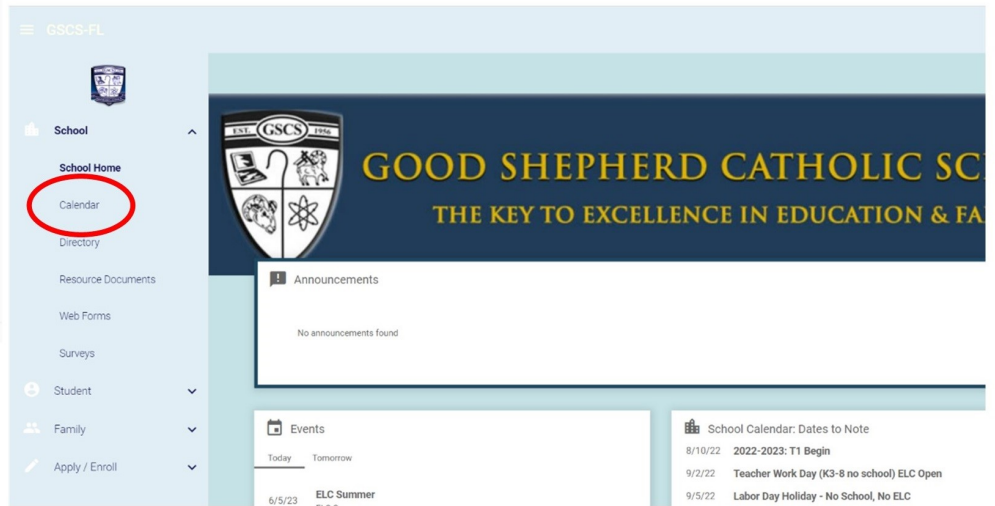
Password

Forgot password? **LOG IN**

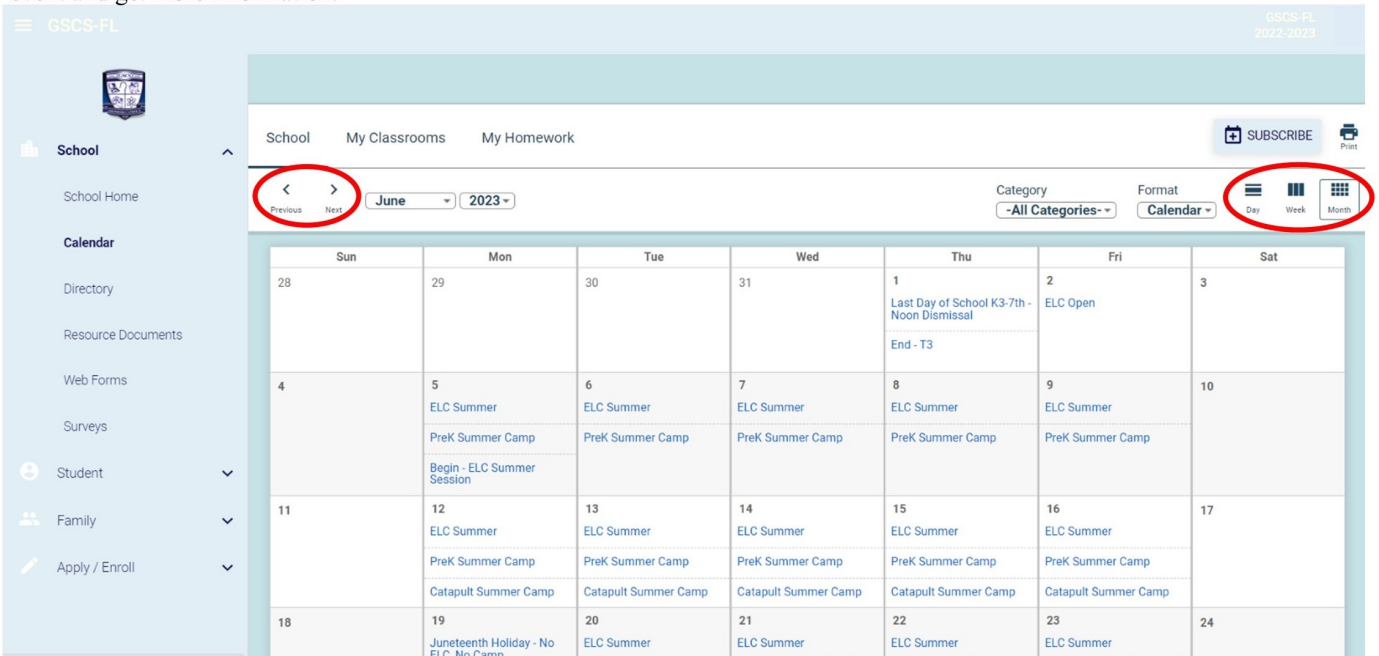
Create new account

The Family Portal login screen will appear, as shown in the screenshot to the left. The district code is GSCS-FL, then enter your username and password.

Once you login, the screen below will appear. Then click on the CALENDAR option under SCHOOL. You will also see key dates for the current school year under *School Calendar: Dates to Note*. 2023-2024 dates will appear later in June.



You can scroll through the months, by clicking on the arrows in the upper left and change your view with options on the upper right. You can also click on an event and get more information.





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*\*Note: Open Mondays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during July and August.*

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Congratulations to our Middle School athletes that were selected to represent Good Shepherd in the Boys Basketball All-Star game. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our Athletic Program.



JV - Boys

Angel C, Matthew F, Nicholas M



Varsity - Boys

Rowan W and Giovanni S



## 2023-2024 Sports Schedule

	Program	Season Dates	Registration Due	Grades	Primary Game Day
K-5th Grade Sports	Fall Coed Soccer	August 28 - October 22	August 25	K-5	Sun
	Winter Coed Basketball	October 16 - December 17	October 13	K-5	(K-3) Sat or Sun (4-5) Fri or Sun
	Track & Field	December 18 - February 3	January 5	K-5	Sat - 1/13, 1/20, 2/3
	Spring Coed Flag Football	February 12 - May 5	February 9	K-5	Sun
	Spring Coed Volleyball	February 12 - May 5	February 9	4, 5	Sun
6th-8th Grade Sports	Fall Girls Basketball	August 14 - October 19	August 25	6-8	T, Th
	Fall Boys Soccer	August 14 - October 19	August 25	6-8	T, Th
	Track & Field	October 16 - December 2	October 20	5-8	Sat - 11/4, 11/18, 12/2
	Winter Flag Football	October 9 - December 14	October 20	6-8	T, Th, Sun
	Cheerleading	November 13 - May 9	November 27	5-8	T, Th (Starting Mar-May)
	Winter Volleyball	December 4 - February 21	December 15	6-8	T, Th
	Spring Girls Soccer	February 26 - May 9	March 8	6-8	T, Th
	Spring Boys Basketball	February 26 - May 9	March 8	6-8	T, Th

## Exciting News From Step Up for Students

Exciting news! Families with students utilizing an FTC/FES-EO or FES-UA scholarship in the current school year may NOW renew their student's scholarship for the 2023-24 school year.

Step Up For Students has begun notifying renewal families that it is time to complete their renewal application. To prevent systems from becoming overloaded, notifications will continue to renewal families over the next week.

The emails will include a link to EMA (Education Market Assistant), our new scholarship management platform. **For families who have not yet been notified, please ask them to continue to monitor their email.**

Reminders:

- Students utilizing a scholarship in the current school year may be automatically awarded a scholarship for the 2023-24 school year and will have funding priority, after the renewal application process is completed.
- A school should not create a student's EMA account, complete a student's scholarship application, submit documentation, or otherwise act on behalf of the parent/guardian. Doing so may result in the loss of the school's participation and/or scholarship eligibility and funding for the student.

### IMPORTANT FOR RENEWAL FAMILIES:

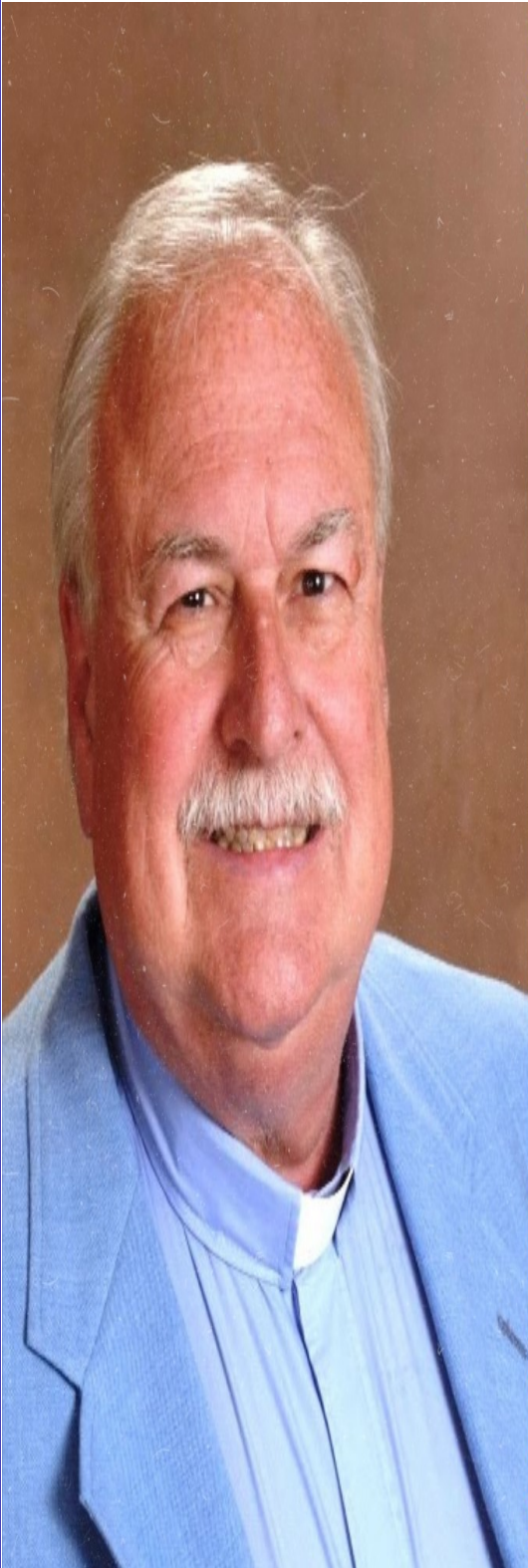
- The "FIND STUDENTS" tool must be used to connect renewal students to their EMA account. If a renewal family cannot find their renewal student using the "FIND STUDENTS" tool, the family should **STOP** the application process and contact [Step Up](#) for support. **Renewal students should NOT be added as a new student. Adding currently funded students as new students will delay 2023-24 funding.**
  - When renewing a student's scholarship, the family may also apply for any additional students they'd like to have considered for an FES-UA or FTC/FES-EO Scholarship. To add **NEW** students (a student who is not using a scholarship for the 2022-23 school year), families should use the "**ADD A STUDENT**" button.



- Please strongly encourage your families to use the resources included in their email which will guide them through the process.
- Supporting documents will be requested when submitting their application. Please [click here](#) for more information on required documents.
- To manage their 2022-23 scholarship, renewal families will continue to use the same portal they have been using all year.

**If a family is experiencing trouble linking their renewal student or adding their new student, please provide them [this link](#) for support.**

New families will be able to apply in the very near future. Please encourage families to visit [www.StepUpForStudents.org](http://www.StepUpForStudents.org) to sign up for the appropriate interest list and be notified when it's time to apply.



*Join us in Celebrating*

**FR. JIM HENAULT**

*Farewell*

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**On Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**12:00pm - 2:30pm**

**In the Family Center**