



Good Shepherd Charger News

“In His Time”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Thirty-fifth Edition
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Something to Consider:

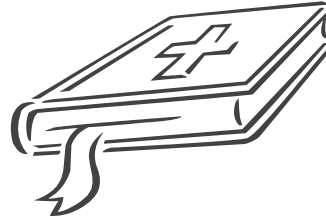
Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

The Twenty-third Psalm describes God as a gentle Shepherd who cares lovingly for His sheep. Gentle Shepherd? Does that seem like an unlikely contrast to the way you perceive God—Almighty God, Mighty War-

rior, Righteous Judge? Maybe so. But, according to the Bible, gentleness is as much a part of God's character as strength and justice.

It is the gentle part of God that motivates Him to guide and sustain you through difficult times. The Creator of the universe reaches down to comfort you in times of sorrow. It seems that God does not feel that gentleness compromises His strength at all—in fact, it fortifies it.



Free yourself from the idea that showing gentleness makes you appear weak. It just isn't true. God has always known that, and now you know it too.

Charger Headlines:

Enrollment for 2015-16

If you have not enrolled for next school year, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

Dress Code

Just a reminder of no shorts or Capri pants on Thursday, May 21st for Chapel.

Your child may have a free day on Friday, May 22nd, picnic day.

Collecting School Supplies

Parents not wanting their children to take home their used school supplies (crayons, markers, glue, etc.) may place them in the collection boxes around school.

Annual Room Clean-up

Please send buckets, cloths and sponges for school clean-up day scheduled for Thurs., May 21st.

Awards Banquet

The 31st Annual Awards Banquet is this Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30pm in the gym. We are looking forward to recognizing our 7th and 8th grade athletes, band members, choir members, honor students and cheerleaders as well as coaches and directors.

No Lunch/Milk Next Week

No lunch or milk will be served next week, May 18-22nd. Remember to bring your lunch and drink.

Library Volunteers

We thank the volunteers who helped the students week after week to check out and return books.

Lost & Found Items

Please stop by to see if you are

missing any lost items. These items are located in the gym.

Achievement Test Results

The Achievement Test results are being sent home with your child. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Summer Camps

Don't forget Academic, Sports, and Summer Camp sign ups!

Culvers—Lutherans For Life

The Lutheran for Life team will be having a Culvers Night in Collinsville on Thursday, May 28th from 5-8pm.

A percentage of the sales will go to Owen's Mission for educational materials on teaching the sanctity of life.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, May 16

-State Young Authors
-LSA Track Meet Through Sun.

Monday, May 18

-Gr. 4 Field Trip
-Mrs. Fuhrman Piano Recital
7:00pm

Tuesday, May 19

-Awards Banquet 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 20

-Field Day Gr. 1-2 at 12:00pm;
Gr. 3-4 at 1:30pm, no rain date

Thursday, May 21

-Chapel 8:35am
-Kindergarten Graduation
7:00pm

Friday, May 22

-School Picnic 8:45am-11:20am
-Early Dismissal 11:20/11:30am
-Gr. 8 Graduation 7:00pm
-End of 4th Quarter

Tuesday, May 26

-Summer Camp Begins

June 22-26

-Vacation Bible School

GSLs Sports Camps

The girl's Basketball camp will be held June 1-5.
The boy's Basketball camp will be held June 8-12.
The girl's Volleyball camps will be held June 15-19.
These camps are for GSLs students entering Gr. 3-8.
Forms are available in the school



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

Walk-up sales will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Remember that you can place your order online. You may access the link for shopwithscrip.com through our school's website. Questions, please contact the school office 344-3153 and ask for Gail. Anyone may participate.

Market Day Handed Over to Grade 7

This is the final Market Day sale for this school year. Look for the June order guide in your child's Friday Folder or online at www.marketday.com (school account 12421). Return your completed order guide to the school office or order on-line no later than Monday, June 1st. Pick-up day is Monday, June 8th 3:00-4:30pm.

Funds earned through this sale benefit the 2016 eighth grade class trip to Washington, D.C. Thank you for your participation in this fundraising effort.

Stop the Summer Slide

Often at this time of year, many parents are asking for ideas of 'educational' activities that they can do with their children during the summer. Summer learning loss, 'the summer slide', is the decline in knowledge students experience during the summer months. Students can lose one to three months of learning over summer vacation.

It is important for children, of all grades, to actively read and do math over the summer so the 'summer slide' does not occur. Click here for a document to help prevent the summer slide.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw8fQ5jMh3uUm9YTXZsNHJxcDg/view?usp=sharing>

Tryouts for Volleyball

There will be tryouts for girls wanting to participate on the 7th and 8th grade girl's volleyball team. The tryouts are scheduled for August 6th & 7th from 6:00-8:00pm.

Please note your calendars! Dates subject to change. Don't forget about physicals!

GSLs Varsity Baseball Tryouts

Baseball tryouts are August 5th, 6th & 7th from 10am to NOON. Tryouts are for any boys entering gr. 6-8. Dates are subject to change. Don't forget about physicals!

Congratulations Track Team

Congratulations to Good Shepherd's Track Team. They earned 3rd place at the District Track Meet.

MELHS Summer Camps

Metro East High School camp forms are available on their web site, MELHS.org.

Kahok Camps

The Kahok camp forms are being sent home with the youngest child in the family. Contact CHS for more information.

National History and Government

Congratulations to the following eighth graders for their accomplishments in history. All ten students fulfilled the requirements and earned the National History and Government Award. The recipients of the award are: Olivia B., Alyssa G., Mackenzie O., Zach H., Haley R., Caleigh M., Sophie S., Brian L., James W., and Jared W.

Harvest Fest - Culver's Night

Culver's in Collinsville is the sight for our next fund raiser. Come and experience Food, Fun and Fellowship on Thursday, June 25th from 5-8. Bring the family; bring your friends! A portion of all sales (10-15%) will go towards the event. We

are striving to keep the Harvest Fest FREE. Thank you for supporting the Harvest Fest - Sun., Oct. 4.

Early Childhood Center Update

On the back side of the ECC, brick laying and insulation of the outer wall is moving quickly with a crew of 12 workers. Inside, on the HVAC system, each room is getting a ceiling-mounted heating and cooling booster unit, just like the grade school. After installation the units are connected to the primary heating and cooling plant, to electrical power, and to thermostats. Light fixtures are being wired with power and switches. As the bathroom walls are nearly finished, water pipes are put through the walls to the location of sinks and toilets.

Our marketing team is made up of a dozen individuals who volunteered to help find ways to tell prospective parents of 2-5 year olds about our all new ECC. The team is led by GSLs School Board Member Jennifer Martin, jmartin@hddattorneys.com.

The meetings are open, and the next meeting is after our Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. church service. You're welcome to join us in the School Office Conference Room at 11:30 a.m.

Piano Guild

Congratulations to four of Mrs. Fuhrmann's Good Shepherd piano students, Atticus B., Isabella S., Sophie S., and Kanalu W. for their fine ability and commitment to perform lengthy, memorized piano music at the National Guild.

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:

Josh R., Kristina R., Tony S., Andrew T., Patrick T., & Jared W.

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 pay-

able 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...

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. 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.

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 composer 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 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, curricu-

lum, 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.

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.