



Family Newsletter

April 26, 2018

*“To grow in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man”*

-Luke 2:52

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Justice

**Being fair and giving each
his due**



Saints for April

Grades K-3

St. Anthony of Padua

Grades 4-6

St. Katharine Drexel

Grades 7-8

St. Thomas More

*“It is worthwhile to live as a family, that a society grows strong, grows in goodness,
grows in beauty and truly grows if it is built on the foundation of the family.”*

-Pope Francis

Upcoming Dates

TOMORROW, April 27	8th Grade to Kings Island for Science Day Middle School Car Wash
Sat., April 28	Father/Daughter Dance--6-8pm (see below for more details)


Mon., April 30	Last Day to turn in SOLD Raffle Tickets
Fri., May 4	Screen Free Family Event--6pm (see below for more details)
Wed., May 9	RESCHEDULED PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT 7-8:30pm (See below)
Tues., May 15	Fine Arts Fair--7pm (see below for more details)
Wed., May 16	May Crowning--8:15am
Thurs., May 24	Last Day of School--Noon dismissal Field Day
Fri., May 25	Graduation--Mass begins 5pm
Sat., May 26	Work Day at GSCM--8am-2pm (see below for more details) Click Here to sign up

Keep up to date with GSCM happenings by liking us on Facebook [here](#).
Sign-up to help at GSCM events [here](#). We need you!

Car Wash

TOMORROW, April 27th

The Middle School will be hosting a car wash to support *La Soupe*. *La Soupe* rescues up to 5,000 pounds of food each week and feeds up to 2,000 kids through 47 partner agencies. All funds raised up to \$250 will be matched through the Magnified Giving program, which the Christian Outreach Committee has been participating in this year. **Suggested donation \$5**



CAR WASH
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Father/Daughter Dance

This Sat. April 28th 6-8pm

Please join us for our 2nd Annual GSCM Father Daughter Dance. Put on your dancing shoes and share a lovely evening of music, fun, and desserts. \$20 per couple. Sign up [HERE](#)

Hope to see you there! Questions, contact Lisa Hilbert
hilbert.l@gmail.com

Atrium Moment

The Bible--Our Story of Hope

By Natalie Gunawan, Catechist

The Books of the Bible work introduces to the children that the Bible is one book made up of many books telling one history: the history of the Kingdom of God.



"Like all histories, biblical history speaks of victories and defeats, of lights and shadows. However, different from other histories, biblical history also tells us how the story will end. The alternation between the positive and negative will not go on forever; eventually the light will conquer the darkness. The Bible tells us that the succession of events which, if viewed superficially, could appear haphazard and disconnected, is in reality bound together by a 'golden thread,' which is God's plan. And the plan is that 'God may be all in all.'"

-Sofia Cavalletti, The Religious Potential of the Child

The biblical message is a message of hope and we are living in this time of waiting and hope in the fulfillment of God's plan.

Screen-Free Week- Next Week



*Turn off those devices!! Silence that TV!! Put-away the video games.
Gather to celebrate each other and enjoy the beauty of relationship.*

Take some time away from technology to share with each other and build community. Click [HERE](#) for ways to celebrate in the home and with your family. Join us at GSCM for a Screen-Free Gathering on Friday, May 4th @6pm. We will celebrate with a Pot-Luck dinner and time for games and conversation. Bring a dish to share at the table and if you wish some board games or other non-electronic amusements to add to the fun. **RSVP to Nancy ntoon@gscmontessori.org or 271-4171 with number of adults and children attending.**

Montessori Moment

Montessori and Peace

By Joan Ratajczak , Middle School Guide



Maria Montessori believed strongly that education should form the young person for peace. To foster this, the Middle School students traveled to Washington, D.C., on a Peace Trip. The objectives were several:

- *To culminate peace studies by visiting important sites remembering times and cost of conflicts in American History*
- *To touch the hearts of the students while inspiring a strong sense of peace and the importance of positive conflict resolution through emotionally engaging experiences*

- *To help students develop their sense of empathy by studying political and humanitarian aspects of war and peace*
- *To develop interpersonal skills to foster peace within our own school community*

Our student ambassadors were a credit to our GSCM community and were complimented on their respectful demeanor and knowledge throughout the trip. In addition, students prepared a street performance of famous speeches in history that correlated with the monuments and memorials they were visiting. Even D.C. visitors were engaged in their performances.



Save the Date--Fine Arts Fair

Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm

Come out and help us celebrate all the hard work the 1st-8th grade students have been doing in their Music and Art classes this year! There will be musical performances from Lower El music class, Upper El music Class, Drama students, Band, and Choir students. Artwork from 1st-8th grade students will be on display. It's sure to be a lovely evening of celebrating the fine arts at GSCM!



Parent Work Days

Spring Work Day #2: Saturday, May 26, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

Our second and final work day will be the first Saturday after school ends. Help us prepare for the exciting summer improvements to our campus. We have lots of work to do, something for everyone!

Demo work:

- *Remove 45 lockers from upper hallway*
- *Remove bookcases from end of upper hallway*
Remove steps, ramps, and skirting from modular
- *Remove attached shelves from upper el classrooms*



Moving work for all:

- Carry boxes and furniture to summer storage locations on campus
- Painting
- Gardening and landscaping: mulching, weeding, moving plants

Come for an hour or two, a half-day, or the entire day. GSCM provides lunch!
Click [Here](#) to sign up--Contact Dan Teller for questions dteller@gscmontessori.org

Available to a Good Home

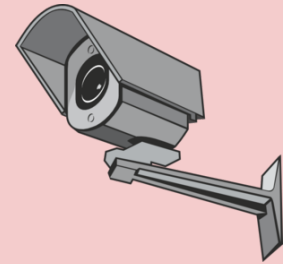


We are cleaning out our basement and have various items available to a good home:

- window unit air conditioners
- full-sized refrigerator (fair condition)
 - child's wooden easel
 - various shelving units

If interested, contact Dan Teller dteller@gscmontessori.org

Security Enhancements



With the development of our campus and the inclusion of two new educational buildings, we have planned a new security system that integrates our entire campus. With the support of our technology company, *Netdemics*, we will install five new security cameras at these entrances: *main building upper entrance; west chapel entrance; new upper el building main entrance; middle school entrance; after care entrance.*

The images from these cameras will be accessible from any monitor, computer, or cell phone linked to the system. In addition, we will have the capability to ring in visitors remotely. With this system, we will have strong entrance security in each building, without the teachers needing to monitor entrance access. This will be done from our main office or from the computer/phone of other administrative personnel.



Bold Vision/Bright Future--Your Dollars at Work!!!



Lockers for Sale

We are removing 46 lockers from our upper hallway this summer and replacing them with wooden bench seating/work space and wall display areas for student art and class work.

If you would like one or more lockers for home use we are selling them for \$10 each. Bulk pricing available!

Please contact Dan Teller at dteller@gscmontessori.org.

Parent Education Night

(Rescheduled from March 21st)

**The 3-6 Child—Plain and Simple:
Understanding the Planes of Development**

**Wednesday, May 9th
7-8:30pm**

“Why is my child doing that?” We often wonder to ourselves what each stage of growth and development really means and how it all fits together to produce a well-adjusted, well-integrated adult.

Join Principal, Anne Marie Vega, to explore Montessori’s theory of child development as it relates specifically to the 3-6 child. We will investigate the characteristics of this age, with its wonders, accomplishments, and challenges. We will share experiences of how to create a home environment that both compliments the school environment and lifts up the importance of family and Catholic values. **RSVP to Nancy in the office.**

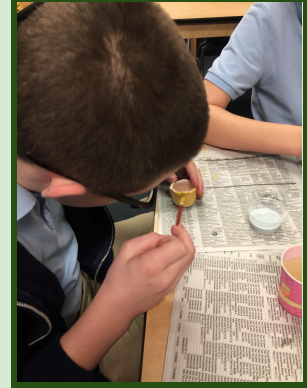
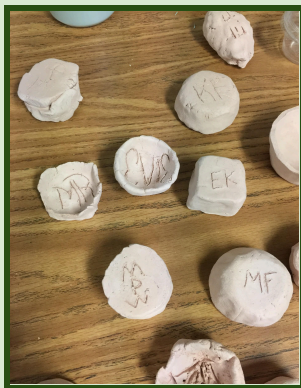


Montessori Moment

Raku Pots: Part II

By Sheryl McCarthy, Middle School Guide

Raku pots part II. After Middle School students wrote research papers about raku pottery, we learned about the Science behind the Art. Students were able to create a pot, glaze it with a metal oxide and enjoy the results of the magic behind the science.



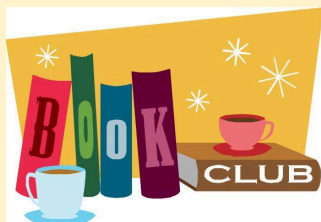


Modular for Sale

We are selling a modular classroom/office at the end of the 2017-18 school year. This unit would serve as an excellent office, temporary construction office, small classroom, etc. Excellent condition

There is also an adjacent 250 sq. ft. hallway/entry room that can go with this room. Purchaser must pay for transportation to new site. If interested, please contact: Dan Teller dteller@gsscmontessori.org

To share with others please pass on the flier found [here](#).



Parent Book Club

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion
A romantic comedy

See last week's newsletter for a description of the book

Date: May 31st @6:45pm

Location: *Chez Renee in Milford*

RSVP: dyoung5281@gmail.com.

May Crowning

All students will participate in our annual May crowning on Wed., May 16th at 8:15am. We will recite a living rosary and have a procession to our outdoor statue of Mary. Students are invited to bring flowers to carry in procession and offer to Mary at the statue.

Parents are welcome to come and pray with us.



SOLD RAFFLE TICKETS

The final day to turn in SOLD raffle tickets is Monday, April 30th. Please place SOLD ticket stubs in an envelope and give to Nancy Toon in the front office.

If you have not sold any tickets, you don't need to do anything with the tickets. All tickets will be entered into the May 18th drawing. Please feel to contact Sheila Lichtenberg slichtenberg@gscmontessori.org with any questions.

2017-2018 School Calendar

Click [here](#)

GSCM Touchstone Statement

At the Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori:

Each of us is a child of the Light. We walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd. We respect others, our environment, and ourselves. We pursue knowledge and do our best work. We are responsible for our own actions. We speak the truth in love. This is how we love God and love others.

Easy Ways to Raise Money for GSCM:

- 1.) Send in Box Tops
- 2.) Sign up for a Kroger Plus Card and list our school.
 - Go to www.Kroger.com
 - Click on Community
 - Sign In or Create Account
 - Enroll Now
 - At the bottom of the page Under Community Rewards, click enroll and enter The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori.
- 3.) If you order from Amazon, use AmazonSmile.
 - Sign up at smile.amazon.com
 - Register under "The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori
 - Shop

The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori is dedicated to providing an outstanding education to children ages three to fourteen in a Catholic atmosphere faithful to the Magisterium of the Church. Using the philosophy and techniques of the Montessori approach, including religious education through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our goal is to enable each child to develop as a well-integrated human being: spiritually, intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally.

**A BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors
for this school year
for their generosity and support:
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Thank you!

We appreciate you taking the time to read our newsletter.