

# The Shepherd Connection

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, School, & Child Care

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Week of Dec. 4, 2017

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran School and Child Care is a community of parents, students, and staff working together to foster Christ-like qualities in all we pursue: spiritual growth, academic excellence, social, emotional, and physical development.*

## PRINCIPAL GARY'S NOTES

**DECEMBER ENERGY BUS PRINCIPAL...#4** Fuel Your Ride with Positive Energy! This month students will focus on revealing ways to become a more positive person while learning how their behavior can impact everyone in the learning community. Students will learn what it means to "reframe" or look at things in a different way. (I HAVE to do my homework = I GET to do my homework in order to learn more. I HAVE to do my chores = I GET to do my chores in order to help my family). Students will learn how their attitude impacts everyone around them. What type of attitude will make us the most successful leader in our lives? You are the DRIVER... what are your goals? How will you reach your goals with positive energy?

A graphic showing a close-up of a calendar with several pushpins (red, blue, yellow) pinned to it. A blue banner with the text "UPCOMING EVENTS" is overlaid on the bottom right of the calendar.

Dec. 2: Worship Service 6 p.m.  
Dec. 3: Worship Service 8 & 10:45 a.m.  
Dec. 6: School Chapel 8:15 a.m.  
Dec. 6: SHLC Advent Service 12:15 & 7  
Dec. 7: Little Lambs Chapel 8:15 a.m.

**BIG REVEAL!** Shepherd@50...join us on Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym as we reveal the latest building plans which will include building renderings and budgeting updates for the future of our SHLS building campaign. Building up! Reaching out! Growing God's Kingdom! What an exciting time for our church and school families!

**BOOKS MAKE THE BEST GIFT!!** Visit our Book Fair December 1-7 at the Dove House (just behind the church). Hours of operation: Fri. Dec. 1: 12:30-6:30 p.m.; Mon. Dec. 4 through Wed. Dec. 6: 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 2:30-6:30; and Thurs., Dec. 7: 7:30 a.m. -6:30 p.m.

**BAND & CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** The sounds of Christmas will fill the air at the December 11th concert. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center. A school wide concert will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 8:15 a.m. in the worship center.

**"SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS"** Mark your calendar for one of the best Christmas programs presented by our second, first, and kindergarten students on Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Watch your weekly classroom newsletter for specific information regarding student meeting location and student dress for concert.

**JACKETS, LUNCH BOXES, WATER BOTTLES MISSING?** A large collection of items can be found in the cafeteria under the microwaves. You may find your child's missing treasures and more in the white baskets on the lost/found shelves. Lots of nice jackets missing their owners!

**CHRISTMAS BREAK** is scheduled for December 21 through January 2. Classes resume January 3. **Early dismissal is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20. Grades PK-4 will dismiss at 12:15 and 5-8 will dismiss at 12:30 in regular pick up areas.** Child Care will be open during Christmas break except for the following dates: Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.

## CHILD CARE NEWS

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**Chapel:** Little Lamb's Chapel is every Thursday at 8:15. Everyone is more than welcome to join or check us out on Facebook Live!

**San Antonio Weather:** Please bring your child a labeled sweater for our cooler mornings.

**Illness & Dr. Visits:** This is the time of the year when all of our little ones will be coming down with common colds and illnesses. Please give your child's teacher a call if they are out due to an illness. We ask that our parents share with us if it is a contagious illness so that we can properly notify all other families in the classroom.

**Picture Retakes:** LifeTouch will be here December 15<sup>th</sup> to do picture retakes.

**Late Pick-Ups & Fees:** If you are running late please give us a call. After School late fees have begun. Fees will be turned in to Kay Olson and added to your TADS account.

If you have any questions feel free to stop by, my door is ALWAYS open! I can also be reached by email at [JGuerrero@shlutheran.org](mailto:JGuerrero@shlutheran.org) or call my office at (210)614-3741 ext. 219.

### NEXT WEEK'S LESSON PLANS FOR:

#### Infants:

Theme: Christmas  
Shape: Triangles  
Color: Red & Green

#### Toddlers-Twos

Theme: All Aboard  
Letter: Kk Number: 9 Shape: Star Color: Green  
Movement: Clapping/ Stop & Go/ Rhythm  
Sign Language (Toddlers): Star  
Jesus Time Theme: The Angels News  
Bible Verse: 'You shall call him Jesus.' Luke 1:31

#### Threes

Theme: Christmas  
Letter: Kk Number: 6 Shape: Octagon Color: Red & Silver  
Jesus Time Theme: Jesus is Born  
Bible Verse: 'For unto you is born.. a Savior, who is Christ the LORD.' Luke 2:11

## RAM CAFÉ MENU FOR DECEMBER 4-8, 2017

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### MON. DEC. 4

Eggs and Bacon  
Hawaiian Ham and Cheese  
Toasted Ham and Cheese on sweet Hawaiian rolls  
Garden Peas  
Fresh Fruit & Salad

### TUES. DEC. 5

Pancakes  
BBQ Chicken  
Roasted chicken with our Ram Cafe BBQ Sauce  
Mashed Red Potatoes  
Fresh Fruit & Salad  
Bread Roll

### WED. DEC. 6

Breakfast Tacos  
Chicken Quesadillas  
Seasoned chicken with cheese in flour tortilla  
Spanish Rice  
Fresh Fruit & Salad

### THURS. DEC. 7

Biscuit Sandwich  
Linguine w/Meat Sauce  
Pasta topped with a homemade basil meat sauce  
Fresh Vegetable Medley  
Fresh Fruit & Salad

### FRI. DEC. 8

Chef's Choice  
Old Fashioned Hot Dogs  
Simple All American Beef Hot Dogs  
Frito Pie/Chips  
Fresh Fruit & Salad  
Mrs. Susie's Cookies  
Tryday: Panettone

## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, Contemporary Service 6 p.m. | Sunday, Traditional Services 8 & 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.



The Christmas story is contained in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, but did you know that John also has a version of the Christmas story? His version gives insight into the pre-existing Son of God, the Word who became flesh. Mid-week Advent services will explore texts from John 1:1-18. Please join us at 12:15 or 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20.



Christmas Concert: "I'll be Home for Christmas" is Sunday, Dec. 10, 4 p.m. in the worship center. This year's concert will feature Gail Wettstein, Soprano; Caroline Melcher, Mezzo-Soprano; John Hyland, Tenor; Josep Peralba, Baritone; and Bob Shoaf, piano. They'll feature a program of Christmas music celebrating faith, family and freedom. The concert is free, with freewill donations accepted on behalf of the VA Fisher House and the Center for Military Music.



**We're going Christmas Caroling! Children will love this activity!** Join the fun on Sunday Dec. 17! Meet in us in the school library at 3 p.m. This is a joint event offered by Children's Ministry and International Ministry. We will carol at the refugee and international students' apartments. After caroling we will return to Shepherd of the Hills for chili, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies. Contact Cindy Miller at [cmiller@shlutheran.org](mailto:cmiller@shlutheran.org) for more details.