



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Newscast

July 2023

GSCS Mission

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Calendar Of Events

- 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 26th - Used Uniform Sale
- July 28th - Last day of ELC Summer Session
- August 6th - Mrs. Rangel's and Mrs. Martinez's Welcome Gathering 12 - 2
- August 9th - The First Day of School

Dear Good Shepherd Families and Friends,

I hope that you are having a wonderful, safe summer and are enjoying your family time together. I am excited and thrilled to be serving Good Shepherd as Principal. I am a product of the Diocese of Orlando, having attended St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School and Bishop Moore Catholic High School. I am married to my husband Gus, and we have one daughter, Maddie, who will be a Senior in high school this year.



I began my leadership journey in 2018 when I joined the Diocesan Leadership Cohort, where I earned my second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. When I moved to Good Shepherd three years ago, it was to further my leadership opportunities, allowing me to deepen my faith, teaching Middle School Religion. I have worked closely with the Church, helping to build up our school/church relationships. I look forward to meeting you all in the weeks and months ahead as well as serving our families, faculty, and staff into the next school year.

Our 2023-2024 School Year will begin on August 9, 2023. Class Supply Lists can be found on our website <https://www.goodshepherd.org/summer-work-supply-lists> Due to our leadership transition, we did not do the preorder option this year, so all families will need to purchase supplies. Our back-to-school orientation day will be held Tuesday, August 8th and will be broken up by last names. A-L are asked to come to the Family Center from 12:30pm-2:30pm and M-Z from 3:00pm-5:00pm. We look forward to welcoming all our families back!

New Parent badges: Avoid the lines at Orientation and come have your parent badge made in the office beginning Wednesday, July 26 through Friday, July 28 from 1-3pm. Also, the week of July 31 through August 4 from 8-11am and 1-3pm. Please bring your state issued ID (ie: driver's license) when you come to have your badge made. Anyone who is dropping off or picking up a child must wear a badge when on campus.

Please see the attached flyers for Orientation, our new uniform company, Risse Brothers, how to access the calendar on Renweb, Fr. Andrews welcome celebration, scholarship award information, and our used uniform sale. Volunteers are needed for the used uniform sale and can sign up using the following link [Good Shepherd Catholic School: Used Uniform Sale Volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DA4AC28A2FD0-field1)

On Saturday, August 5th from 8am-12pm, Coach Alvarez is hosting a field clean up day! Come out and help spruce up our fields and get them ready for our upcoming sports seasons. Volunteer opportunities for the day can be found through this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DA4AC28A2FD0-field1> We hope you will be able to join us!

Our Summer Office Hours are: July 5th – July 21st: M – Th 8:00 – 3:00 closed on Fridays
July 24th – Aug. 4th: M – F 8:00 – 4:00

We ask the Lord to continue to bless and watch over our students and families as they enjoy the final weeks of their summer vacation. We look forward to welcoming our students and families back next month!

Blessings,
Melissa Rangel,
Principal



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Dear Good Shepherd Families and Friends,

I am so thankful to join the Good Shepherd family. It is a blessing to fuse my profession and my faith to serve as your new assistant principal. My favorite part of my job is connecting with so many great people. I grew up in Central Florida. I spent a few years in Miami where I earned my AA Degree from Miami Dade College. I came back to Orlando and earned my BA from the University of Central Florida and my Master's Degree from American College of Education. During my 15 years with Seminole County Public Schools, I taught Math and PE and served in the Leadership Pathways Program. I've also coached track, cross country, dance, and cheerleading. I am still serving my community with Winter Springs Pop Warner Cheerleading, and I am looking forward to cheering on our RAMS!

I am married to my husband Patricio and we have two daughters, Eva and Gia. When we are not at school, church, cheer, gymnastics, or piano, we love to go to the beach. We are thankful to the Good Shepherd Community for being so warm and welcoming.

Warmly,
Giselle Martinez
Assistant Principal



GS ELC: Infants, One, and Two Year Olds

Good Shepherd Catholic School

ORIENTATION

GSCS: PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten—8th Grade

Tuesday, August 8
A-L: 12:30-2:30pm
M-Z: 3:00-5:00pm



Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold Orientation on Tuesday, August 8th for children entering Infants - 8th grade. Please attend at the above times based on your child's last name. Orientation will start in the Family Center (building next to GS Church) where you will find your child's homeroom assignment at the Student Services table. There will be other informational tables (see list below) along with bookstore items (journals and planners) and used uniforms for purchase using a FACTS Tuition Account authorization forms.

Family Center Areas to Visit:

- **Student Services** - Student Homeroom Assignments
- **GS Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry** - Informational Table
- **GS Parish Events** - Informational Table
- **Medication Forms** - if your child requires medications dispensed during the school day, you must complete a Medical Consent Form and bring in the medication (required for both prescription and non-prescription medications). If your child requires an EpiPen for allergic reactions it must be received and the form completed prior to the first day of school.
- **Extended Care Registration & FACTS Tuition** - if your child needs before or after care, you must register for the GSCS Extended Care program. You will complete a FACTS Tuition Account Authorization form for the registration fee (\$35). You can also complete a Tuition Account Authorization form for the Annual Dress Down Days (\$10/year/child) and ask questions about your FACTS tuition account.
- **Home & School Association** - learn about various HSA (Parent-School Association) sponsored events along with where and how to volunteer throughout the school year.
- **Bookstore Items** - items available for purchase using FACTS Tuition Account Authorization form, such as journals and planners that are part of your child's the supply list.
- **Used Uniforms** - up to 2 sets of used uniforms per child can be purchased using a FACTS Tuition Account Authorization form.
- **Maschio's Lunch Program** - learn about our hot lunch program for grade levels K-8th and how to create your child's lunch account that can be replenished online.

After completing your round of the Family Center, you and your child can visit their homeroom, meet their teacher and drop off supplies. We ask that you complete the family center and classroom visits within the allotted two hours by your child's last name, so that our teachers and staff can have a short break in-between sessions. We look forward to a great 2023-2024 school year!



USED UNIFORMS

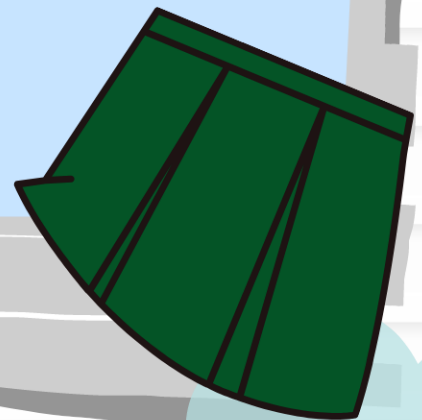
July 26th, 2023
8:00am-12:00pm

and

2:00-6:00pm
Media Center

\$5 ANY USED ITEM

CASH or FACTS FORM ACCEPTED





ATHLETICS

Corner

July 2023 News



TeamUP to cleanUP

Sign up and help make a difference!

Join us as a volunteer and be part of something
bigger as we beautify our field

Bring your gloves and tools



- Painting dugout
- Pressure Washing Bleachers
- Lawn Maintenance
- Planting
- Clear out debris



For more Information on how you can donate or help
Contact - malvarez@goodshepherd.org

Hello Ram Fam,

Please join us for **Team Up to Clean Up Day** on **Saturday, August 5th, 8am-12pm** to help beautify the back field areas. Help support the Athletic Program by volunteering your time and services.

This will include various things like pressure washing the bleachers, lawn maintenance throughout, planting plants, sanding, painting the dugout bleachers and fence, cleaning up and getting rid of debris and more.

For more information:
[Click here to sign up to volunteer](#)

Thanks for all your support!
Let's Go Rams!

Your Athletic Director,
Marlene Alvarez



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

*Dates above are just to give you an idea to plan ahead. Most seasons have about a week break in between. These date ranges include registrations, make up weeks, MS tryouts and playoffs, etc



Boys Soccer TRYOUTS

Lady Rams Basketball
Middle School Girls 6th-8th Grade

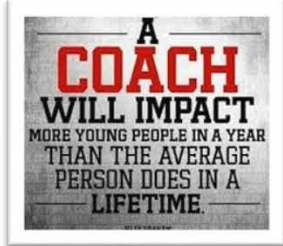
Open Gym – Friday, 8/11 after school till 4:45
Tryouts – Mon, 8/14 & Tues, 8/15 afterschool.

Rams Soccer
Middle School Boys 6th-8th Grade

Tryouts – Wed, 8/16 & Thurs, 8/17 afterschool.



More details to come



Up to 3 Coaches can be on each team roster to help with practices and on game days.

Contact Coach Alvarez if you are interested in helping with any Athletics next school year. malvarez@goodshpeherd.org





welcome to
RISSE BROTHERS ORLANDO

Your Risse Brothers Orlando store is your one stop shop for all of your child's school uniform needs! Stop in anytime for the best customer service, ordering assistance, and the Risse Brother's level of quality you deserve.

YOUR ORLANDO STORE HOURS:

Monday, closed*

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

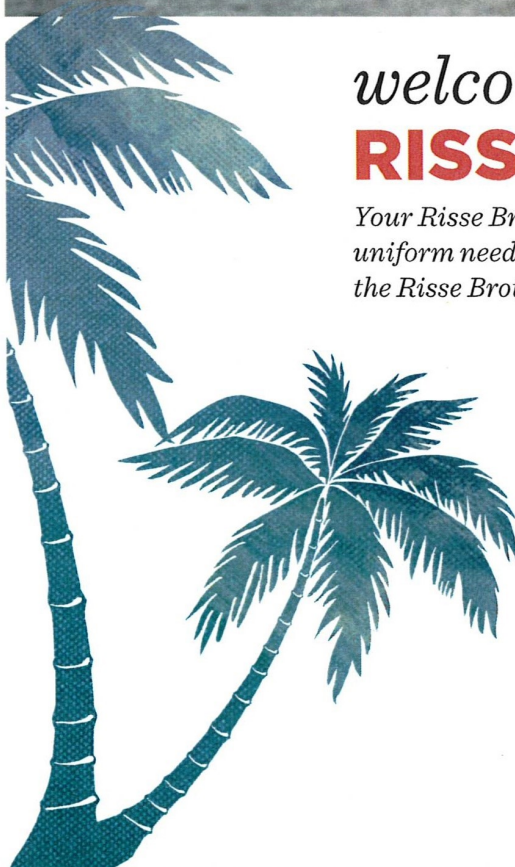
Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, closed

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



Risse Brothers
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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Maitland, FL 32751-3303
Telephone: 407.339.1486



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

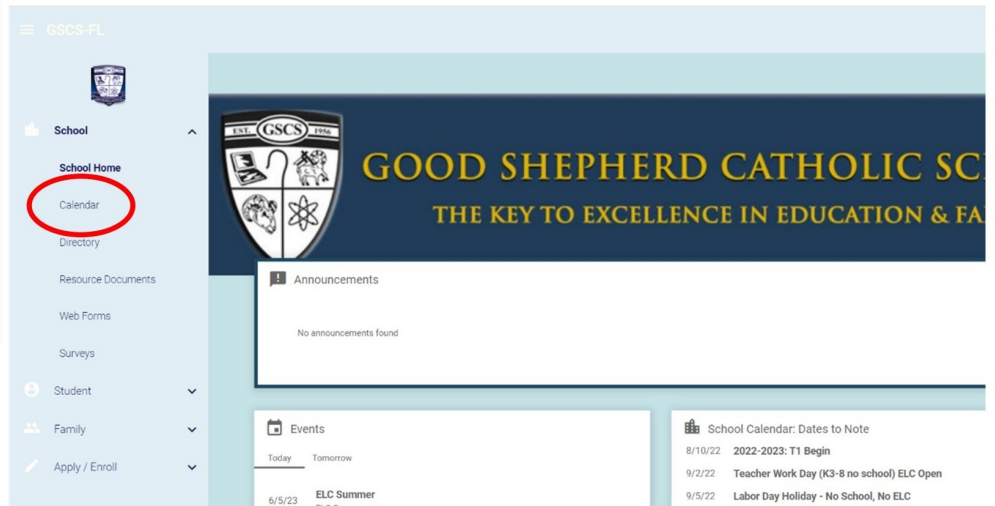
Password

Forgot password? **LOG IN**

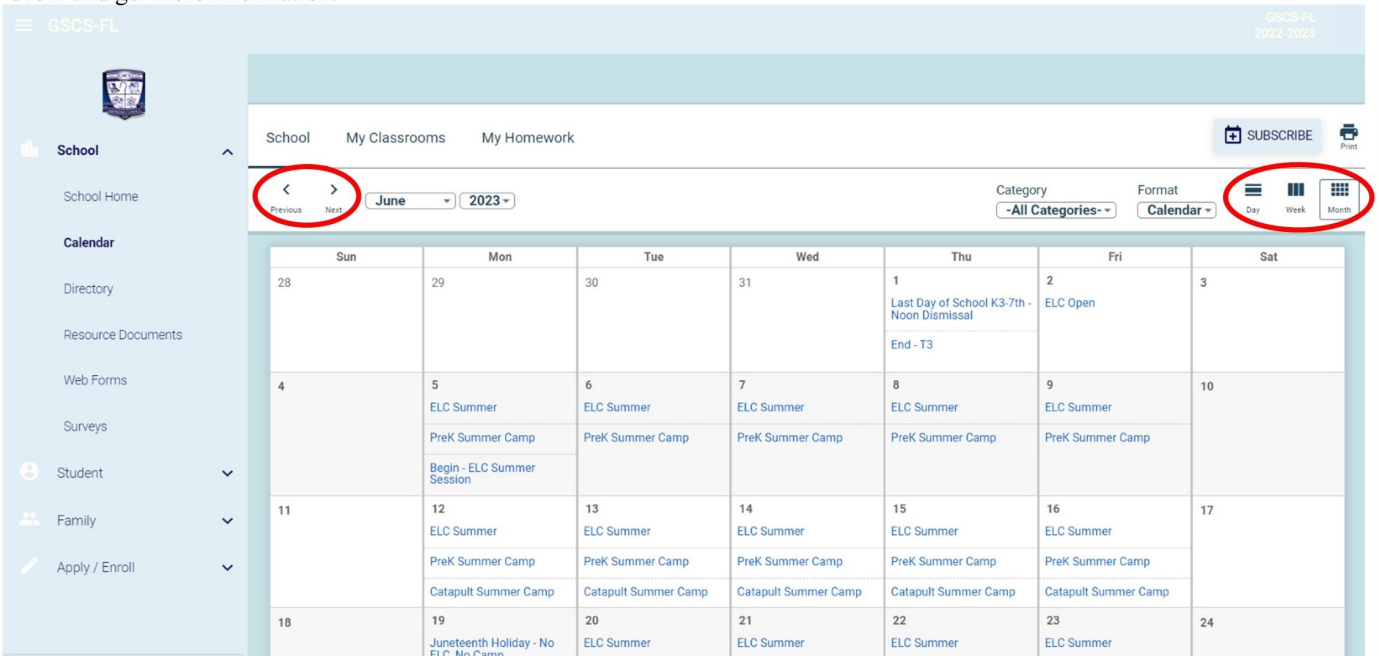
Create new account

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.



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 to sign up for the appropriate interest list and be notified when it's time to apply.

Have you been awarded a state-funded scholarship (either FTC, FES-EO, or FES-UA)?

This year, SUFS and AAA are not providing Award Letters. Please provide a screenshot from your EMA portal account that includes student name, DOB, award id, and award amount for each child receiving a state-funded scholarship. See sample screenshot below. Then forward the image or pdf file to Giselle Martinez, at gmartinez@goodshepherd.org. Mrs. Martinez will confirm receipt of this information.



Scholarship Portal



Dashboard

My Students

Recent Transactions

Help

Student ID: 20054322

First Name* Middle Name Last Name* Suffix
[Redacted] Enter Middle Name [Redacted] Select

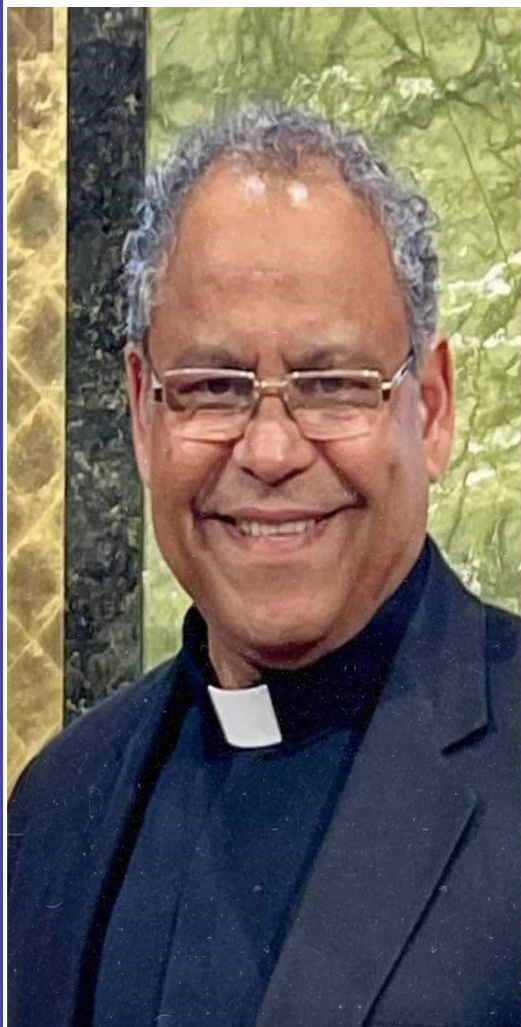
OPTIONAL: Student FLEID number① Date of Birth* Gender* Ethnicity*
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Student's Relationship to You
[Redacted]

Scholarship Status

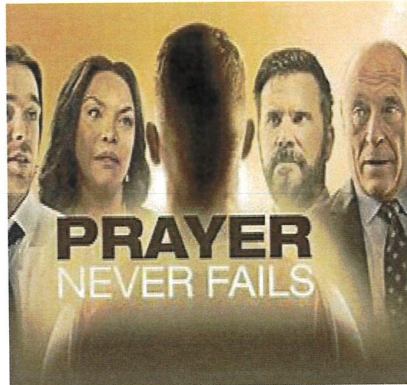
PROGRAM	SCHOOL YEAR	TRANSPORTATION	AWARD ID	AWARD AMOUNT	STATUS
FES-EO	2023-2024	No	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Awarded

Program box may show FTC,
FES-EO, or FES-UA



Join us in Welcoming
**FR. ANDREWS
KOLLANNOOR**
to Good Shepherd

On Sunday, July 16, 2023
12:00pm - 2:00pm
In the Family Center



Youth /Family Catholic Christian Movie Night

Children of any age may watch this family PG rated film

“Prayer Never Fails”

WHEN: Friday, July 21, 2023

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Knights of Columbus Hall located at 5727 Cornelia Ave.
Orlando, Fl,

Movie Summary: Prayer Never Fails is a story about a high school basketball coach who is fired for praying with a student. He fights, through the courts, to get his job back and for the right to pray in school while being represented by a troubled lawyer with a gambling addiction that happens to be an atheist. In the lawyer's pursuit of justice, he is the person who ends up finding redemption.

TREAT: Free cake/beverages will be served after the movie.

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT: SK Tony Pagan Jr.-
Knight's Community/Life Director @ 407-325-0027/
apaganjryouthdirector@gmail.com **(Please text or e-mail that you will be attending and how many will be attending from your family.**