

# Good Shepherd School



## February 2026 Principal Update

### COMING UP THIS MONTH:

- **Wednesday, Feb 4th** - KOC Free throw event from 4:00 - 6:00 at Good Shepherd
- **Monday, Feb 9th** is the 100th DAY of school
- **Monday, Feb 16th** is Family Day - NO SCHOOL for Students
- **February 17th to 20th** is *Kindness Spirit Week* - *See details below*
- **Wednesday, Feb 18th** - Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 1:10 pm. Families welcome.
- **Wednesday, Feb 25th** is Pink Shirt Day
- OCSB [School Year Calendar](#)

Stay tuned here: [goo.ocsb.ca](http://goo.ocsb.ca) and to your school messenger app for updates about future events including details about our upcoming Lenten Project.

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### It's Black History Month! 🖐️🖐️🖐️🖐️

**February is Black History Month** in Canada. It is a time of remembrance, learning, and renewal. It invites us to reflect on the many ways Black people have shaped Canada's past, strengthened its present, and continue to imagine its future. For students, families, and educators across the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB), this month offers an opportunity to engage with Black history not as a single moment in time, but as a living story carried across generations.

This year's theme, "**Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations: From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries,**" centres continuity. It recognizes the contributions of Black Canadians whose labour, leadership, and creativity helped build communities, institutions, and movements, often in the face of exclusion and injustice, while affirming the brilliance of today's Black youth who are already shaping conversations and imagining new possibilities.

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### Kindergarten Registration is Open!

It's TIME!!! We are excited to welcome our newest Rams to Good Shepherd. If you have a child ready to start school in the fall, please register online as soon as possible. Register Here: [Online Registration](#)



## Kindness Spirit Week - February 17th - 20th

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| Monday, Feb 16th    | <b>Monday: Family Day Holiday -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a cozy day at home! No School For Students today.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday, Feb 17th   | <b>Tuesday: We all belong! Love your Heritage and show your school spirit.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Wear your country's colours, cultural attire or wear BLUE and YELLOW to show your school spirit!</li> <li> <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancakes</b> - To be mindful of the environment, students are asked to bring a plastic container and their own utensils to enjoy their pancake. Thank you to our parent volunteers!</li> <li> <b>Kindness Challenge:</b> We all Belong Learn something new about someone else's family and culture.</li> </ul>                                                                              |
| Wednesday, Feb 18th | <b>Wednesday: Team Rainbow Day -</b> We are all on the same team! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Wear a jersey to show team pride or dress like a rainbow!</li> <li> <b>Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 1:10</b> - families welcome</li> <li> <b>KindnessChallenge:</b> Speak out against bullying!</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday, Feb 19th  | <b>Thursday: Sprinkle Kindness and Love the Outdoors Day!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Winter Play Day.</b> Students should come dressed to be outside for the majority of the day (weather dependent)! Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping with hot chocolate.</li> <li> <b>Kindness Challenge:</b> Open doors to positivity and share kind messages.</li> <li> <b>Family Movie Night from 6:00 - 8:00</b> - Volunteers Welcome! Please <a href="#">fill in this form</a> if you want to help out. Students <b>must</b> be accompanied by their parent/guardian to attend. More details to come.</li> </ul> |
| Friday, Feb 20th    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Crazy socks day!</b> Show your uniqueness and wear silly socks!</li> <li> <b>Great Dare-off</b> assembly for students.</li> <li> <b>KindnessChallenge:</b> Share what makes you unique and learn what makes someone else unique.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## **French Pathways Selection Form Coming Soon (for Parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 Students)**

On February 11th, Grade 3 and 6 parents will receive an email that contains information about French Pathways Selection at the OCSB. The email will contain a form for you to indicate whether you would like your child to continue their French instruction in the Core program or the Immersion program.

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## **Coming soon: OCSB's 2nd Student Census will take place Feb 24th - March 13th**

Each student in grades 4 through 12 will complete the census at school. Parents will be sent a link to the census for each child in grades Kindergarten through 3. Answers are voluntary and confidential.

The information collected will help us:

- Plan programs and services that support student success.
- Understand language, cultural, and identity needs in our schools.
- Improve resources for students with diverse backgrounds.
- Guide equity and inclusion work.
- Identify areas where additional support is needed; and
- Create schools where every student feels safe, welcome, and included.

Want to learn more? Attend a Parent Engagement Session:

- **In-Person Session: Wed, Feb 4th at St. Paul High School (6:30 PM) OR Thurs, Feb 5th Lester B Pearson High School (7:30 PM) - On-site child minding will be provided.**

Need more info? Consult: [Board Census Webpage](#) and [FAQ](#)

*Note: If you prefer that your child not participate, an opt-out form will be available from Feb 2nd - 13th on our website and a link will be sent directly to your email in February.*

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## **Quick Links**

- [Catholic School Parents' Association \(CSPA\)](#)
- [Ottawa School Transportation Authority \(OSTA\)](#)

- [Good Shepherd Parish](#)
- [OCSB Parent Portal](#)
- [Good Shepherd Website](#)
- Trustee: Joanne MacEwan, email: [joanne.macewen@ocsb.ca](mailto:joanne.macewen@ocsb.ca)
-  \*Good Shepherd Transportation, Entry and Dismissal Procedures 2025-26

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