



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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## Something to Consider:

Jesus said, “A good person produces good works from a good heart.”

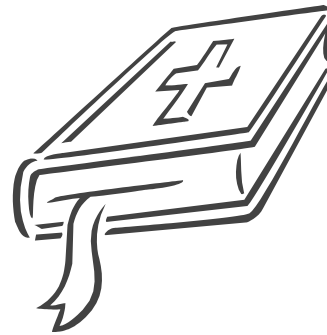
*Matthew 12:35*

You don't have to be a genius to know that an apple tree produces apples. You wouldn't expect it to produce watermelons or kumquats. It only produces fruit in keeping with the kind of tree it is.

Your heart is the same way. It produces words that reflect the “kind” of heart you have.

Sure, you can fake it for a while. You can try to sound sweet and sincere when your heart is really filled with anger or pride. But, eventually that “natural” fruit is going to blossom.

Watching your words begins with examining your own heart. Ask God if you have any negative attitudes that need to be uprooted. With His help, you can consistently give words of love, instead of care-



lessly tossing rotten verbal apples.

## Charger Headlines:

### Athletic Booster Sign-up

Parents with students in grades 5-8 who are participating in athletics MUST sign up to work home games. Please contact Mr. Mayhew or stop by the school office. We are still in need of parents to work home athletic contests and tournaments. Students will not be allowed to participate if you have not signed up for 5 slots.

### GSLs Golf Classic

Mark your calendars on Saturday, September 26th for the GSLs Golf Classic to be held at Arlington Greens. Registration is from 7:00am-8:00am with the shot-gun start beginning at 8:00am. Proceeds from this event benefit GSLs Technology Fund. Any questions, please contact, John Graney at 618-304-2864, or Mr. Mayhew at 618-344-3153.

### Birthday Book Club

It's not too late to join the Birth-

day Book Club! During your student's birthday month, they will choose a new book from the School Library; a special Birthday Honor certificate is applied to the book and the student has the honor of being the first student to check it out. This is a VERY popular program that helps our Library grow! Please contact Mrs. Schnicker in the school office if you are interested.

### Book Covers Still Available

Contact the school office if you are in need of book covers. They are still available for \$1.50 each. Proceeds from the sale of these long-lasting covers will go to scholarships. We received approximately \$308 from the sale of the book covers this year. The proceeds to go the scholarship fund. A special thank you to Lynn Sengele' and the many volunteers.

### ECC Dedication

The dedication for the new Early Childhood Center is scheduled for Sunday, August 30th at 12:00 after late church service in the gym. There will be tours available after the dedication until 3:00pm. Please mark your calendars for this event. Efforts to build a new Early Childhood Center began ten years ago, and, by God's grace, all those prayers, plans, and offerings have made it possible. We know that children who come here to learn will learn the wisdom and the love of Jesus that will help them live a good life and lead ultimately to eternal life.

### Hearing and Vision

GSLs has scheduled the following for September 3rd. Grades K-3 hearing testing and grades 2 & 8 vision testing.

### A Look Ahead

**Saturday, August 29**

-Charger Challenge 5K

**Sunday, August 30**

-Early Childhood Dedication 12:00 after late church; tours available after the dedication until 3:00pm

**Tuesday, September 1**

-Girls AB Volleyball Home vs Belleville 6:30pm

**Wednesday, September 2**

-Boys Baseball at Holy Cross 4:00pm

**Thursday, September 3**

-Chapel 8:35am

-K-3 Hearing Testing

-Gr. 2 & 8 Vision Testing

-Girls AB Volleyball Home vs Edwardsville 6:30pm

-Girls CD Volleyball at Edwardsville 6:30pm

**Friday, September 4**

-End of Magazine Sale

-Boys Baseball at Edwardsville 4:00pm



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Routines and Procedures

As we finished the second week of school there are many things that are still new to a brand new year. I want to stress some of the following items to make sure we are all doing the same things. First, make sure you understand drop off and pick up procedures...safety is first in what we do...your child may be dropped off at the yellow line to expedite the process. Second, if you have any questions about the classrooms, please contact the teacher as you are partnering with them in behalf of your child. And finally, we appreciate an open communication for all parents concerns to be addressed by the principal. And we ask for your prayers daily as we seek excellence. That is what makes our school special!

## Late and Early Departure

When a child arrives after the bell, **you and your child** must go to the office first and sign in. When a child needs to be picked up early, the parent will need to sign the child out and then wait for the child to come to the office. Please do not go to the classroom by yourself. The teachers have been instructed not to dismiss the child unless the office calls the room to verify it. Your child's safety is important to us!

## Safety Drills and Preparation

At the beginning of each school year, the staff reviews and students practice drills related to fire safety, tornado safety, earthquake safety, and other emergencies such as hostage taking, bombs, etc. These are unpleasant but necessary considerations.

Mr. Mayhew welcomes questions. Please pray for the continued safety of our children and all children.

## Classroom Magazine Donations

If you would like to help your child's home-room, please consider donating a magazine subscription for the year.

Contact the teacher for more information.

## Magazines Sales

The magazine sale ends Friday, Sept 4th. RE-NEW your magazines through Good Shepherd Lutheran School! Please tell your family and friends that their renewal will simply pick up

where the subscription leaves off. Proceeds will be used to support important goals and programs that benefit our children.

## Latin at GSLS!

Salvete omnes! (greetings everyone!) Latin starts at GSLS on Monday, Sept. 14 after school in room 200 from 3:30-4:15 & 4:30-5:15pm.. Latin will aid your child in learning English and is a great complement to German and Spanish. Contact Lyle E. Buettner for more information:

lylebuettner@yahoo.com or 618-696-2649.

## Harvest Fest

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 2:00-6:00pm for the annual Good Shepherd Lutheran School & Church Harvest Fest. Come and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon that includes food, games, inflatables, hayride, pumpkin patch, face painting, and fellowship. Flyers will be sent home via email. Please contact the school office with any questions at 344-3153.

## Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, 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.

## Room Parent Meeting

Our annual room parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th at 9:15 am after chapel. We will have the meeting in the cafeteria. This is a very important meeting for our

volunteers with procedures, dates, and other important information will be shared to better support teachers in their classrooms. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office for the information.

## Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring will begin on September 15th. This year it will be held on Tuesday's and Wednesday's, from 3:15 to 4:00.

(NOTE: this is a change from last year.)

There is no need to sign up. Students may attend on an "as needed" basis.

However, students MUST bring something to work on, and are responsible for bringing their own supplies (pencils, paper, etc.) Please contact Mrs. Petersen if you have any questions.

We look forward to helping your children.

## Re-Sale Shop

Thank you to the 5th grade for sponsoring the Standardized Dress Re-Sale Shop. This year's sale earned \$644. Proceeds from this event benefit GSLS Scholarship Fund!



## Italian Chicken Sandwiches

\$5.00

SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

COME OUT AND SUPPORT

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP!!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING  
YOU

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!

PARKING IS AVAILABLE

BEHIND THE EVERS PHARMACY  
BUILDING (\$5.00 donation).

*Reserve The Date*

## 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: Emma B., Cade B., Sophia B., Jared C., Kyla E., Tyler K., Will M., Sidney P., Bryan R., and Eli 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.

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# Retreads...

## **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 then 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.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Important Lunch Program Updates**

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

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**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](http://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.