

## "News from Your School"

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### August - Time to Get Ready!

**August** is the month we take the time to enjoy the last part of summer and look forward to a start the new school year. While there is plenty of time to enjoy a few more weeks of all that summer has to offer, we also use this opportunity to ask God to bless the teaching staff and students of Good Shepherd and our surrounding community during the upcoming school year!



#### IMPORTANT DATES:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: Wednesday, August 25; 6:00 – 8:00 pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, September 1

**Lessons Learned from Last Year!** All of us, in every walk and stage of life, went through a year of uncertainty last year as we learned to live in a world that now has Covid-19. God promises that everything works out for the good of those who love Him. He certainly watched over our school, as we had no incidence of the virus. We also had no student miss school for an ear infection, strep throat, or flu!

Reflecting on the good health we experienced during the school year, and after checking with some in the health care profession, the main thing that kept us healthy would most likely be the hygiene, cleaning, and sanitizing protocols that were implemented throughout the school year. What exactly happened in those areas?

1. **First**, the students washed their hands before and after eating, after using the restroom, and after recess breaks.
2. **Next**, the tables were washed down each day after lunch. At the end of the school day, after dismissal, the tables and chairs were washed, the carpet was vacuumed, and the trash was taken to the dumpster regularly. The bathrooms were also cleaned as needed, in addition to what the church cleaners did once a week.
3. **Finally**, the sanitizers ran throughout the building each night around 11 p.m.

As we begin to use our building more and more, consistently cleaning the area we have used should become a part of our new habit. Wiping tables at the end of a meeting/gathering/work night and leaving all in good order for the next group that will need to use the space is the goal!

In addition, if food is involved, vacuuming the area, checking for random coffee cups (or other items), disposing of the garbage, and taking home any leftovers would be additional things that would need to be done. While this always happened after potluck dinners, it sometimes did not happen at other times. This resulted in whoever needed to use the area next had to first clean up after the last group, before the rest of their group arrived!



While nothing is bullet proof, implementing these habits throughout our public building would definitely benefit the overall health of us all. Campers do this all the time – leaving the campsite in better condition than it was found! Let's work together to do this in our church home, too! Thank you!!!!

*Blessings! ~ Mrs. T.*

