



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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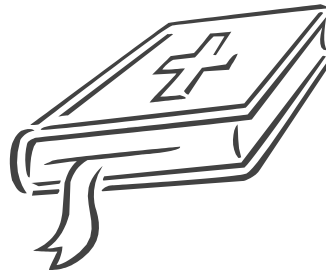
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Something to Consider:

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

All families should have their tuition agreements completed and submitted to TADS at this time. Please note that if your tuition agreement was submitted less than three weeks before your first payment would have been due in August, you must initiate this payment. It will not automatically deduct and if the payment is not made it will incur a late fee! Please contact TADS with any questions at 800-477-8237.

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

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 2015-16 school year.

Athletics Parent Volunteers

Athletic parents who did not make it to the Athletic Meeting, please stop by the school office to sign-up to volunteer at home games. All GSLS sports require that you must sign up for to volunteer for five slots before your student can participate. The sign up sheets will be available in the school office. Questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, August 22

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

-Teacher Installation
5:30pm, Faculty to Sing

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

-Scrip Orders Due By
9:00am

-Papa John’s Pizza Night

Wednesday, August 26

-Boys Baseball at Conference
Small Schools

Thursday, August 27

-Chapel 8:35am

-Girls AB Volleyball Home
vs. Unity 6:30pm

Friday, August 28

-Early Childhood—Gr. 8
Fall Pictures

-Boys Baseball at Trinity



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 Friday, August 28th for grades Pre K 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.

Magazines Sales

Please RENEW your magazines through Good Shepherd Lutheran School, so we can receive 40% of the sale amount. Please tell your family and friends that their renewal will simply pick up where the subscription leaves off. Our Magazine Sale began Monday, August 17th.

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 2016 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 dress 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 24, Sept. 14, 21 & 28. (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.

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 2015-2016 school year!

Summer Challenge

Don't forget the Box Top and Labels Summer Challenge will be ending on Friday, August 28th. The class that has 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 these trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, August 28th. Thank you!

Bonus Box Tops

Just go to the BTFE.com/signup to get started. Make sure to enter our Box Tops ID #173034 so our school gets credit for the Bonus Box Tops.

Charger Wear

Charger wear, including coats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, etc... is available for purchase/ordering in the school office. Please submit your order forms and payment to the school office no later than August 28th.

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.
