

Dear Parents,

Back to School, 2016

We treasure our time with all the classes in chapel each week and look forward to our first class chapels on August 31st and September 1st (for children who attend school 2 days a week). The children, staff and clergy wish to invite you to attend any and all of our services.

Chapel starts at 9:20 according to the schedule below. All of our services offer age-appropriate stories and songs to engage our young learners in the Bible stories of our Episcopal identity. Our Wednesday services include the whole school and feature acolytes and music. Our Thursday services are for children who attend two days a week, and are usually more intimate and brief.

There are a few different services that you'll see below. Once a month, we offer **Birthday Blessings** to our students and staff. Children who had a birthday in the previous month come to the front to receive a blessing from clergy or a staff member. Often parents join us for their child's Birthday Blessing Chapel service. We also find it meaningful to have parents join us for our two **Eucharist services**, one before Christmas and one before Easter. Good Shepherd Episcopal School is committed to outreach in our community. A few times a year, we collect special things to donate to the families in need. You will see more specifics about all of these events in our GSES E-News closer to the date. During our last chapel service of the year, we recognize children who are finishing their time at Good Shepherd and their families. This is called **Farewell Families Chapel** when we recognize the Holy Spirit's continued presence with students through the summer and wherever life leads!

Join us often, won't you?



Good Shepherd Episcopal School 2016-2017 Chapel Schedule

August/ September		
Wednesday, 31 st Thursday, 1 st	Welcome to The Church	
Wednesday, 7 th Thursday, 8 th	Let Us Pray	
Wednesday, 14 th Thursday, 15 th	The Days of Creation	
Wednesday, 21 st Thursday, 22 nd	Adam and Eve	
Wednesday, 28 th Thursday, 29 th	Abraham and Lot	
October		
Wednesday, 5 th (P/T Conf. Thursday)	Abraham and Sarah	September Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, 12 th Thursday, 13 th	Ruth and Naomi	In Thursday's Chapel only, Sept. Birthday Blessings
Wednesday, 19 th Thursday, 20 th	Samuel is Called by God	
Wednesday, 26 th Thursday, 27 th	Jonah	

November – Saints Like Me		
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Wednesday, 2 nd (Staff Dev. Thursday)	Saints of God: St. Francis	October Birthday Blessings; Students are invited to bring small stuffed animals to receive a blessing.
Wednesday, 9 th Thursday, 10 th	Saints of God: Wangari Maathai	In Thursday's Chapel only, October Birthday Blessings
Wednesday, 16 th Thursday, 17 th	Saints of God: Gandhi, the Mahatma	

December		
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Monday – Friday Nov. 28 th – Dec. 2 nd	First Week of Advent Chapel	
Wednesday, Nov. 30 th Thursday, Dec. 1 st	Advent Chapel	November Birthday Blessings
Monday – Friday 5 th – 9 th	Second Week of Advent Chapel	
Thursday, 8 th	Advent Chapel Holy Eucharist	
Monday – Thursday 12 th – 16 th	Third Week of Advent Chapel	
Friday, 16 th	Advent Chapel Kindergarten Tableau	Holiday Celebrations (and Early Release)

January		
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Wednesday, 4 th Thursday, 5 th	Simeon and Anna	December Birthday Blessings
Wednesday, 11 th Thursday, 12 th	John the Baptist	
Wednesday, 18 th Thursday, 19 th	The Calling of the Fishermen: Peter, James and John	
Wednesday, Jan. 25 th Thursday, 26 th	The Lame Man Walks	

February		
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Wednesday, 1 st Thursday, 2 nd	Zacchaeus	January Birthday Blessings
Wednesday, 15 th Thursday, 16 th	The Widow's Offering	

Wednesday, 22 nd Thursday, 23 rd	Jesus Teaches about Anger	
March		
Wednesday, 1 st Thursday, 2 nd	Ash Wednesday Thurs.: The Widow's Offering	February Birthday Blessings
Wednesday 8 th Thursday, 9 th	A Parable: A Light Under a Bushel	
Wednesday, 22 nd Thursday, 23 rd	The Parable of the Lost Coin	
Wednesday, 29 th Thursday, 30 th	The Parable of the Sower	
April		
Wednesday, 5 th Thursday, 6 th	The Parable of the Good Shepherd	March Birthday Blessings
Monday, 10 th	Parade of Palms	
Tuesday, 11 th	Washing of Disciples' Feet	
Wednesday, 12 th	The Last Supper Holy Eucharist Service	
Thursday, 13 th	Prayer in the Garden	* Note this service takes place outside. Check E-News for location.
Wednesday, 19 th Thursday, 20 th	Resurrection	
Wednesday, 26 th Thursday, 27 th	Saul's Conversion	
May		
Wednesday, 3 rd Thursday, 4 th	Lydia and the Purple Cloth	April and May Birthday Blessings
Wednesday, 10 th Thursday, 11 th	Paul at the Areopagus	Kindergarten shares songs from "Into the Woods"
Wednesday, 17 th Thursday, 18 th	Paul's Writings on Love	Thursday Chapel celebrates Summer Birthday Blessings
Wednesday, 24 th	Farewell Families Chapel: The Holy Spirit Goes With Us	June, July and August Birthday Blessings