



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Fourth Edition
September 11, 2015

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Something to Consider:

You have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth..

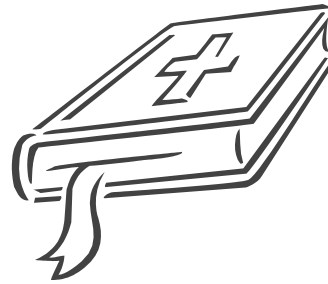
Psalm 71:5

The first rule of any job interview is “act confident.” Does that confidence come from your education? Your natural abilities? Your family connections? The new designer suit you’re wearing?

Confidence in anything other

than God’s love for you and His power working through you is not sturdy enough to build an accurate self-image on. Self-assurance is great, but God-assurance will keep you going through the ups and downs of life.

When you’re faced with a challenge, thank God for the strengths and assets He’s provided you with. Then, refuse to rely solely on them. Firmly



place your confidence in God—who He is and who He says you are in Him.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, September 12

-Girls Pee Wee Basketball
9:00am

-Girls A Volleyball at Green Park Tournament

-Girls B Volleyball at Edwardsville Tournament

Monday, September 14

-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am

-Boys Baseball vs Dupon 4:00pm

-Girls CD Volleyball vs Edwardsville 6:30pm

-Board Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 15

-Magazine Bowl/Lunch

-Magazine Prize Race 2:35pm

Wednesday, Sept. 16

-Boys Baseball vs Conference Small Schools

Thursday, September 17

-Chapel 8:20am

-Girls CD Volleyball vs Belleville 6:30pm

Friday, September 18

-Mid Quarter

-Italian Fest Through Saturday

-Girls A Volleyball Belleville Tournament

Charger Headlines:

Open House

Please note, the Open House is scheduled for Monday, September 28th. The times are as follows: 7:00 & 7:30pm for Grades K-4; 7:30 & 8:00pm for Grades 5-8. Please plan to attend.

GSLs Golf Classic

Mark Your Calendars:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Golf Classic will be having its 13th Annual event to help benefit students in the area of technology.

Where: Arlington Greens Golf Course

When: 8:00am Shotgun start on September 26th, 2015

4 Player Scramble \$80 per golfer, 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet-style meal, plenty of refreshments, and a chance to win cash prizes. The Golf Classic is limited to the first 144 golfers, so sign up early.

Hole sponsorships and other donations are being collected. Contact John Graney at 618-304-2864 for more details or stop in the school office for forms.

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive on Monday, October 26, from 2:00-6:00 in the fellowship hall. You can sign up on line at www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org and use the sponsor code

9887. The summer months are very hard on the blood supplies. Please consider donating to this worthy cause

Tyson Labels

Please continue to collect Tyson Project A+ labels. For each 100 Tyson labels submitted before 10/31/15, GSLs will receive 10 free Scholastic books for our library.

Early Childhood Center

ALL NEW Early Childhood Center Update - While 3-6 year olds are immensely enjoying their all new building addition, work continues to finish out the complete plan. A five-foot-tall black steel architectural fence was installed around the perimeter of the Outdoor Classroom. The corner-

stone by the front door was engraved with the year, "2015." The garage walls were bricked to match the ECC with the same color and pattern. Activity Room furnishings, including the climbing wall and mats, were ordered. Although grass seed was planted around the ECC and new ballfield a couple weeks ago, it needs more frequent rain to sprout and grow. Plans are underway for Mark Wiemers' second video promoting our program with an October release date. We'd love for everyone to VIEW and SHARE

the first video to show prospective parents how we help young children grow to reach their God-given potential. Simply enter <http://tinyurl.com/GSECCvideo1> in your web browser and click on Mark's August 11 post. If you'd like to help supply some needed classroom items, please see the easel marked "Teacher's Wish List" in the narthex.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon!! Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: October 27th-29th

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school! Also, if you are interested in volunteering during the fair, please contact: mcombs@gslcs.org or jlingafelter@gslcs.org.

Lice Volunteers Needed

Although Good Shepherd students have not experienced problems with lice nearly as often as is becoming more common, we must remain vigilant and deal with situations immediately. Lice are no respecter of cleanliness. To have lice does not mean a child or family is unclean. Parents are **REQUIRED** to immediately report to the school if their child is found to have lice. **THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.** The school, at minimum, inspects the student, siblings, and all students in classes of affected students. **STUDENTS CANNOT RETURN TO CLASS OR ANY SCHOOL ACTIVITY UNTIL THEY ARE "NIT FREE"** as determined by the school office. By working together, we

can keep problems with lice to the bare minimum. Please consider making yourself available to help inspect children for lice. Each case calls for the school to inspect every classmate, siblings, and classmates of siblings if they are found to have a case of lice. This can put an end to other school office business for the day. Training and gloves provided. Contact the school office (344-3153) if you can make yourself available on an as-needed basis.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Sept. 14, 21, 28 & Oct. 5 & 26. (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.

School Counseling

Hi! I am Diana Cuddeback the counselor here at Good Shepherd. I am a licensed clinical social worker with experience in family and individual counseling, grief counseling and counseling in schools. I will be at school on Tuesdays. If you think your child might benefit from additional support, you have concerns about your child, or you need assistance with resources in the community, contact me. This year we again have a grant from LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association) that supports special character programming in your child's classroom. Look for information in

your student's classroom newsletter on the topics we cover and ask your child about the activities!

Parking at the Italian Fest

The eighth grade class is offering parking during the Italian Fest on Clay Street for \$5.00 per vehicle (behind the building where the Evers Pharmacy was formally located). Proceeds will go toward the 2016 class trip.

Partnership and Revitalization

Welcome to an Open House at River Roads Lutheran School Sunday, September 27, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Disturbed by news from Ferguson and North St. Louis? How are Lutherans responding? Come and celebrate the ministry and mission of River Roads Lutheran School in North St. Louis. Come and celebrate the growing partnership between area LCMS individuals, churches, schools and community groups with River Roads Lutheran School. Visit with the principal and teachers. See the results of summer work parties. Be inspired by the great opportunities for mission and ministry. Music, Praise, Food and Fun. Sponsored by the Friends of River Roads. Contact: Hank Rae-deke at 636-219-2378 for more information. River Roads Lutheran School, 8623 Church Street, St. Louis, MO. 63147.

Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring will begin on September 15th. This year it will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday'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.

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.

Kennedy A, Nicholas B, Joshua C, Riley D, Alli Mae F, Ariana F, Gabi G, Isabella H, Miles H, Claire H, River J, Sam K, Meed L, Joshua M,

Zykia M, Avery R, Ava R, Braydon R, Jonah S, Anna U, Lincoln W, Lily W, Sara W, Bradley W, Layla W, Josie 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.

Retreads...



Italian Chicken Sandwiches

\$5.00

SEPTEMBER 18th & 19th, 2015

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

COME OUT AND SUPPORT

THE 8TH 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

Harvest Fest News

Join us for this year's Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 4th from 2pm - 6pm! Invite friends and neighbors to join you. The event is free to everyone. Enjoy food, entertainment, face-painting, a photo booth, magician, animal balloons, games, bounce house, and so much more! How can you be involved? Volunteer to work for an hour, sign up to participate in the Chili Cook-Off, sign up for the Washer's Tournament, and bring diapers and wipes for our Mosaic Pregnancy Center collection.

There also will be a limited amount of mums and haybales for sale at the end of the event. You can buy one at the Welcome Booth.

Questions or to volunteer call/e-mail Carrie Kober 618-346-1158 or ckrenning@hotmail.com

Absent From School

If your child will be absent, please call the school office each morning so both the office and the teacher are informed. If your child is sick, he/she needs to stay at home. Remember, your child must be fever free WITHOUT the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not expose other children unnecessarily. Also, please pick up your child's work in T.R.A.C.K.S. (After School Care) after 3:30 p.m. Picking up your child's work will help him/her keep up with the class. A doctor's written excuse is needed to return to school. Always bring a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

Summer Challenge

Congratulations!! The winning grade of the Box Tops and Labels Summer Challenge is the 4th grade - Mrs. Maske's class. They collected a total of 1,387 box tops and labels. Their prize is a free dress day in September. Overall, the students at GSLS collected 6,136 box tops and labels. Check out the board in the lobby to see how we are doing. Thanks again for partnering with our school.

Peer Tutoring

We have a great group of Peer Tutors this year, who are ready and waiting to help your children! Here is some general information for you:

- * Peer Tutoring will begin September 15th.
- * It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:00, in the library.
- * There is no charge for this service.
- * Any student who would like some help may attend.
- * Students must bring something to work on.
- * All students are expected to bring their own materials, such as pencils, paper, etc.
- * Students who are not picked up by 4:10 will wait for their parents in the T.R.A.C.K.S. area.

Hearing and Vision

GSLS has scheduled the following for Tuesday, September 8th. Grades K-3 hearing testing and grades 2&8 vision testing.

School Wear Orders

It is not too late to order GSLS school wear. The order deadline has been extended to Friday, Sept. 11th. If placing an order, please return the form to the school office with payment.

Parking Lot Reminders

The safety of your child is the most important thing and not can I get out of here in a hurry! We are now finishing our 3rd full week of school and I need to remind all drivers and people walking in the parking lot to.....*Use the crosswalk and don't just walk across without looking first! * When walking, please beware of cars backing out, don't just walk behind them they may not see you. *Drivers use the main drop off "yellow line" as a quick way to drop off otherwise use the J—curve and students can use the crosswalk. These are the only two drop off points. Questions are always welcome. Please, no cell phone usage while in line driving for arrival and dismissal.

Magazine Sales

Thank you to the parents and students that helped make this sale a success. Thank you to the ladies that helped with the magazine sales and coordinating the workers.

Relationships

It's very important that parents stay connected to the classroom teacher on how your child is doing in the classroom. Every student is in a new situation this year no matter if you are a new student or returning. These relationships help all involved so issues don't become just that. It takes us all to help your child. The teachers are calling each parent to see how things are going, please share and partner with them. Thanks!

Pictures For Yearbook

We need your pictures!!! It is that time of the year again where we are thinking ahead to the yearbook. Please send in any pictures of sporting or scouting events, music events, classroom activities, field trips, par-

ties, practices, and things I've forgotten. You can send pictures in through email to:

jbatty@gslcs.org or kkrause@gslcs.org.

Pictures can also be sent in on a disk or flash drive. Thank you in advance for helping to make the yearbook great!

Picture Day Thank You

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with picture day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Adult Instruction Classes

Beginning Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.

From the moment of our conception God desires that we might know Him and believe in Him. Throughout life God speaks to us in many ways through the voice of His creation and through the Bible. Our Adult Instruction classes provide an opportunity for anyone to learn and grow in their relationship to God. This class will help anyone who is searching for the truth of life and eternity. There is no cost. There is no obligation to become a member of Good Shepherd. All materials are provided. Babysitting is provided. The class meets for ten weeks in the Conference Room in the Lower Level of the church. If you are interested, please email: michaelpwalther@gmail.com or call 618-344-3151.