



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Sixth Edition  
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## Something to Consider:

Always try to be kind to each other. *1 Thessalonians 5:15*

Kindness is not always soft, quiet, and cuddly. Sometimes it boldly speaks the words someone needs to hear. It stands up for what's right, even when it isn't popular. Kindness does whatever it takes to do what's in the best interest of another.

What gives kindness its gentle strength is love. Every word and

action, whether meeting the physical needs of a stranger or confronting a friend on her tendency toward gossip, is motivated by other-centered compassion. Kindness is sensitive to different personality types, creatively crafting an appropriate response for each unique situation. It always leaves pride and judgment behind and reaches out with open, accepting arms to tenderly help another move closer to God.



How can you put kindness into action today!

### A Look Ahead

#### Saturday, September 26

- GSLS Golf Classic - Cross Country at St. Theresa Invitational 9:00am at Salem
- Girls A Team Tourney GSLS
- Girls D Team Volleyball Belleville Tournament Concludes

#### Monday, September 28

- Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am
- Papa John's Pizza Night
- Christmas Sale Assembly 2:35pm
- Open House Preschool - Grade 4 7:00/7:30 Grade 5-8 7:30/8
- Boys Baseball SIJHSAA Regional

#### Tuesday, September 29

- Cross Country at O'Fallon Meet 4:00pm
- Girls AD Volleyball Home vs Holy Cross 6:30
- Boys Baseball SIJHSAA Regional

#### Wednesday, September 30

- Grade 7 Field Trip
- Boys Baseball at Belleville
- Pee Wee Girls Basketball 6:30 & 7:15pm

#### Thursday, October 1

- Chapel 8:20am
- Girls AC Volleyball at Green Park

#### Friday, October 2

- Picture Retake Day & Sports Pictures
- 7:00am Baseball
- 7:15am Cross Country
- 7:30am Volleyball
- 8:30am Individual Retakes



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### Retakes & Fall Sports Pictures Friday, Oct. 2nd

Sports pictures will be taken before school: Baseball 7:00a.m., Cross Country 7:15 a.m., and Volleyball 7:30 a.m. All players need to be dressed in uniform and have picture order forms ready. If you are not having individual pictures taken, we still need a team picture. Please make sure your child is there and ready.

Individual pictures will begin at 8:30 am.

### Open House

Open House is this Mon., Sept. 28th. The times are as follows: 7:00 & 7:30pm for Grades PreK-4; 7:30 & 8:00pm for Grades 5-8. Please plan to attend.

### Christmas Holiday Sales

Our Christmas Holiday Fund-raiser starts Sept. 28th!! Please watch for your child(rens) packets to come home Monday. Christmas cards, photo books, cards and more!! It's easy to share with family, friends and neighbors near and far... all sales are available on-line at [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) with our school code: 2521714. Let's make this year a RECORD SALES YEAR!

### Good Shepherd Jr High (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group

Don't forget about our last youth night for the month of September coming up on the 27<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 5:45! We will meet in the church basement for some food, games, and Bible

study! Coming up in the month of October we have some exciting activities planned. Starting with the youth group booth at this year's Harvest Fest where we will be making and serving coffee. The sign up sheet is available as a link on the youth page of the church website and youth group Facebook page. On the 16<sup>th</sup> we will be heading to Frightfest at 6flags. This event will be for both Jr and Sr High youth groups! Registration is required for transportation purposes. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:30PM and we will not be returning until around Midnight so please keep this in mind when signing

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up. Lastly on October 25 we will have regular youth night with Jr high from 4PM-5:45PM. Direct any questions to Tom Westphal via Email [Twestphal@gslcs.org](mailto:Twestphal@gslcs.org).

## Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Sept. 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.

## Papa John's Pizza Night

Papa John's Pizza Night is Mon., Sept. 28th. When you order from Papa John's regular menu or listed coupons during the School/Family Night Event, 20% of the sales will be donated back to our school. A pizza certificate will be rewarded to the teacher of the class that has the largest turnout. Thank you for supporting GSLS at Papa John's Pizza.

## Arrival in the Morning

Please be mindful of others when you drop off your child. You can drop off your child by the sidewalk area( yellow line) and let them walk to the front door. If it is inclement weather, dropping off by the front door may be preferred. This area is for quick drops, if you need more time, please pull into a parking space. Thank you for your consideration.

## MELHS Change Drive

We will hold a change drive in support of Metro East Lutheran High's Annual Benefit Auction Mon., Oct. 5th, through Friday, Oct. 9th. Gather up your "spare change" and drop it in the classroom containers. The class that collects the most per student will be treated to a pizza party. The MELHS Auction is on Friday, November 6th at the Double Tree Hotel in Collinsville.

## MELHS Craft Fair

MELHS is hosting a craft and vendor fair on Saturday, Oct. 31st from 9-4pm and Sunday, Nov. 1nd from 10 to 4pm. If you are interested in participating by reserving a space/table, please contact MELHS at 618-656-0043 or by email at [craftfair@melhs.org](mailto:craftfair@melhs.org).

## We Need Your Pictures!

If anyone has taken or takes photos of an athletic, music, scouting, or other events, we would love to use them for the year-book! Please email your photos to: [jbatty@gslcs.org](mailto:jbatty@gslcs.org) or [kkrause@gslcs.org](mailto:kkrause@gslcs.org).

## GSLC Home Party Vendor Fair

The Women's Day of Renewal (WDR) is sponsoring a Home Party Vendor Fair in the Fellowship Hall on October 17th. This is an opportunity to shop a variety of home vendors, enjoy flavored coffees, breakfast treats, and the fellowship of other shoppers. Because the vendors generously share their profits for the day with WDR, this event helps to defray expenses and to provide funds for scholarships to WDR. Please contact the church office for more information.

## Thanks for Your Support!

Thank you to all for supporting the 8th graders in purchasing "Italian" chicken breast sandwiches and using Ever's parking lot which helped us to earn \$6300. All Italian Fest proceeds will go toward their 2016 class trip to D.C.

Thank you to the coordinators, volunteers, and donors. It was truly a community effort!

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

For your convenience we have extended T.R.A.C.K.S. hours. Before school beginning at 6 a.m. until 7:45 when students are dismissed to the classroom and After school from dismissal at 3:15 until 6 p.m. Students can enter on the lower level through the T.R.A.C.K.S. door.

## 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:

Katie B., Troy C., Caleb C., Grace C., Ben D., Alex H., Emma H., Andrew H., and Olivia J.

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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...

## **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](http://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 ball field 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.

## **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](mailto:mcombs@gslcs.org) or [jlingafelter@gslcs.org](mailto: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 class-mate, 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.

## **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!

## **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 Raedeke 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.