



Good Shepherd Charger News

“In His Time”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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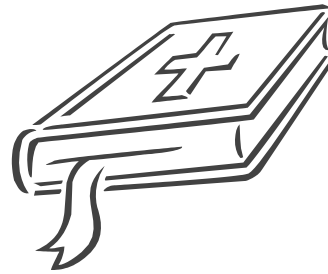
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Something to Consider:

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. *James 1:17*

When you think about counting your blessings, your mind most likely turns to those you can see—a warm place to live, food in the fridge, friends and family to hold you close. But, the blessings God showers on you every day go

far beyond what you can touch with your hands. God's blessings include miracles like the process of prayer, a future home in Heaven, and God's ultimate gift of salvation. Although blessings like these are really more than the human mind can understand, they are also easily taken for granted. Take time right now to send God a heartfelt thank-you note, via prayer. Ask Him to help your gratitude grow by making



you increasingly aware of every blessing He brings your way.

Charger Headlines:

Welcome—Name to a Face

I would like to welcome all of our new school and returning families to Good Shepherd for our 31st year of offering a quality Christian education. I ask that you would continue to support and partner with us so we can continue to achieve our mission.

Please take the opportunity to welcome and meet every family so they feel that Christian welcome and feel apart of the Good Shepherd Family! How are you with names and faces?

Automatic Tuition Program

TADS

Thank you for your patience in our payment system. There are still items that need to be imported or deleted from many of your accounts. The goal is to have these issues resolved in the coming weeks. Please call TADS at 1-800-477-8237 or email them at support@tads.com if you have a question regarding set-up of your account. If you have not set up your agreement, you need to do so soon.

Call Cheryl at 344-3153 if you have other questions regarding this system.

Backpack Blessings

Take an opportunity to say a little prayer each morning for your child. Place your hands on the backpack and have your children do the same, then have them repeat this prayer and blessing.

Heavenly Father, bless this backpack and all it contains. Let this pack represent the coming school year and all that it entails. Lord watch over me as I travel to school and back home. Bless me with courage as I enter ___ grade. Fill me with a love of learning and a passion for school. Bless my teachers with wisdom and compassion. Guide my choices and keep me mindful of my actions. Give me your Holy Spirit that my faith might grow and that I might love you more. I dedicate this backpack and this school year to you Lord, may my time at school bring you joy. May my thoughts and actions bring glory to your name.

In Jesus' Holy Name—Amen

* Add some Bible verses inside to guide your child's day..Prayer

Summer Challenge

Don't forget the Box Tops and Labels Summer Challenge will be ending on Friday, August 29th. The grade that collected the most box tops and labels over the summer and turns them in by this due date will win a free dress day in September. Please turn in the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, August 29th.

Classroom Newsletters

Classrooms are again providing a newsletter online designed for their classroom. This will provide communication from the teacher to the families in each room. Our hope is this will enhance our partnership with each family in education.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Please stop by the school office if you have not filled out a form for the possibility of free or reduced lunches for the 2014-15 school year.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, August 23

-Girls Pee Wee Basketball 8:00-11:30am

-Teacher Installation 5:30pm, Faculty to Sing

Sunday, August 24

-Teacher Installation/Rededication 8:00am & 10:30am, Faculty to Sing

Monday, August 25

-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am

Wednesday, August 27

-Boys Baseball Home vs. Belleville 4:00pm

Thursday, August 28

-Chapel 8:35am

-Early Childhood Fall Pictures

-Boys Baseball at Dupo 4:00pm

-Girls AB Volleyball Home vs. Zion Belleville 6:30pm

Friday, August 29

-Early Childhood—Gr. 8 Fall Pictures

-Magazine Turn in Day

-Girls CD Volleyball Home vs. Zion Belleville 6:30pm

-Boys Baseball at Trinity 4:00pm



Charger Headlines Continues...

Re-Sale Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, worked and shopped at the Standardized Dress Re-Sale Shop. This year's sale was another great success due to everyone's generosity!

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th for the Preschool and for Friday, August 29th for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Standardized dress will be used as our dress for the day. The purpose of these pictures are for the yearbook. Forms were sent home this week.

Magazines Sales

Please RENEW your magazines through Good Shepherd Lutheran School, so we can receive 40% of the sale amount. Out of 196,000 existing magazine subscriptions in Madison County, only 17,000 are being renewed through a school. Please tell your family and friends that their renewal will simply pick up where the subscription leaves off. Our Magazine Sale began Monday, August 18th.

Chapel

Just a reminder to everyone, please no shorts/capris on Thursdays for chapel.

Any noncompliance will be mentioned to the student and parent first. Repeated times will result in a note or phone call from the school office with further consequences. Your support and partnership is truly appreciated!

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are for sale for \$30.00. Books are available through the 8th grade students, Mr. Rincker or any 8th grade student. Proceeds will go towards the 2015 class trip.

Library Magazine Donations Needed

If you would like to help our library, please consider donating a magazine subscription for the year.

We would like the following magazines for the students to use: Clubhouse, Clubhouse Jr., Cricket, Brio, Breakaway, Ranger Rick, National Geographic – Kids, Zoobooks, Your Big Backyard, Sports Illustrated for Kids. Please contact the school office.

Arrival and Departure-Safety First

Patience..... This is the key to safe arrival and departure. Share this with your child's driver.

Always...Be careful when backing your car some students are not very tall.

Drive slowly – when arriving and departing. (Remind your teenage driver).

Drive according to the direction of parking spaces. Use the crosswalks and never walk between cars.

Please do not...Never, ever pass a car. This is VERY dangerous.

Do not park along the front of the building – even for a short period of time.

During dismissal you may park before the entrance to the church, but not after.

Before School...Please do not park or have a prolonged stop in the drop off lane (Yellow curb). Pull into a parking spot instead.

Drop off along the front of school and the J curve only.

Children can walk the length of the sidewalk to the front door of the school. You do not have to pull directly in front of the school for drop off. This will help so we do not have long lines. The front doors will open at 7:45 a.m.

After School...

It is best to park and wait for your child to come to your car or park and walk to the school entrance to meet your child.

Please do not honk your horn and remember to be patient!

Please do not park in front of the church as you wait to pick up someone.

Standardized Dress

The dress code and visual pictures are available on the website with frequently asked questions with answers. Please help us maintain this by viewing and supporting the code.

Tardy Slips

Students arriving late to school must have a tardy slip to enter the classroom after the bell has rung. When you sign in your child, the student will be given a tardy slip to take to the teacher. Arriving late due to an appointment, please bring an excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

Visitors

All parents picking up or dropping off their child during school hours will need to stop in the office and sign out your child. Security for the children is important to us. All visitors who come into the school building during the school hours will be identified by wearing a visitor's badge. When an individual signs in the school office, they will be issued a badge.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, August 25, Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29. (have your order in the school office by 9:00a.m.)

Walk-up sales will resume on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Please remember to fill out a new registration form for this school year along with your first order!!!! The Scrip Program is a tuition reduction program for Good Shepherd Lutheran School families and friends. We strongly encourage all Good Shepherd families to purchase their groceries, gasoline, clothing and other goods and services using the SCRIP gift certificates. 50% of your credits earned may go toward the reduction of your tuition or you may donate your credits toward Good Shepherd Lutheran School's General Fund. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program.

Market Day

The first Market Day pick-up day of the school year will be on Monday, September 8, from 3:15-4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please return order forms to the school office or order online by 11 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2.

Important Lunch Program Updates

Lunch prices will be \$2.50. Milk is \$.50. You will receive your monthly bill through the TADS program.

Communication

Partnering to benefit your child's education and your journey here at Good Shepherd is important to us. Please refer to the handbook regarding communication. God's Blessings on the 2014-2015 school year!

In Our Prayers this Week:

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the school families. Please remember these and others in your prayers. The families of: Nathan B., Kyle C., Madelyn G., Declan G., and Megan H.

The purpose of Good Shepherd Lutheran School is to provide each student with a quality Christian Education. We recognize that this begins with the premise that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life. The curriculum and all activities are developed around this premise.
