



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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Something to Consider:

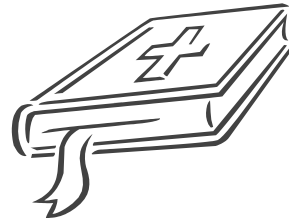
Jesus said, “These things I command you, that you love one another. *John 15:7*

God’s Word contains a number of commandments. But the commands repeated the most often in the New Testament are to love God and to love others.

The Bible says that the overriding rule of life is to love! It is to be the underlying motive for everything you do. Yet it’s so

easy to get distracted doing even good things. You can get so caught up in observing meaningful traditions, such as purchasing Christmas gifts, that it becomes one more thing on your “To-Do” list, instead of it being done with a loving attitude, stemming from a generous heart.

It’s not always easy to make sure that everything you do is motivated by Christ’s love, so



pray and ask God to help you. He will honor that prayer. Remember, God doesn’t expect perfection. But He does expect you to love.

Charger Headlines:

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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are now completed and I pray that you have established a partnership with the teachers, so each child can develop to his or her potential. Blessings to each of you as you assist the teacher in the educational development of your child. Please remember you may have a conference anytime to discuss ways

to enhance your child’s education.

Christmas Sales Thank You!

A big “Thank You” to all who participated in the Christmas Sales Fundraiser! Congratulations to our top sellers who earned a Limo Lunch at Edison’s: Lexi A., Emma B., Joey F., Jordan G., Riquerah G., Emma H., Douglas K., Sierrah K., Madysen L.

Remember you can still support Good Shepherd School and take care of your Christmas shopping online at www.GASchool Store.com

Our school’s online code is 2521714.

School Auction

We are looking for someone to Co-Chair the School Auction. If you would be interested in helping please contact Mr. Mayhew in the school office. Thank you!

Box Tops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Tops and Labels Program contest for the month of October is 3-1. Mrs. Batty’s class collected a total of 341 box tops and labels with an average of 17 box tops and labels per student.

We ended the month of September with a total of 9,639 box tops and labels and added 1,045 box tops and labels for the month of October totaling 10,684 box tops and labels for this school year.

Pep Assembly-Charger Volleyball

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

A Look Ahead

Saturday, October 31

-District Band/Choir Festival

Monday, November 2

-Scrip Orders due by 9:00am

Wednesday, November 4

-8th Grade Day at MELHS

Thursday, November 5

-Chapel 8:20am

-Christmas Sales Limo Lunch

-Pep Rally Assembly 2:30pm

Friday, November 6

-LSA Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, November 7

-LSA Volleyball Tournament

-7:30 am ECC Playground
Workday

Sunday, November 8

-LSA Volleyball Tournament
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Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30. Please 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.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks back this Saturday night!

Book Fair

We thank all of our parent volunteers who helped make this year's Book Fair a success. A thank you to Ms. Combs and Mrs. Lingafelter for heading this event!

MELHS Fall Craft Fair This Saturday

Metro-East Lutheran High School's craft and vendor fair is this Saturday, Oct. 31st from 9am-4pm and Sunday, Nov. 1st from 10am-4pm. Free Admission. Breakfast and lunch is available.

School's Out Club - Nov. 11th & 25th

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 at our facility. The next scheduled dates are Wednesday, Nov. 11th and Wednesday, Nov. 25th.

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.

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@gscls.org.

ALL NEW Early Childhood Center Update -

Our Director, Julie Bedard, delivered an insightful 45-minute presentation about Early Childhood Education during Bible class this summer. Now available online, along with her PowerPoint slides, are the audio files in MP3 format which you can listen to with your computer or mobile device. If you know a prospective family of a 3-6 year old, you can forward it to them so they can learn about our approach. Visit www.GoodShepherdCollinsville.org, then navigate to Bible Studies > Bible Study Archives > Various Topical Studies, and look for "2015/08/30 Teaching the Faith to Little Children - ECC Director Julie Bedard," and click either the "MP3" audio file to listen to her awesome presentation, or the "PPT" file to see the slides. The Climbing Wall in our Activity Room is finished! GSLC member Army Friend, with the assistance of his wife, Bev, installed the Climbing Wall and the numerous handholds and footholds. Instead of traversing *up* our Climbing Wall, the children's goal is to move laterally *across* the wall at an appropriate height, with safety mats on the floor beneath them. Outside, work continues on the Fall Zone, the space below the swings and climbing structure. The timbers are drilled and positioned with rebar. Next Bryan Whitehead's team will install weed-blocking fabric, gravel and mulch. If you can help with this during daylight hours, or if you'd like to work on an Outdoor Classroom Learning Station, please call Bob Mayhew at 344-3153, or rmayhew@gscls.org.

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!

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.

Chapel

Chapel offering for the month of November and December is for the CAMA (Collinsville Area Ministerial Association) Food Pantry in our community. The mission of CAMA is to put our faith into action by doing what we are called to do: to reach out and serve one another as friends and neighbors of a united faith community. This association involves all churches in the Collinsville area. Area Pastors gather to meet, share concerns and fellowship. All money raised will be donated to this important cause.

Basketball Practice

Girls first practices will begin on Monday, November 9.

ECC Playground Workday

Saturday, November 7th at 7:30 am bring your shovels, wheelbarrows and garden rakes to spread pea gravel and mulch to help complete the fall zone so the children can use the playground.

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:

Livia B., Ezra C., Grayson G.,
Liam G., Caleb D.

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...

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, 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.

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, con-tact 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 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.

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.

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!

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!