



# Good Shepherd Charger News

**“Anchored in Christ”**

Hebrews 6:19-20

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## Something to Consider:

You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. ... Body and soul, I am marvelously made!

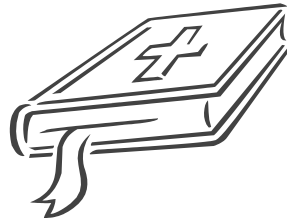
*Psalm 139:13-14*

God loves you and is intimately concerned with your life, to the point that “the very hairs of your head are all numbered” (Matthew 10:30). And He was just as involved right from the beginning with the

creation of your spirit, soul, and body.

Who you are is largely determined by your inherited genetic traits and your upbringing, but there is more to you than just that. Body and soul, you are a unique creation of God—known by Him and loved by Him. He designed you the way you are for a reason.

There's always room to improve your character and over-



come weaknesses, but it's important to accept and love yourself as the unique person God created you to be.

## Charger Headlines:

### **Papa John's Pizza Night**

Papa John's Pizza Night is Monday, October 26th. 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. Last month, Mrs. Pritchard's class 3-2, won the pizza party. Thank you for supporting GSLS at Papa John's Pizza.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is this next week 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 are 7:50-8:10a.m. and 3:00-3:30p.m. each day. We really appreciate your support.

### **Arriving Late**

When your child arrives late it is necessary for the adult dropping off to sign the child in the office and get a tardy slip. These sheets are used for attendances for the day. It is vital to have students arrive on time for their sake and everyone involved. Tardiness can become a habit and a deterrent

to a child's education and distraction for other students. Please refer to the handbook. Thank you for partnering together on this matter. Questions are welcome.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

The first grade teachers are looking for 3 more people to help serve at the Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 24th from 10:30 to 12:00 in the school gym. This is a great event for the families of the 1st grade class. Please email Mrs. Robinson at: [srobinson@gslcs.org](mailto:srobinson@gslcs.org) to let her know if you are able to help. Thanks!

### **A Look Ahead**

**Saturday, October 24**  
-Conference Volleyball

### **Monday, October 26**

-Scrip Orders due by 9:00am  
-Blood Drive 2pm—6pm  
-Papa John's Pizza Night

### **Tuesday, October 27**

-Scholastic Book Fair Through Thursday—Before and After School  
-3rd Grade Field Trip  
-PreK 3's Field Trip

### **Wednesday, October 28**

-Scholastic Book Fair Through Thursday—Before and After School

### **Thursday, October 29**

-Chapel 8:20am  
-Scholastic Book Fair—Before and After School

### **Friday, October 30**

-Grade 4 Field Trip



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# Charger Headlines Continues...

## School's Out Club

Good Shepherd has a School's Out Club that will serve the students and their families by providing, on weekdays when school is not in session, quality child care in a Christian setting. Daily hours are 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Bring your child to the Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center, 10 Chapel Court, upper level. The fee is \$40 per student per day. Charges will be submitted to TADS for processing unless other arrangements have been made with Mrs. Molitor. School's Out Club will be staffed by Good Shepherd Teachers and Christian adults. Send along a sack lunch and afternoon snack that requires neither heating nor refrigeration.

Stop by the school office or TRACKS to pick-up the Attendance Reservation Form. Specify the days the student will be attending and deliver the form to the school office or to Mrs. Molitor.

## Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30. (have your order in the school office by 9:00 a.m. on these dates)

Walk-up sales will continue on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings.

## Congratulations to Music Students

Jacob B., Claire L., Colleen L., Jenae W., and Justin W. for being selected to the Illinois Music Education Association All District Band and Orchestra! They will

perform in the District VI Festival at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale on Saturday, November 7th, 2015. Thank you to all the students who auditioned and represented our school!

## Veterans

It is not too late to sign up to come on Tuesday, November 10, to our veterans' assembly. It will start at 2:00 in the school gym. Just give the school office a call or e-mail: [princker@gslcs.org](mailto:princker@gslcs.org).

## Pep Assembly—Charger Volleyball

There will be a Pep Assembly on Thursday, November 5th at 2:39 p.m. to cheer on our Lady Charges as they head to Springfield for the Lutheran Sports Association State Volleyball Tournament.

## Basketball Practices

Practices for 7th and 8th grade boys will begin Monday, November 26 from 4:15 pm-6:15 pm. C & D Boys practice will begin on Tuesday from 6:15 pm—7:45 pm. Girls first practices will begin on Monday, November 2. A practice schedule will be distributed at parent/teacher conferences.

## School/Church Work Day

The annual fall workday is scheduled this Saturday from 8 am-12pm. We will be beautifying the property and working on the ECC playground.

## MELHS Visit Day

The 8th grade visit day is scheduled for November 4th. The purpose of this visit is to expose 8th graders to a high school setting, explain the differences between middle school and high school in terms of academics and activities, give them advice on how to have a successful transition to high school, and inform the students about Metro-East Lutheran High School and its mission. Simply put—the better a student does in high school, the more options he/she will have after high school. Therefore, we want to help students succeed—no matter what high school they attend. In order to be successful, they must know what to expect. Knowing is half the battle!

## Peer Tutoring

Could your child use some help studying for tests? perhaps they need study tips or test-taking strategies?

Maybe they just need someone to work with them or help learn math facts?

Why not give peer tutoring a try? We have tutors ready and willing to help your child review, make flashcards, learn sight words, math facts, and help with homework.

Tuesdays and or Thursday's in the library, from 3:15 - 4:00.

No need to sign up for this free service-- just come!

# 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:

James A., Keegan A., Emilie C., Ava G., and London H.

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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...

## 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.

## Early Childhood Center Update

The swings and climbing structure were installed in the Outdoor Classroom this past week. The climbing structure is made from green and brown recycled plastic lumber and features two slides, a climbing chain, a short bridge, lily-pad-style steps, and a climbing chute. The framework for the pizza garden, made from the same lumber, was built and positioned at the center of the surrounding sidewalk. Dirt for the three-foot-tall berm was delivered, and holes were dug for several new trees. School students in the Challengers classes (grades 2-8) are ready to build indoor and outdoor musical play equipment for our ECC, but they need PVC pipes and metal pipes of different lengths and thicknesses. Do you have any pipes left over from a recent home project, or know a low cost source? Please contact Susan Petersen right away because the kids are ready to get started: [spetersen@gsllcs.org](mailto:spetersen@gsllcs.org), or 344-3153, X 203. Our ECC helps educate children starting at age three, so if you know a prospective family with a two-year old, consider sending them one of our brochures, or suggesting they call us for a tour at 344-3153. You can also share our first ECC video made by member Mark Wiemers, where two moms talk about the benefits of sending their young children to Good Shepherd. To view and share the video, simply enter <http://tinyurl.com/>

[GSECCvideo1](#) in your web browser and click on Mark's [August 11](#) post.

## 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.

## Reminder for Parents

Parents who have children participating in extra curricular activities after 4:00 p.m. will need to enter the school by the T.R.A.C.K.S. area. Children will exit through the main doors of the school after practices.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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