



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

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Something to Consider:

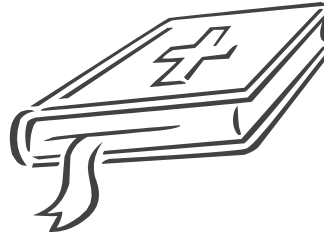
Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20

Say you are in your backyard learning how to cast your new fishing rod. You encounter a problem, so you call an expert fisherman friend to come over and help. He arrives, takes the rod out of your hands, and says,

“I’ll take it from here. Go inside.” Walking up your back steps you hear him shout, “And from now on, don’t try casting this yourself. I’ll do all your casting for you.” As the screen door slams behind you, you think, *And all I wanted was some help.*

God is always there to help you, not to elbow you out of



your own life. When you think about it, you wouldn’t want it any other way.

Charger Headlines:

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Thurs. and Fri., Oct. 22-23. Your child’s report card will be available at your scheduled meeting time. The following are ways to help you prepare for the conference:

1. Talk with your child before the conference regarding why there are conferences, seek ways to partner with the school, ask about any specific concerns regarding school-work or relationships with classmates.
2. Prepare questions such as, “Is my child meeting expectations for learning and behavior?, Does my child pay attention?, If my child is struggling what can we do to help the situation?”
3. Be ready to collaborate, not attack or defend! Teachers will give parents bad news because they want the child to do better. Remember the teacher has the child’s best interest in mind. Don’t get defensive, but indicate how we can partner with the school in finding a solution for improvement?.

4. If the teacher doesn’t offer positive information, ask directly! Remember teachers often only hear negative comments too. Be sure to try to offer a compliment, a thank-you, etc. to let the teacher know you appreciate what they are trying to do to help your child—even when it doesn’t seem to be working.
5. Don’t be afraid to ask questions if you don’t understand or feel your concerns are not being addressed. Conferences are just that, a time to interact with the teacher regarding your child. How you approach the conference will determine what you will benefit from the conference. Please remember the conference is the time to discuss matters and not elsewhere. If you have questions about conferences, please call and I will help so the conference will be positive for all involved.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Ellie Martin (5th grade) who placed 19th, Lillie Cuddeback (5th grade) who placed 25th out of 177 runners, Kanalu

Wong (5th grade) with the Best Finish for Good Shepherd and placed 59th out of 168 runners and to all of the runners at the St. Theresa Meet.

Box Tops

Congratulations! The winners for the Box Top and Labels Program contest for the month of September are Mrs. Rincker (2-1) and Mr. Rincker (Jr. High)! Mrs. Rincker’s students collected 1,046 box tops and labels with an average of 40 per student. Mr. Rincker’s students collected a total of 830 box tops and labels, averaging 40 per student. Overall, the students at GSLS collected 6,136 box tops and labels and added 3,503 more this month, for a total of 9,639 box tops and labels collected for 2015-2016 so far. Check out the board in the lobby to see how we are doing. Thanks again for partnering with our school.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, October 3

- Girls Pee Wee Basketball 9:00am
- Girls B Volleyball Belleville Tournament

Sunday, October 4

- GSLS Harvest Fest 2:00-6:00pm

Monday, October 5

- MELHS Change Drive Week
- Girls C Volleyball vs Troy
- Girls BD Volleyball vs Staunton

Tuesday, October 6

- Girls AC Volleyball Home vs Zion Bethalto 8th Grade Night

Thursday, October 8

- Chapel 8:20am
- Kindergarten Field Trip

Friday, October 9

- 1st Grade Field Trip



Charger Headlines Continues...

Reminder-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

Harvest Fest

This fun filled event will take place this Sunday, October 4 from 2-6 p.m.

Christmas Sales

Our Christmas Sale ends on Thursday, October 15th. Please contact Mrs. Schnicker in the school office with any questions, 344-3153. If you turn in 10 orders by October 9th you will earn a favorite athletic team dress day (head to toe) on October 13th.

Lunch Bills

All lunch bills we be posted on the 1st week of the month, due on the 25th of the month.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is on October 27th-29th. The Book Fair is a great way to encourage reading! It also helps to build our school and classroom libraries. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Shopping hours: 8:00-8:30 AM and 3:00-3:30 PM each day. Also, keep your eyes peeled for the volunteer form in the Friday Folders! We would really appreciate your help.

Medicine Distribution

We will no longer be providing pain reliever or any other medicines to the students. Please send in a package of your preferred pain relief, etc. Please label with your child(ren's) name to be stored in the school office for their use only while at school. All medicines need to be taken to the school office for proper distribution. Please add new medications to your child's medicine file located in the school office. The authorization form for medication distribution

is on the front page of our website.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Chapel Offerings

The collections for August through October will benefit Dr. Sue, who is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and a socio-Linguistics consultant with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She is based in Malaysia, but she travels throughout Asia. We can't put her name on the internet because she sometimes works in countries that are resistant to the Christian faith.

Ink Cartridges

This year we are again collecting used ink jet cartridges as a fundraiser for our technology program. Please send them with your child and place them in the box located by the Scrip Office. Thank you for your support.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Oct. 5, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30. (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. 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.

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.

Youth Group

Don't forget to sign up to help serve coffee at the Youth Ministry booth at this year's Harvest Fest this Sunday! The sign up sheet is available as a link on the youth page of the church website and youth group Facebook page. On the 16th we will be heading to Frightfest at Six Flags. This event will be for both Jr and Sr High youth groups! Registration by Wednesday October 14th 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 up. October 25 we will have regular youth night with Jr high from 4PM-5:45PM."

Family Reading Night

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a Family Reading Night on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Good Shepherd School. This event is for students, their friends and the families of Good Shepherd School and Church with children in preschool through first grade. We will have a variety of activities including storytellers, opportunities to be authors and illustrators, a quiet reading room and a classroom devoted to Pete the Cat. Parents plan now to come and spend a fun evening with your child.

Food Drive

The Good Shepherd MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) will be hosting a Food Drive for the S.O.S. Food Pantry. We will be collecting peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups and cereal bars. Donations will be collected by the MOPS Mom's and their children on Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to noon in the Early Childhood Center.

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: Miguel B., Danielle C., Joey F., Cassidy G., Emma H., Tom., and Auggie J.

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...

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 Up-date - 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 or jljngafelter@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!

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 some-

thing 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.