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CHAPEL

Please join us for our weekly chapel service this Wednesday, January 16, at 8:10 am. Pastor Lauersdorf leads this chapel service.

This quarter’s mission offering goes to Good Shepherd to help finish one of the unfinished classrooms. Let’s help finish the needed classroom for our students.

Our total mission offering for KML’s Blessed Beyond Belief building campaign came to \$809.44. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project.

Please encourage your child to bring an offering every week. This is good training for future church membership as an adult.

MOM’S BIBLE STUDY

All moms invited Fridays at 8:00 am. Our theme is “Christian Woman #101” Led by Marilyn Sievert in our new Fireside Room. Free childcare provided.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT NIGHT

Set aside Friday, February 15th from 6:00-9:00 pm for a special marriage enrichment night at Good Shepherd held in our Fellowship Hall. All couples are welcome whether you are newlyweds or married 50 years already. Invite your nonmember friends as well. Theme: "7 Proven Strategies to Improve your Marriage." Led by Pastor Robert Hein. Strengthen your marriage, enjoy delicious food and great fellowship and some mixer games with other Christian couples. Registration forms are available at church.

TIME OUT FOR MOMS

Time Out for Mom's Event Saturday, February 16th. Topic – Loving your Body – Come for a discussion on living a healthy lifestyle and how physical health can give a boost to the whole person. Free childcare provided. Register at www.goodshepherdwels.org/timeout.

PARENTING PRESENTATION

Mark the Date! Saturday, March 2nd at 10:30 am
Led by a Counselor from Christian Family Solutions. This was the most popular parenting topic chosen from a recent parent survey Theme: **Loving & Learning – Building a Strong Parent-Child Relationship**. Free lunch for parents and children in childcare. Free childcare provided.

CHRISTMAS DVD

Are you interested in having a DVD of this year's Christmas Eve service? This year we were able to record successfully both children's services. If you would like a copy of one of the services, please complete the DVD order form you will find on the coffee bar. The cost for each DVD is \$1. If you signed up for a DVD on Christmas Eve, please complete one of the order forms as the sign-up sheet was misplaced.

MAP TESTING

The winter MAP testing begins on Monday, January 14. The window for testing runs through Thursday, February 28. We will test all students in grades K-8 during this time.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

This is the time of year when the weather may trigger school closing or a delayed start. Please note that if the West Bend School District cancels classes or calls for a delayed start, Good Shepherd does the same. If classes are cancelled, Little Lambs is also closed for that day. However, Little Lambs remains open in the event of a delayed start.

Please check the local television and radio stations for the status of classes in the event of inclement weather.

BOARD OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

The next regular Board of Lutheran Schools meeting, including the open session, takes place on Monday, January 28, at 6:30 pm.

NEWS FROM KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Dan Unke has been called to teach Phy. Ed. and Health at KML as well as lead the Jr. Charger program. Mr. Unke currently serves at [Divine Savior Academy](http://www.divinesavioracademy.com), Doral, FL. (This call is to replace Mrs. Sarah Proeber who will be moving with her husband after he graduates from [Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary](http://www.wisconsinlutheranseminary.com) in spring.) Please keep Mr. Unke in your prayers.

The KML General Board holds a special meeting on Monday, January 21 to discuss the building needs and how best to meet them. Please pray for the Lord's guidance. The Blessed Beyond Belief Campaign raised \$3.48 million in gifts and pledges for building the Science and Innovation Wing. This is approximately \$500,000 short of the \$4 million needed to start construction. The Board of Directors is bringing a plan to the General Board for funding the construction without adding to our debt load. A donor has stepped forward with a \$300,000 challenge gift to close the gap and allow construction to begin.

LOOKING AHEAD

- January 14 MAP testing opens
Special Dress Day – wear your Olympic team color day
- 15 Special Dress Day – Crazy Hair Day, all day
3K Open House, 11:00 – 12:30
Common Council, 7:00 pm
- 16 Special Dress Day – Western Day
Chapel, 8:10 am
Wednesday Morning Bible Class, 9:00 am
Chess Club, 3:30 pm
GOAL meeting, 6:30 pm
- 17 Special Dress Day – Movie Day
4K Open House, 11:00 am – 12:30pm
'B' girls v. St. Paul's, 5:00 pm
7th boys v. St. Paul's, 6:00 pm
Shepherd of the Hills worship, 6:30 pm
- 18 Special Dress Day – Blue & White Day
Moms' Bible Class, 8:00 am
Pep Rally, 2:20 pm
Report cards sent home
Basketball v. Christ Alone, 5:00 pm
- 19 'C' boys blue v. Grace, 8:00 am
'C' boys white v. Peace, 9:00 am
5K Open House, 9:00 am
'C' girls v. Trinity, 11:00
Sheepshead Tournament, 1:00 pm
Good Shepherd worship, 5:00 pm
- 20 Good Shepherd worship, 8:00 & 10:30 am
6th sings, 10:30 am
Shepherd of the Hills worship, 8:00 & 10:30 am
Christ Teens game day, 12:00 – 3:00 pm
- 21 7th boys @ Holy Angels tournament, 5:00 pm
KML Special General Board meeting, 7:00 pm
- 22 Coordinating Council, 7:00 pm

SCRIP SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who are helping us out this week:

Day	Date	AM	Volunteer	AM	Volunteer	PM	Volunteer
Wed.	1-16	7:30-8	Sarah Schmandt	8:30-9	HELP PLEASE	2:45-3:15	Nichole Oertel
Thurs.	1-17	7:30-8	Sarah Schmandt			2:45-3:15	Cher Birno
Fri.	1-18	7:30-8	Corrine Wells			2:45-3:15	Janice Ertmer
Sat.	1-19					6-6:15	HELP PLEASE
Sun.	1-20	after early service	HELP PLEASE	before late service	HELP PLEASE		
Mon.	1-21	7:30-8	HELP PLEASE			2:45-3:15	Nichole Oertel
Tues.	1-22	7:30-8	Jen Retzlaff	Inventory	Nichole Oertel	2:45-3:15	Dana Scheunemann

Please notice we have five "help please" spots in our schedule. If you can help us out, please visit our sign-up genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49aead2fa3ff2-scrip6>. It's easy work, a short time commitment, and a great opportunity to get first dibs on whatever scrip you want to buy 😊 Whether you're a scrip customer or a scrip volunteer, please know we appreciate each and every one of you! If you'd like to learn more about how scrip works or its volunteer opportunities, please see Renee Berg or call/text 262-388-2278.

PIONEERS

A fun evening for the boys making bird feeders and the girls learning all about service dogs. A special thank you to our guest speaker Aaron from Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs (WAGS) and his partner, Ian the golden retriever. We also handed out sailboats (1st and 2nd grade) and pinecars (3rd and up). If you are interested in participating but were not at the meeting, please contact your Pioneer Leader.

Our next meeting is the tubing event January 28th - registration and payment was due last night, Jan 14th. February 25th will be our next regular meeting.

GOAL

This is a friendly reminder that we have our next GOAL meeting this Wednesday, the 16th, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We have quite a few events coming up, such as the Daddy/Daughter Dance, Jump Rope for Heart, Olympic Day, Golf Outing, and parent involvement will be a critical part to the success of these events. Look forward to seeing you there!!

SPORTS NEWS (by Rau)

Thank you to those who are praying for and encouraging their children's coaches. We are at the hard time of year when the sport can feel like a grind. It is easy to open our mouth to complain. It is more Christ-like to pray for those people who have generously donated their time to the children. Their decisions are not easy. They have families and jobs, and yet have found it in their hearts to give at the minimum 85 hours to your family. (It is probably over 100.) They need our love and care. It would take a few minutes to consider the things they do for your child and open your heart with love to someone who has donated so generously to you and your family. Remember- once we open the door to sinful thoughts and words, things get dangerous for many people, including you and your child. Let's let the last few weeks of the season be very positive. The scoreboard is not the story; the love of Christ is.

Please remember that although our practices are open, if you choose to watch it is as an observer only. The coaches need to be able to have athletes concentrate and grow in their practice plans. Also remember that a coach may close practice at any time to accomplish drills and for the safety of athletes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome to spirit week. We hope you all are having fun and we hope to see you all in the stands on Thursday, Friday, and or Saturday to cheer on the 80 plus children who want to grow in their abilities, and the 20 plus coaches that help them do that.

Team pictures will be taken Friday either at school if you do not play that night or at night if you play. Please listen to your coaches as to when to arrive that night.

Games this week

Jan 17- Home vs St. Paul's- B girls 5pm, 7th boys 6pm

Jan 18- Home vs Christ Alone- B girls 5pm, B boys- 6pm, 7/8 boys -7pm

Jan 19- C teams @ Living Word

Spirit Week

Spirit week at Good Shepherd is Jan 14-18. We have added a new wrinkle this year to build school spirit and unity. The Olympic Teams have been chosen. Your child will know his/her color this week. The number of kids that participate in dress up days each day will go towards their team's total of point on Olympic Day. Dress up and score for your team!

Tuesday, Jan 15- Crazy Hair day

Wednesday, Jan 16- Western Day- no toy guns please

Thursday, Jan 17- Movie Day- Dress like a movie character. This needs to be evident that you dressed up. Please do not come in regular school clothes and say you are The Wimpy Kid or something like that.

Friday, Jan 18- Blue and white day- pep rally at 2:15 all invited.
LET'S HAVE A GREAT WEEK AND GO RAMS!

3K AND 4K NEWS

This week the four year olds are learning about how Balaam blessed the children of Israel when the bad king wanted him to curse them. The three year olds are learning about God's special message to Mary.

This week we are studying the letter "U". Last week we found the letter "E" on an exit sign upstairs.

Open house for the 3k is Tuesday, January 15th at 11:00. Open house for the four year olds is Thursday, January 17th at 11:00. All are invited to attend, please bring your little one with you. Activities include, free play, Jesus time, stories, project, snacks and gym time. Information will be given to parents in regards to daily structure and curriculum. Please invite your friends.

Kindergarten open house is Saturday, January 19th from 9 till 11. Please come and see the exciting things which are happening in kindergarten.

This week is spirit week. Please check the front of the Rambler to see what special dress up day it is. On Friday afternoon the 4k class will be attending the pep rally in the afternoon, no rest time on this day.

We will be making our own gingerbread house on Friday, January 25th with the third graders. We are in need of a variety of candy, graham crackers, powder sugar and helpers. If you are able to help in some way, please sign up on the white board in our classroom. Thank you.

Please start saving cereal boxes for our Valentine Day boxes. All 3k and 4k children will be using them for a special project. If you have extra ones please feel free to send them along with your child.

4K parents! Please look at the informational packet about our kindergarten program. Return the blue registration form **as soon as possible**. **This is so important!** It helps us to plan staffing for the next year. Thanks!

MRS. PAUSTIAN'S PENCIL

Greetings from kindergarten!

A new semester starts this week. We are ½ way through the school year! Reports will be sent home on Friday. Please sign and return them.

The children enjoy taking turns being the leader. It is Phin's turn this week and Ryan's turn next!

Please plan to attend church each weekend on Saturday or Sunday. We must make attending church with our families important! As His children, we need to put God first in our lives. He will take care of everything else! That He promises us.

Keep reading those sight words! Many are doing an awesome job and they are moving through the books! How exciting!

Let's have fun with Spirit week! Check out the days on the calendar!
God bless the week ahead!

MRS. DREWA'S DETAILS

The lessons that we are studying in Christ Light this week are "Jesus Visits Mary and Martha" and "The Big Dinner". Please note that there is a new church attendance sheet in your child's folder for 3rd quarter.

In math we are working with adding 2 numbers together by using the make 10 strategy. We add expressions like $9+4=$ ____. We would take the 4 apart into a 1 and a 3. The 1 would be added to 9 to make 10. Now our related 10+ fact would be $10+3=13$. So that would mean that $9+4$ would also equal 13.

Upcoming dates to remember:

* Report cards will be sent home in your child's folder on Friday. Please look at the report card, keep it for your records, sign the envelope and send the envelope back to school by Monday, Jan. 21.

* Thank you to Addison's grandma for reading to the first graders last Friday. With the pep rally on Friday, our guest reader day will be tomorrow, Wednesday. Currently there is no one signed up to read. Please call, send an email, or a written note to **reserve a date** to read to the first graders. Possible dates for guest readers are: **Jan. 16**; Feb. 15, 22, 27; Mar. 8, 15, 22; Apr. 5, 17, 24; May 3, 15, 22, and 29. Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, etc. can be guest readers.

MRS. BIESTERFELD'S BULLETIN

Third quarter greetings! The second quarter report card will come home on Friday. Please sign the envelope and return it on Monday. Everything inside the envelope is yours to keep.

It was fun to see so many children dressed in their Olympic team color on Monday. I'm looking forward to seeing how the children dress the rest of the week! Go Good Shepherd!

Looking ahead: We sing with the fourth graders on February 3 at Good Shepherd's 8:00 service.

Here's what we are learning this week:

- This week's Christ Light lessons are "The Pharisee and the Tax Collector" and "The Lost Son". Jesus teaches lessons on repentance in both of these parables. How thankful we are that God loves us and forgives all our sins!!
- In math we are working on strategies for decomposing tens and hundreds (strategies for subtracting).
- Our skill in phonics is the long e sound spelled ee and ea. Our phonics test will be on Friday.
- In literacy, the children enjoy learning reading strategies with fairytales.
- In grammar we are learning how to write abbreviations.
- In writer's workshop we are writing biographies.
- In science we are learning about our five senses.

Enjoy God's blessings this week!

GREETINGS FROM GRADE THREE

Happy Spirit Week! It was a very colorful Monday! Thanks to all my Third graders for participating. Looking forward to the rest of the week as well.

On Sunday, Jan. 27 Grades 3+4 are scheduled to sing at Shepherd of the Hills. We will be singing in both services. Because there will be 36 children, we plan to divide the class into two groups, one singing in the 8:00 service and one singing in the 10:30 service. Many parents returned the note to indicate their choice of service. If you have no preference, please indicate that. Mrs. Mehlberg and I will try to make both groups as even as possible.

The greeters for chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 16 are **Kloe King and Libby Retzlaff**. Our hymn for tomorrow is 284, **How Precious is the Book Divine**, VS 1+4.

Have a blessed week in the Lord.

MRS. MEHLBERG'S MEMO

It doesn't look much like winter with most of the snow melted and lots of bare grass. We did a winter landscape for art class so at least the hallway looks like winter. The sunshine and warmer temperatures have made for some fun outside at recess.

Our next opportunity to sing for church will be Sunday, January 27 at Shepherd of the Hills. Students from grades 3 & 4 will be singing together in both the 8 AM and the 10:30 AM service. Thanks for returning the note indicating which service your child could attend. Several students still need to return that form.

Last week we enjoyed a discovery box of artifacts about the French fur traders presented by the curator at the Washington County Historical Museum. I was impressed with the excellent questions that students asked. At the conclusion of the presentation the students participated in a game of bartering for furs and European goods.

Next Monday, Jan. 21 our class will take a MAP test on our math progress. The best way your child can prepare is to come well rested and with a good breakfast. In our math module we are finishing up on multiplying. The class really digs deep and sticks with it on some challenging lessons. We finally are able to multiply with double digit numbers!

With the month about half over I want to give a reminder that the bookmarks due this month are available at school. There is a sheet explaining this project in the FISH Folders.

The Growth Mindset thought for this week is: I am **PROUD** of myself, **TODAY** and **ALWAYS!**

RAU RAMBLES

This week we look at how each of us is important to Jesus. We have no hymn as we are learning our church song for Jan 27. We will sing in the 10:30 service Jan 27. Please mark your calendar.

Hope you all have a great spirit week!

Report cards go home Friday. Please review all materials including the church attendance. Spiritual reflection is the best.

There are only two weeks of DARE left. Some kids have not been very responsible with their work so some may not graduate. Perhaps that is a wakeup call that is needed to be responsible.

Your child should be practicing his/her poetry at home every night this week. If you don't hear it, something is wrong.

There is a science quiz on Friday. There is a reading vocabulary quiz on Thursday on the first 7 chapters of our book. We are doing some writing this week as we examine what it means to be a kind person.

A good goal for the rest of the year is a focus on studying for tests. When children were younger, they may not have studied for tests. This is a habit that needs to be encouraged and built at home. Read this article and Mrs. Linton's and get a schedule set up for good habits now.

Blessings on your week!

Science 6 & Spanish 8

Science quiz on Thursday and multiple periodic table quizzes at the end of this week and beginning of next. Spanish class should study daily for 10 minutes, regardless of whether or not they have homework.

MRS. LINTON'S LETTER

5th grade: Chapter 6 on the origins of Judaism is a quick one, which means it's already test time! The test for chapter 6 will be on Wednesday, January 16. Looking ahead, chapter 7 is also short, and the test is tentatively set for Friday, January 25.

6th grade: A new memory work sheet went home on Thursday for 3rd quarter. Please continue studying a little each day so it's not overwhelming to learn it all in one night.

We are reaching the end of Module 2 in math. Our end of module assessment will be on Friday, January 18. We will review in class Wednesday and Thursday.

7th grade: This week the focus of our research paper project is on our working bibliography. I will meet with students individually to ensure they have their citations written correctly on their note cards. The next step, due next week, is producing a working outline and gathering information on note cards. Please check in with your student often to support them in this project.

We are working through each step at school, but the bulk of the work will be done during their study time and extra support at home is helpful!

8th grade: World War I has begun! The study of it, that is. We will be looking at causes of the war and how the US initially remained neutral and why they eventually entered the war. We will MAPS test on Math in the morning on Tuesday, January 22.

Enjoy the fun dress days for spirit week!

WORDS FROM MRS. WILK

Please read the lengthy Rambler article about Academic Showcase at the end of the Rambler. It's been two years since this experience has been offered; I will discuss the activity during music class this week with each grade.

Tomorrow brings a literature test as we conclude our oral tradition unit. As we are writing our five-paragraph legends, we will also read a short, allegorical novel entitled Tuck Everlasting.

Yesterday each student provided three possible topics for a four-minute speech that is informative. In February, when the speech is given, the students need only provide at least three sources from which they took their information. Rubrics for the speech have already been provided. They may want to consider "getting more traction" out of the work by presenting it also during Academic Showcase on February 19. Extra credit is given.

Thank you for joining me in reaching out with God's word so that we can educate, encourage, and equip our children for life on earth and for bliss in heaven.

Seventh Grade

We are collaborating on a song which we will write and play for the class. Some short quizzes will be given in future classes using information given to students in their flashcards.

Please read the lengthy Rambler article about Academic Showcase earlier in the Rambler. I will discuss the activity during music class this week with each grade.

Sixth Grade

Have you heard about the newspaper unit we are doing? The class was divided into different groupings than in music. Each group chose an editor. First news stories/pictures are due this Thursday.

Some short quizzes will be given in future classes using information given to students in their flashcards.

Please read the lengthy Rambler article about Academic Showcase earlier in the Rambler. I will discuss the activity during music class this week with each grade.

Fifth Grade

"Syncopation" was the music word we studied last week. This week we'll play music on a few instruments. Some short quizzes will be given in future classes using information given to students in their flashcards.

Please read the lengthy Rambler article about Academic Showcase earlier in the Rambler. I will discuss the activity during music class this week with each grade.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good Shepherd is an exemplary school. That is not me saying that. That comes from our Accreditation Site Visitation Team. What makes Good Shepherd exemplary? Consider that Good Shepherd has:

- Supportive parents and families.
- Many volunteers who help conduct a wide variety of activities throughout the year.
- A variety of co-curricular activities for our students such as:
 - Volleyball for boys and girls
 - Basketball for boys and girls
 - Track and cross country
 - Cheerleading
 - Soccer

- Softball
- Academic Showcase
- Forensics Competition
- Art Fair
- Science Fair
- Piano instruction
- Band instrument instruction
- Children's Choir
- Hand Bell Choirs
- Chess Club
- Support services for students with challenges provided by
 - Our special education teacher, Ms. Patty Holem, who has a master's degree in special education
 - Our school counselor, Mrs. Kristen Kapler, who has a master's degree in school counseling
 - Having both of these ladies available for our students is unheard of in our WELS schools
- A talented, dedicated, faithful faculty an experience range of 1 year to 45 years of teaching experience
- An excellent facility with room to grow
- Excellent support staff with two secretaries and three teachers' aides, all of whom do great work
- A curriculum that prepares our students for high school (49 out of 59 GSLS graduates attending Kettle Moraine Lutheran High made the honor roll)
- The ability to meet the needs of low performing as well as gifted students
- A positive Christ-centered school climate
- The lowest tuition of all the non-public schools in West Bend
- Before and after school care for families needing these services
- Membership in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program
- Membership in the Special Needs Scholarship Program
- A joint school operated by Good Shepherd and Shepherd of the Hills congregations
- A complete curriculum offering instruction in God's Word, mathematics, reading, language arts, science, social studies, music, art, computer, and physical education

Quite a list! However, the main item that makes Good Shepherd an exemplary school is the fact that everything we do, we try to do while keeping Christ at the center. Without that, Good Shepherd would just be another school. May we always strive to keep Christ at the center of all we do!

Academic Showcase 2019

This year's Academic Showcase will take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Grades 4-8 are welcome to participate. It will begin in the afternoon so that the younger members of the student body and interested adults will be able to sample some of the talent.

Fourth grade will be allowed to enter one or two art projects assigned by Mrs. Mehlberg from September through January of this school year. Only projects assigned by Mrs. Mehlberg will be accepted. Projects will not be entered in any particular category. They may have been assigned in connection with any regular class- social studies, reading, science, Christ Light- any class. Participation is optional but strongly encouraged. Projects will not be judged but will be awarded "participation ribbons." Watch for further announcements regarding when entries should be brought to school. Mrs. Mehlberg will be supervising the fourth grade portion of the Academic Showcase.

As always, students will be able to choose the categories in which they would like to participate. They may be involved in more than one category. There are seven categories: Art, Forensics, Social Studies, Mathematics, Music (instrumental or vocal), Science, and Spelling.

Each of the seven categories has a faculty contact person assigned. The agenda for the day depends on how many students sign up for the individual categories. **Because we need to start all the planning, we need you to discuss the possibilities with your child and let us know in which category(ies) he or she intends to participate. Please give careful consideration to committing your talent and time. We strongly encourage each child to be involved in at least one area; please don't over commit and then not follow through with that commitment.** It is very disconcerting to plan for many participants and then have some renege on their commitment. Please return the accompanying commitment form to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, January 25, 2019.

Because extra work will be done by the students, teachers will be giving extra credit in the chosen subject area(s). Also, please note that depending on scheduled KML activities, students may be able to participate using the same project at KML that was used at Good Shepherd. One such example is the KML Forensics Meet on Tuesday, March 12.

Mrs. Drewa will be the faculty contact person for Art. Children's art of any media (drawing, painting, prints, mixed media, poster art, mosaic, collage, or sculpture) will be accepted at the Good Shepherd Art Fair. Anyone interested in entering art projects is urged to get a list of the specific guidelines from Mrs. Drewa BEFORE beginning work on the project to make sure it will qualify. All artwork must be at school Friday, February 15, by 3:00 P.M. Please do NOT bring projects before that day as we have no adequate storage space, especially for fragile works. Judging will take place over the weekend. Students may also want to enter their work in the above-mentioned categories at the KML Art Fair on April 12, 2019. Unless the student is participating in another category on the day of Academic Showcase, we would encourage him or her to be available during the afternoon session to explain the project or answer any questions viewers might have. Anyone interested in judging Art should contact Mrs. Drewa or use the last section of the commitment form.

Mrs. Wilk will be the contact person for Forensics. Most of the upper grade classrooms have presented a speech or two as part of our language arts curriculum so that students have some experience. Students will give their presentation once in the afternoon for the student body and visitors and then once in the evening where it will be judged. The categories for forensics are: four-minute speech, interpretive poetry, interpretive prose, persuasive speech, playacting, solo-acting, storytelling, and visual aid speech. **All pieces must be submitted to Mrs. Wilk by January 25; attached to the copied piece should be the student's name and the forensics category in which it will be performed.** She will give each forensic participant a rubric with which to practice. We will compete as a team if we have ten entries with two maximum in any one category, but

we can also take extra students in all or any of the categories. Good Shepherd will submit firm commitments immediately after the Academic Showcase. Anyone interested in judging Forensics at Good Shepherd's Academic Showcase or at KML should contact Mrs. Wilk or use the last section of the commitment form.

Mr. Braun will be the contact person for Mathematics. The first round of the math bowl will occur during the afternoon with a written test. The second round will be held during the evening. Top scoring students from the first round will be grouped with peers (grades 5 and 6, grades 7 and 8) to complete more complex word problems. The teams to complete the problems accurately and in the shortest amount of time will be ranked. If you like this event, you may want to participate at the KML Math Meet scheduled for **Wednesday, April 9 beginning at 6:00 P.M.**

Mr. Kramer will be the contact person for Music. Students will be able to compete in **either** vocal **or** instrumental music. For this year's competition we are allowing students to compete in solos (single performer) or small groups (duets, etc.). We realize that we have many gifted music students, but in order to accommodate the schedule for judging and to keep the evening events running smoothly, each student can present only once; please select only one piece either in vocal or instrumental. **Each selection must be approved by Mr. Kramer by January 25.** Children who desire to use accompaniment for their performance will need to provide taped music or a musical accompanist. **Furthermore, each student/group will need to provide three copies of the music with each measure numbered by January 25.** Students would be judged at the evening presentation.

Mrs. Rau will be the contact person for Science. All projects should use the scientific method and be brought to school on Friday, February 15 by 3:00 p.m. Projects will be judged over the weekend. Unless the student is participating in another category on the day of Academic Showcase, we would encourage him or her to be available during the afternoon session to explain the project or answer any questions viewers might have. Anyone interested in judging Science should contact Mrs. Rau or use the last section of the commitment form.

Mr. Sievert will be the contact person for Spelling. In the afternoon a written spelling test will be given to all participants. An oral spelling bee will take place during the evening session. Students will be grouped with their peers (grades 5 and 6, grades 7 and 8) for the oral spelling round.

Mrs. Linton will be the faculty contact person for Social Studies. Students are encouraged to research, gather information, and/or create visual representations on historic or current topics. All projects must be delivered to school on Friday, February 15, by 3:00 P.M. Unless the student is participating in another category on the day of Academic Showcase, we would encourage him or her to be available during the afternoon session to explain the project or answer any questions viewers might have.

Critique sheets and more specific information are available for all categories of the Academic Showcase. These sheets will enable you to more fully understand how to prepare for participation in these categories.

Certificates or ribbons will be awarded in each category. Firsts, Seconds, Thirds, and Participation awards will be created.

2019 Academic Showcase

In order to schedule all the events and plan for appropriate numbers of judges for the Academic Showcase, we need to know in which category(ies) each child in grades 5-8 will participate. Please fill in the form below and return it to school by **Friday, January 25, 2019, by 3:00 P.M.**

Child #1 _____

Child #2 _____ (if applicable)

Child #3 _____ (if applicable)

Put the number of the child in each category in which you wish to participate on Tuesday, February 19. We know the Lord has given our students many talents, and we look forward to seeing them showcase many of their talents, but please sign up only with the categories you seriously will prepare. In the past, we have had too many notes sent to school renegeing on commitments made in January. This is not fair to the people who schedule judges and make preparations to showcase your student. Events will begin in the afternoon during the school day. The evening events begin at 6:00 P.M.

_____ Art

_____ Forensics

(Circle the specific type of speech)

interpretive prose interpretive poetryvisual aid

solo-acting playacting persuasive

storytelling Four-minute

_____ Math Bowl

_____ Music

Circle the type; (remember only one total). vocal solo vocal group instrumental

Circle which you will provide. your own accompanist a recording

_____ Science

_____ Spelling

_____ Social Studies

Signature of parent _____ **date** _____

I would like to help by: _____ judging forensics (2/19 evening)

_____ judging art (starting 2/15)

_____ judging science projects (starting 2/15)

_____ judging social studies projects (starting 2/15)

The best way to reach me to help is _____