



Good Shepherd Charger News

“In His Time”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Something to Consider:

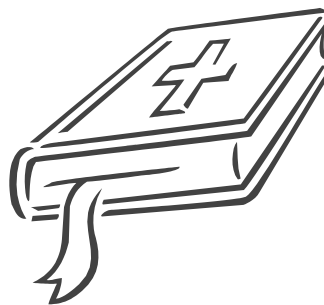
A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:17

You may have heard of the counseling theory that suggests you limit your friendships to “safe” people—those with no emotional baggage that could drag you down. That doesn’t sound right, does it? Not only could this severely limit your pool of potential friends, but it

seems to violate the selfless example of Christ, who specialized in making friends of those who were down and out.

You could be a great influence for good in a needy person’s life, simply by making friends with them. Certainly some people can be emotionally draining, and you should always ask God for wisdom when approaching a new relationship. He will always steer you in the right di-



rection. And He will often point you to diamonds in the rough.

Charger Headlines:

Giving Thanks!

We give thanks to our Father for the greatest gift we have received, His Son, who died and rose, so that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven. Pass on this special gift to others as you celebrate our Savior’s birth!

Thank you

A special Thank you to all the students and instructors that were involved with the Christmas Concerts. We praise God for sending His only Son for the salvation of the world. May these events glorify the One to whom we praise.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Welcomes You

We welcome you to join us for our Advent and Christmas Services:

-Preschool & Kindergarten Singers – Dec. 21st at 10:30am

-Children’s Christmas Service –

Dec. 21st at 6:00pm

-Christmas Eve – Dec 24th

5:30 & 7:00pm, Communion Candlelight Service 11:00pm

-Christmas Day – Dec 25th at 9:00am

-New Year’s Eve Communion Service – Dec 31st at 7:00pm

Wrapping Paper/Tags Needed

Shopping after Christmas sales?

The Gingerbread House is asking for donations of scotch tape, tissue paper, wrapping paper, and gift tags for next school year. NO Santa paper please. You may take the donations to the school office.

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Gingerbread House a fun successful event for our students here at Good Shepherd.

Festival of Lessons & Carols

To mark the close of the Christmas season, the musicians of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are presenting a special Epiphany service featuring John Leavitt’s Festival of Lessons and Carols.

The service will include choir, orchestra and congregational hymn singing.

Please join us on January 4th at 4pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville, IL. For additional information please call 344-3151.

Recycling Bins

As a reminder, cardboard is not accepted in our recycling bins. Please continue to recycle your newspapers, aluminum and magazines. Thank you to those who have been participating in this program.

A Look Ahead

Monday, December 22

-NO SCHOOL/Christmas Break Through Jan. 4, 2015

Thursday, December 25

-Christmas Day
-Early Childhood Closed

Friday, December 26

-Early Childhood Closed

Thursday, Jan. 1

-New Years Day
-Early Childhood Closed

Friday, Jan. 2

-Early Childhood Closed

Monday, Jan. 5

-All Classes Resume ECC-Gr. 8
-GSLs Auction Change Drive Through Friday Jan. 16th
-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am
-Registration Opens for 2015-16 School Year
-Girls AB Basketball Home vs. Trinity St. John’s 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 6

-Boys AC Basketball at Zion Bethalto 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 7

-Girls & Boys B Basketball Tournament at Holy Cross Through Sunday

Thursday, January 8

-Chapel 8:35am

Saturday, January 10

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



Charger Headlines Continues...

Open House

Good Shepherd will be hosting an Open House, Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00pm in the church for those interested in enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the teachers, tour the facility, and see a presentation on the life of a Kindergartener at Good Shepherd. There will also be additional Open Houses scheduled for Sunday, January 11th, 25th, February 8th, and March 15th from 1-3pm for Preschool –Grade 8. This would be a great time for you as a parent to find out about a Christian education.

Charger Bucks - Scrip

Weekly orders will resume on January 5th, 12th, & 26th; February 2nd, 9th, & 23rd. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays to be processed that week.

Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

Market Day

Orders are due by Monday, Jan. 5th in the school office or, online by 11:00pm. Pick up day is Monday, January 12th from 3:00-4:30pm. With a \$40 online order, you will receive a Salad To Go Cup.

We appreciate your support and we are looking forward to seeing you in January!

Registration Opens

Pre-K through 8th Grade Open Registration for the 2015-16 school year will begin on Monday, January 5th. We encourage you to please go to the school website at www.gslcs.org and reenroll or register for next year as soon as possible. Please note that the enrollment process has been enhanced to reduce additional paper forms, expedite the completion of tuition agreement processing, and offers multiple options for payment of the non-refundable registration fee. If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please contact Mrs. Schnicker at 344-3153 ext. 232 or TADS Customer Support at 1-800-477-8237.

If you are in need of scholarships; applications for financial aid will also be available on-line through TADS beginning January 5th. Submitting your financial aid application ASAP provides you with the best possible opportunity for assistance. All financial aid applications must be completed no later than March 1st.

If you or someone you know is new to Good Shepherd, please spread the word about the wonderful opportunities for children in our Christian school. School tours are made available by going to the school website.

End of Year—Tax Credit

If you are looking for a way to give and also receive a tax credit for the 2014 year, please consider donating monies to purchase iPads and/or Chromebooks for your child's classroom. Your donation will help students and teachers enhance the learning process.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Allie Johnston, a graduate of GSLS, who has been named "Student of the Month" at Lutheran High School North. The purpose of this program is to identify, recognize, encourage, and award high achieving students and provide motivation to strive for excellence. LHSN faculty and staff have the opportunity to nominate students that they believe are having positive impact on Lutheran High School North because of their character and work ethic.

Lost and Found

There are quite a few lost and found items in the church narthex. Please stop by to see if you are missing any items.

Classrooms' Auction Baskets

The winners of the Class Basket Free Dress Day competition were... Kindergarten and Mrs. Kegley's/Mr. Winter's Home-rooms! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the baskets!

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:

Autumn D., Khushi J., Trinity S., Garrett S., Logan W., Ella W.

Auction Up-dates

GSLC Change Drive

Good Shepherd School Annual change drive is scheduled for January 5-16. The proceeds will help continue providing a quality Christian education at GSLS.

Auction Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and

needed! Please contact the school office.

Auction Reservations

This is a fun way to help support the school. Don't miss out on this fun evening out and wonderful way to support a great cause! Call your friends and get a table or come and make new friends.

The auction is Sat., March 21, 2015. Call 618-344-3153 or visit the school office for more information. Reservations and donations can be made at the school office.

Auction Donations

Yes! YOU can get involved by donating an item or service or attending the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction.

Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser. Your individual participation is needed for this event to succeed! Please participate for our students!

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.

Retreads...

Raising "Entitled" Children

This article is very important for you to read. You will find it on the front page of the school website, www.gslcs.org, under Recent News. As parents, God wants us to raise our little blessings according to scripture and not the world's standards. This article will give you insight to the world and the children that are growing up nowadays. My prayers are with you as you stay strong in the Word of God!

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Papa John's Pizza Night

Thank you for supporting GSLs at Papa John's Pizza. We will again be having our pizza night Monday, December 15th.

Winter Sports Pictures

Remember to wear your uniforms for the winter sports pictures which will be taken Thursday, January 22nd for the following teams: Girls B @ 3:20; Girls D @ 3:30; Boys D @ 3:40; Boys C @ 3:50; Boys B @ 4:00; Boys A @ 4:10; Girls A @ 4:20.

Game Pictures Needed

If you have GSLs game pictures, please share them with Mrs. Batty or Mrs. Krause either through email or CD. Currently, we are lacking in pictures of all sports except cross country.

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.

Benefit Soup Supper

Early last fall, Mr. Pritchard suffered kidney failure and was hospitalized, underwent dialysis, and was out of work for several weeks. The medical bills have piled up and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church would like to host a benefit to help the Pritchards with some of their expenses. There will be a soup supper on Wednesday, December 17, between the two Advent services starting at 5:30pm. A free offering will be taken. The church will also have a "love offering" at this weekend's services. You are invited to the soup supper or to help out in any way you would like.

Thank You - Donations

The following are donations that have been given to the school from June-December. We appreciate your willingness to help through our "Education in Excellence" program and through our designated envelopes.

Target	\$736.48
Recycling	\$262.57
Papa John's Pizza	\$157.08
GoodSearch.com	\$64.42
Undesignated	\$606.00
Scholarship	\$1100.00
Scholarship- Re-sell it shop	\$759.00
Scholarship-Book Covers	\$300.00
Technology-Golf Tournament	\$4385.00
LESA Grant -	\$1230.00
Library	\$1520.00

Lutheran Mass Band Concert

The Lutheran Mass (Combined schools) Band will include all 6-8th grade (no 5th graders) band students from Good Shepherd and will perform at the Metro East Lutheran High School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14th, 2014. The concert begins at 2:30 PM. All students need to arrive at 1:45 PM to be seated etc. Students may dress in nice clothes of any

color (our concert is black and white).

The Mass Band Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 in the MELHS Multi-Purpose Room from 12:00-1:30 PM. The MELHS address is 6305 Center Grove Road in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Box Tops and Labels Program

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, December 17th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's home-room.

Alumni Night

Alumni night is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th. Freshmen will receive a T-shirt and all past graduates will be honored at the half time of the 8th grade girls basketball game vs. Zion Belleville.

Young Authors

Reminder, Young Author books are due Monday, January 26th. Please feel free to ask for additional help from your child's teacher.
