

*Christ the Good Shepherd*  
*First Reconciliation & First Eucharist*  
**Elementary English Calendar 2017-18**

FIRST SEMESTER (FALL)				
* 9/06	Wednesday	Mandatory Parent Meeting NO STUDENTS	7pm-8:30pm	Social Hall
* 9/08	Friday	For parents who did not attended 9/06 meeting NO STUDENTS	7pm-8:30pm	Social Hall
* 9/30	Saturday	Reconciliation Session#1 PARENT& STUDENT	2pm-4:30pm	Social Hall
* 10/28	Saturday	Reconciliation Session#2 PARENT& STUDENT	2pm-4:30pm	Social Hall
12/05	Tuesday	First Reconciliation Celebration	6pm-7pm	Church

SECOND SEMESTER (SPRING)				
* 1/09	Tuesday	Mandatory Parent Meeting NO STUDENTS	7pm-8:30pm	Social Hall
* 1/11	Thursday	For parents who did not attended 1/09 meeting NO STUDENTS	7pm-8:30pm	Social Hall
* 2/03	Saturday	Eucharist Session#1 PARENT & STUDENT	2pm-4:30pm	Social Hall
* 3/17	Saturday	Eucharist Session#2 PARENT & STUDENT	2pm-4:30pm	Social Hall

All students preparing for First Eucharist (Communion) are required to have a one time short interview with a catechist before their First Eucharist Celebration. This interview last approx. 15 minutes.

These interviews are done in the month of April by appointment ONLY. Parents will have an opportunity to pick a day and time for their child's appointment during the January parent meeting. The dates available for this year school year will be:

TUESDAY 4/10 OR THURSDAY 4/19 OR SATURDAY 4/21.

4/14	Saturday	* Day of Reflection PARENT& STUDENT Families are invited to stay for potluck lunch from 12pm-12:45pm	1pm- 4pm	Social Hall
4/29	SUNDAY	Rehearsal PARENT & STUDENT	2pm-4pm	Social Hall
5/5	SATURDAY	First Eucharist Celebration <b>ENGLISH</b>	10am	Church
5/5	SATURDAY	First Eucharist Celebration <b>SPANISH</b>	1:30pm	Church

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\* Nursery available by **RESERVATION ONLY**. To make a reservation contact Ms Sandy at 281-376-6831 X 326 o email [sandy.krzes@cgscc.church](mailto:sandy.krzes@cgscc.church)

## PARENT MEETINGS, SESSIONS AND RETREAT

ALL Sacrament Preparation Sessions/Retreat on page-1 calendar are **REQUIRED** and not to be taken as optional. Check your personal calendar carefully through the entire year to be sure you and your child will be available to make the commitment. **MAKE-UP FOR SESSIONS OR RETREAT ARE NOT GUARANTEED.**

Failing to attend required parent meetings in August and January, consequently delays preparation of student until next fall.

Parents and students must arrive at least fifteen minutes before the start time of their Sessions/Retreat. This will also apply for Parent meetings. Arriving at sessions or retreat after the doors are closed it will be considered tardiness. Every- tardiness is considered ½ of an absence, so tardiness can consequently contribute to postponement of preparation and or celebration until next year. Please contact Mrs Lara in case of emergency or sickness.

If child is currently in “School Year” Faith Formation classes, she/he must have expected attendance. SEE FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR FOR DATES AND TIMES, those are NOT INCLUDED in this calendar.

If child is currently in School Year Faith Formation “At-Home” program, family must complete units on time and attend their group sessions as schedule. SEE AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR FOR DATES AND TIMES, those are NOT INCLUDED in this calendar.

## UP-TO-DATE

We should have all students’ Baptism certificates no later than February 1st of the current year. Not having this document on file will consequently delay preparation and/or celebration until a later time.

Please make sure your email address, home address, phone numbers are correct and up to date at all times. **“Remind” will be our primary way of communication.** To register via text send text **@18english** to phone number (469) 608-2163. Don’t have a mobile phone? Go to **rmd.at/18english** on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications. Please do not provide an email that you are not continuously monitoring; in providing an email we will be assuming you are getting and reading our messages.

## SPONSORS/ GODPARENTS FOR THIS SACRAMENT?

Having sponsors/godparents or “Padrinos” for 1st Eucharist is a tradition and is not part of the Rite of Eucharist, consequently, not all parishes adopt this tradition. CGS has no tradition of requesting/requiring sponsors for First Eucharist.

However, if you already asked someone to be a godparent for your child, make sure he/she understands:

- *He/she will not participate in a "special" way during the celebration*
- *He/she will not be seated with the student (he/she can sit with parents),*
- *He/she’s name will not be listed in the certificate for First Eucharist,*
- *He/ she will only be an eyewitness of your child’s celebration.*

It is important to clarify these points to prevent confusion or misunderstanding.

## EUCHARIST CELEBRATION ATTIRE

\* *Brand new attire is not required*

• Girls\*:

⇒ White or light color dress must be at the knees or below. Shoes (no sneakers/tennis shoes or flip-flops!) Headpiece (veil, flowers etc.) is optional. Gloves are optional. **Gloves will not be worn when they come up for Communion.** Light lip gloss okay. No heavy make-up (Jr. High) .

• Boys\*:

⇒ White or light color shirt (short/long sleeve) Tie is optional. Dress slacks (black, white or navy blue) Shoes (no sneakers/tennis shoes or flip-flops!) Suit jacket & vests are optional.