

The Shepherd Connection

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

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Week of Dec. 11, 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

School Spirit Rally with prayers and pledges will be held in the gym this Friday, December 8 at 7:45 AM. Join us!

Midterms grades 1-8 can be viewed on Fast Direct beginning Friday, December 8, 2017.

Lifetouch will be on campus for picture retakes on Friday, December 15. Please check Fast Direct for a message from Neomi Bustamante with more details.

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!

Band and Choir Christmas Concert: The sounds of Christmas will fill the air at the December 11th concert. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center. A school wide concert will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 8:30 a.m. in the worship center.

"Sing A Song of Christmas" Mark you 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.

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?

Everything for Everyone Sale! Proceeds benefit 8th grade trip to Washington, DC! Sale Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:00-2:00. Vendors keep 70% of sale with 30% donated to 8th grade class trip. If you would like to donate your items to school, please send to the school office. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Candice Dominguez at cdominguez@shlutheran.org.

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.

Dec. 9:	Worship Service 6 p.m.
Dec. 10:	Worship Service 8 & 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 11:	Ram Band & Choir Concert 7 p.m.
Dec. 13:	School Chapel 8:15 a.m.
Dec. 13:	SHLC Advent Service 12:15 & 7
Dec. 14:	Little Lambs Chapel 8:15 a.m.
Dec. 14:	Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.

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.

Christmas Child Care: Sign-up sheets for Christmas break will be going around soon. Please let us know if you will be needing care for your child. You can turn those in to your child's teacher or the Child Care office.

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 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: LI Number: 10 Shape: Star Color: Green
Movement: Clapping/ Stop & Go/ Rhythm
Sign Language (Toddlers): Star
Jesus Time Theme: Simeon & Anna
Bible Verse: 'He [Jesus] will save His people.' Matthew 1:21

Threes

Theme: Christmas
Letter: LI Number: 7 Shape: Triangle Color: Green & White
Jesus Time Theme: The Angels' Announcement to Shepherds
Bible Verse: 'Glory to GOD in the highest.' Luke 2:14

RAM CAFÉ MENU FOR DECEMBER 11-15, 2017

Tony Zavala, Food Service Manager, 614-3741 x220, tzavala@shlutheran.org

MON. DEC. 11

Eggs and Bacon
French Bread Pizza
Homemade pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese on french bread
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Fruit & Salad

TUES. DEC. 12

Pancakes
Chicken Ranch Pasta
Chicken and veggies with pasta in a creamy sauce
Corn Cobbets
Fresh Fruit & Salad

WED. DEC. 13

Breakfast Tacos
Tamales
Corn masa tamales with chili con carne and cheese
Pinto Beans
Fresh Fruit & Salad
Honey Cornbread

THURS. DEC. 14

Biscuit Sandwich
Italian Grilled Cheese
Grilled pepperoni and mozzarella sandwich with marinara for dipping
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Fresh Fruit & Salad

FRI. DEC. 15

Chef's Choice
Pulled Pork Sammies
16 hour, slow cooked pulled pork on a bun
Crispy Tater Tots
Fresh Fruit & Salad
White Christmas Bark
Tryday: Egg Nog

THE CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

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. 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 for more details.