



Good Shepherd Charger News

“In His Time”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Thirty-fourth Edition
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Something to Consider:

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

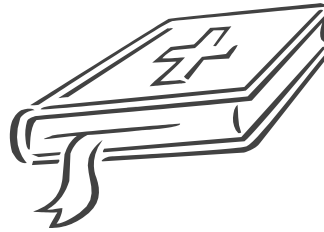
Psalm 119:90

Faithfulness—reliability, dependability, and trustworthiness—is a characteristic so vital that other virtues lose their power without it.

Consider this: You have been volunteering for an organization that provides meals for the

elderly. You have committed to be there three times a week. But suppose you have been showing up only once a week or even twice a week. Your good deed has now taken on a negative aspect. The organization and the elderly people it serves are being disadvantaged as a result of your lack of faithfulness.

God wants you to follow His example. He doesn't make



promises He doesn't intend to keep. You shouldn't either. He always keeps His word. So should you.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, May 9

-8th Gr. Trip to Washington DC
Through Friday, May 15th

Sunday, May 10

-Mother's Day

Monday, May 11

-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am

-Board Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 13

-3rd Gr. Field Trip

Thursday, May 14

-Chapel 8:35am

Friday, May 15

-2nd Gr. Field Trip

-4's Preschool Program

-8th Gr. Returns From

Washington DC

Looking Ahead...

May 19:

Awards Banquet 6:30pm

May 21:

-Kindergarten Program 7:00pm

May 22:

-School Picnic 8:45-11:00am

-School Year Ends, Dismissal at

11:20/11:30am

-8th Gr. Graduation 7:00pm

Charger Headlines:

Happy Mothers Day

We would like to wish all of our moms a blessed Mother's Day this Sunday. Give your mom a hug and say, "thank you and I love you"!

Family Accounts

All family financial accounts must be current by May 20th. Any past due account may cause delay in receiving report cards, diplomas and/or graduation ceremony participation. If you need to discuss special circumstances, please contact C. Schnicker no later than Friday, May 15th.

T.R.A.C.K.S.

Before School Care will be available: Monday May 18th through Friday, May 22nd. After School Care will be available: Monday, May 19th through Thursday, May 22nd.

There will not be any After School Care on Friday, May 22nd.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Molitor.

Box Tops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Tops and Labels Program contest for the month of April is 1-1, Mrs. Robinson's class. The students collected a total of 294 box tops and labels with an average of 18 box tops and labels per student.

We ended the month of March with a total of 24,135 box tops and labels and added 4,510 box tops and labels this month.

That totals 28,645 box tops and labels collected for the 2014-2015 school year!

Good Shepherd Harvest Fest

20 Volunteers are needed to make pizzas on Saturday, May

30th (11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and to distribute pizzas (3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Please contact C. Schnicker in the school office to volunteer.

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive on Monday, May 18, from 2:00 -6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Blood supplies are often depleted during the summer months, so please consider donating to the worthy cause.

State History Fair

Caleigh M., Jared W., Haley R., and Sophie S. received superiors at the State History Fair on Thursday, May 7th.

Haylee's board was chosen to be on display during the month of June.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks—Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, May 11. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays. Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays and will continue on Sunday mornings between services.

This is last order day for this school year. Remember that you can place your order online. You may access the link for shop-withscrip.com through our school's website. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153 and ask for Gail. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate.

Market Day

Pick up day is Monday, May 11th from 3:00-4:30pm. A special thank you to Mrs. Kellough and the 8th grade parents for heading Market Day this year. Thank you for your support.

GSLs Summer Day Camp

Applications are still being taken for summer camp. The forms are available in the school office and TRACKS. If you have any questions, please see to Susan M. or contact the school office at 618-344-3153.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We would like to thank all the volunteers that made Teacher Appreciation Week so special for our teachers here at GSLs. It is a true blessing to have a genuine partnership with so many great parents!

Awards Banquet Tickets

If you forgot to get your Awards banquet tickets, please call or stop by the school office by Tuesday, May 12th.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30p.m. This event honors 7th and 8th grade students who have participated in after school sports, choir and band. In order to have appropriate seating and catering counts, tickets will not be sold at the door. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and students in grades 5th-8th; \$6.00 for students in grades 1st-4th. Kindergarten and younger are free.

Illinois Lutheran Honor Band

Six Good Shepherd Band Students were selected to perform with the 2015 Illinois Lutheran All-State Honor Band on Friday, April 10th, 2015. The Honor Band was held at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. / The Guest Conductor was educator and com-

poser Dr. Jennifer Moder, a McKendree Professor. Dr. Moder also founded the festival 12 years ago when teaching at Concordia Peoria where she grew up. Good Shepherd Honor Band members were Haley R., Alyssa H., Zach H., Jared W., Nicholas H., and Josh R. The Good Shepherd students were joined by Lutheran School Band students from all over the state of Illinois. They spent the day in rehearsals and clinics with Dr. Moder and her McKendree students preparing for the evening concert.

Madison County Jazz Festival

Congratulations to Henry L. for being the first ever student to represent Good Shepherd at the Annual Madison County Band Directors Association Jazz Festival. Henry played in the Jazz Lab Band and did much hard work prior to the festival to prepare. The festival was held at Grigsby Middle School in Granite City and featured the top jazz students from middle schools throughout Madison County.

IGSMA State Solo and Ensemble

Congratulations to Hannah R., Brendan S., Elizabeth S., Catrina L., Claire L., Colleen L., Logan B., Will M., Jacob B., and Henry L. for their success at the IGSMA State Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, May 2nd at Triad Middle School. Hannah, Brendan, Colleen, and Logan performed their solos from memory and received perfect scores! All other students performed extremely well receiving Division I ratings!

Gateway Grizzlies Game

Please join the GSLs Band at GCS Ballpark as they perform the Star Spangled Banner on Sunday, May 31st at 3:05 PM! Enjoy the afternoon at the ballpark and support our band! Tickets may be purchased at a discounted price in our seating section by contacting the Grizzlies at 618-337-3000 and telling them you are from Good Shepherd. Band students will get in for free and do NOT need to purchase tickets in advance. Visit gatewaygrizzlies.com for directions etc.

Meeting for Next Year—Gr. 7

There will be an important meeting for students going into 7th grade. The meeting will inform you of the cost, curriculum, and use in our 1:1 program. We will also address any questions you may have. The date will be Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. It is important for one or both parents to

attend. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Maske or Mr. Voss.

We look forward to partnering with you.

Congratulations

At the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Engineering Research Challenge, which was held on March 28th at SIUE, the following students received awards from the Society of American Military Engineers- Scott Field Post for Science & Engineering Excellence. Fifth grader Eli Lingafelter won the 5th grade division and received \$75. Seventh grader Caleb Tanzyus was the 7th grade runner-up and received \$50. At the IJAS State Science Exposition will be held at the University of Illinois in Carbondale on May 1-2 seventh grader Reagan Guerra received a 'Silver Certificate' for her paper on Heat stability of catalase in carrots, potatoes, and sweet potatoes.

Box Tops & Labels Program

Congratulations to Mr. Winter's class (8th Grade) who collected a total of 2,753 box tops and labels (162 per student) this 2014-2015 school year. Way to go!

Also, a big thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who helped make our 2014-2015 Box Tops and Labels Program successful! Our school collected a total of 28,645 box tops and labels this school year.

ALL NEW Early Childhood Center Update - Roofing is complete except for a few areas of flashing, and finishing of the outer perimeter which is done later. Brick laying and insulation of the exterior walls just started on the back side of the ECC. Inside, insulation is being added to the HVAC ducts and hot water pipes. Essentially, in the ceiling, all the plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and sprinkler systems are finished. However, electricians just began installing dozens of light fixtures. Our marketing team learned from our parent survey that word-of-mouth recommendations are a very trustworthy source of information when searching for early childhood education. Our hope is that every Good Shepherd school parent and member will know about our program so they can tell others about the new building, our professional staff, and our research-based curriculum. In the next few weeks, you'll see several efforts aimed at inspiring all of us to be ambassadors on behalf of the ECC. Please continually keep the ECC, children, staff, and construction workers in your prayers.

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.

Summer Athletic Camps & Enrichment Classes

Athletic Camps

The deadline for the Athletic Camp forms is Friday, May 8th. Forms may be picked up in the school office. The completed form & required fee can be turned in to the school office. Please make checks payable to GSLS. Forms are also available in the school office.

Girl's Volleyball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8
Boy's and Girl's Basketball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8.

The forms can be brought back and given to the school office. The deadline for the camps is May 8th.

Girl's Basketball June 01-05

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Boy's Basketball June 08-12

Boys entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Boys entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Girl's Volleyball June 15-19

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Summer Enrichment

The deadline for the Summer Enrichment forms is Friday, May 8th. The completed form & required fee can be turned in to the school office and TRACKS. Please

make checks payable to GSLS. Forms are available in the school office.

Science Enrichment June 1-5

Students entering Gr. 2-8, 1:00-3:00

Math Refinement June 15-19 & 22-26

Students entering Gr. 2-5, June 15-19

10:30-11:30/June 22-26 1:00-2:00

Students entering Gr. 6-8, June 15-19

10:45-11:45/June 22-26 2:00-3:00

Computer Camp "Lego Robotics"

Students entering Gr. 5-8, June 8-12

1:00-3:00 Limit of 16 students.

(Attend all 10 hours)

Retreads...

Teacher Appreciation Week

This coming week May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week. What is great about GSLS is that we appreciate our teachers every day. The Board had a breakfast last week for the staff and it was greatly appreciated! This coming week we will be hosting a lunch for the teachers on May 8 to say thank you. If you would like to donate and or help with this lunch, please bring monies and give to the office. A little thank you goes a long way! Thank you for your partnership and support of Good Shepherd!

Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30p.m. This event honors 7th and 8th grade students who have participated in after school sports, choir and band. Younger students participating in varsity sports will also be recognized. Please return the order form and make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran School to reserve your tickets. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and students in grades 5-8; \$6.00 for students in grades 1st-4th. Kindergarten and younger are free. In order to have appropriate seating and catering counts, tickets will not be sold at the door. You must have a ticket to attend the banquet! Please contact Mr. Grillot for further details to help or buy tickets.

Spring Concert Tues. May 5

The GSLS Spring Concert for Grades 1-2 & 5-8 will be Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the church sanctuary. The Cherub, Seraphim and Singing for the Savior Choirs will participate, as well as GSLS 5th Grade Band, 6-8th Grade Band, & Strings. Students should arrive by 6:40pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Please do not arrive before 6:30 as teachers will not yet be available to supervise students. 1st and 2nd Graders will meet in the music room.

5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir members will meet in the cafeteria. Band students may put cases in the cafeteria and go to the Sanctuary. String students may put cases in the connecting hallway and go to the sanctuary.

DVD orders will be taken for the Spring Concert. If you would like to order a copy for \$14.00, pick up an order form in the school office or at the concert and return to the school office by Friday, May 8th. Billing for DVD's will be handled through TADS.

Accreditation

The accreditation for NLSA and Nonpublic recognition went well. This process allows us to evaluate what we do and strive to be a better school serving the students and families. May God continue to guide and leads us in the ministry of

Christian education.

Early Childhood Center

Roofing started this past week and with the hard work of the crew and good weather, it should be finished early this coming week. Interior walls are still being built for bathrooms, storage rooms, and utility rooms. Plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and sprinkler systems continue to be installed. The first shipment of bricks for the exterior has arrived. Our new ECC virtually doubles the capacity of our program, with seven classrooms, an activity room, and an outdoor classroom. So our marketing team is preparing to attend another event that attracts parents of 2-5 year olds. The public is invited to Spring Farm Day at Willoughby Heritage Farm here in Collinsville on Saturday, May 9th, 9:00-3:00. Our ECC will host a table where we'll give young children free ice cream, and hand out information to prospective parents. Please pray for families to learn about our Savior, Jesus Christ, and please pray for the continued safety of our construction crews.

Playground Volunteers

We are looking for donations and volunteers to help with our new playground area. Sign up sheets to help assist in the various capacities are located in the school lobby. Questions, please contact the school office.

Kegley, Schultz & Vanderhyde Placement

Congratulations to Casey & Beth Kegley as they were called to serve at Point Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Jacob & Rebecca Schultz will be serving at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Boca Raton, Florida.

Joshua and Virginia Vanderhyde's vicarage is at Cross Lutheran in New Braunfels, Texas.

We wish them God's richest blessings!

Standardized Dress Re-Sale

Graduating 4th grade/incoming 5th grade, we are looking for volunteers to work 2-hour shifts for this project. Questions, please contact K. Reese, 618-567-3143.

Standardized dress items can be sent in to the school office for the Re-Sale Shop.

GSLC Vacation Bible School

GSLC will be having a VBS T-shirt day on Friday, May 8th, where any prior year VBS shirt can be worn by the students. "Camp Discovery" VBS, for ages 4-12, will be held June 22-26, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you are planning to help us again this year, please take a few minutes to register on the church web-site:

www.goodshepherdcollinsville.org. Click on Youth>Vacation Bible School. If you are unable to register online, contact our Debra Downing @ 314-809-4258.

GSLC Reaching Every Generation BTLP Collection Challenge

BoxTops & Labels Summer Challenge

Please help Good Shepherd Lutheran School by collecting box tops and labels on the products you use this summer.

Each student, grades Preschool - 7th, will be receiving a collection bag soon to help with this challenge. Simply return this bag in August and the grade that turns in the most box tops and labels by Friday, August 28th will win a free dress day in September!

Student Resources

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. If you have concerns about your student's scholastic, behavioral or social functioning, now is a fantastic time to seek some extra support. Your child's current teacher has had a whole year with him or her and can be very helpful in the assess-

ment process. And the summer is an excellent time to seek new solutions or try new ideas so that by the time the new school year starts, your child is ready to roll. Don't lose any more time if your parent-instinct is pushing you to get some extra help. Ask your child's teacher and/or call D. Cuddeback, Good Shepherd School Counselor, or S. Petersen, Resource Teacher. Questions, please contact the school.

GSLCS Harvest Fest 2015

Pizza Sales start!! Every student received an order form on May 1st. Additional order forms are available in the school office or on GSLS facebook page. Sales must be turned in to the school office WITH payment no later than May 11th.

We will be making the pizzas on Saturday, May 30th and will need 20 volunteers from 11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please contact C. Schnicker in the school office to sign up!

Remember...Every single child student who sells 10 pizzas, or family who sells 15 pizzas, will earn a FREE DRESS DAY on Monday, May 18th!