



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Fourteenth Edition
November 20, 2015

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Something to Consider:

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

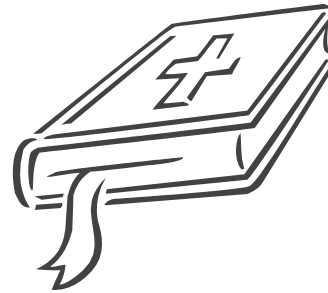
Matthew 4:17

Simply stated, Heaven is this: to know the only true God—the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. After death, Christians will know the delight of God’s full presence. That will be Heaven.

But did you know that you can

feel the delight of God’s presence right now, here on Earth? When you spend time with God in prayer, read the words He’s written to you in the Bible, and spend time meditating on His greatness, you are experiencing a foretaste of what it will be like in your heavenly home.

Remember it, relish it, close your eyes and let yourself be enveloped by God’s loving



presence. It is your future, your eternity.

Charger Headlines:

Praise and Thanksgiving

As the holiday season gears up, carefully plan your family time now. Remember when you were a child bursting with anticipation? Focus on the true meaning of the holidays as we approach the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

SAVE THE DATE

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be having its Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 12th. This year we will bring back the auction to Good Shepherd. Come and enjoy the evening while supporting "quality Christian education" for students in Pre-school - Grade 8. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the school office.

No Newsletter Next Week

There will be no newsletter

next week due to Thanksgiving Break.

School Lobby Doors

For the safety of our students, the lobby doors will remain locked until 3:15pm on school days. As a reminder, please do not let other people into the building.

Papa John’s Pizza Night

Papa John’s Pizza Night will be Monday, November 30th.

Thank you for supporting our school with your pizza orders.

Girl Scout/Daisy Picture

If your daughter is in a Daisy Troop/Brownies/Girl Scouts they are invited to be in a picture for the yearbook. The picture will be taken Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00am in the gym. The girls should bring their daisy vests/sash to wear.

December Chapel Offering

The Chapel offering for the month of December is Collinsville Area Ministerial (CAMA) Food Pantry in our community.

Student Gift Exchange

Please read your child’s classroom newsletter to see how each class will conduct their student exchange this year.

The school will be emphasizing a service project in hopes that you would consider contributing to Toys for Tots and Give Warmth. Any questions, contact your child’s teacher.

Christmas Sale Items

The Christmas Sales were distributed on Monday, Nov. 16th. If you have problems with your order, please do not wait to contact Great American customer Care at 1-800-251-1542 or orgreatamerican@gafundraising.com.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, November 21

-GSLs Boys A Basketball Tournament Through Sunday

Monday, November 23

-NO SCRIP Due to the Short Week

-Girls AC Basketball at Belleville 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 24

-Early Childhood-Grade 8

Thanksgiving Parties

-Grade 1 Thanksgiving Feast

-Girls C Basketball Home vs Holy Cross 5:30pm

-Boys AC Basketball Home vs Holy Cross 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 25-27

-NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

Thursday & Fri., Nov. 26 & 27

-Early Childhood Center Closed

Monday, November 30

-All Classes Resume

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am

-Papa John’s Pizza Night

-Girls AC Basketball at Edwardsville 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 1

-Girls AC Basketball Home vs Unity 6:30pm

-Boys AC Basketball Home vs Unity 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 2

-Advent Services

Thursday, December 3

-Chapel 8:20am

-Boys and Girls A Basketball Home vs First Baptist Academy 6:30pm

Friday, December 4

-Boys A Basketball Green Park Tournament Through Saturday

-Girls A Basketball Edwardsville Tournament Through Saturday



Charger Headlines Continues...

Reminder... 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. A doctor's written excuse is needed to return to school. Always bring a note to the teacher when your child returns to school. 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.

Over the Counter Medicine

As a reminder, GSLC is no longer providing over the counter medicine. Please send in the appropriate medicine for your child to take during the school day along with the completed Authorization Form to the school office. The Authorization Form is under Medical Form on the front page of our website, gslcs.org.

Parents will be called each and every time the medicine needs to be administered.

Morning Drop Off

When you drop off or pick up your children, please do so in the proper areas. The main drop off is meant to be a quick drop off. If you need more time, please use the other

lane or park and let your child get their items for school. Thanks for working together in this process.

Charger Bucks – Scrip

We have three weekly order dates left before Christmas - November 30th, December 7th and 14th.

Plan ahead and order each week for gifts and entertaining. Please have your order in the school office by 9:00am.

Walk-up sales will resume on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30pm and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. If you have any questions please contact the school office 618-344-3153.

Tell your family & friends about this program. Anyone may participate!

ALL NEW Early Childhood Center

Here's an excerpt from the Bible class our Director, Julie Bedard, gave about Early Childhood Education at Good Shepherd: "You could talk to any Teacher in our school, and they would tell you the same thing--the same stories--of how they see the faith come out in children, and that it's really there, and that we can nurture it . . ." The 45-minute audio is online now in MP3 format, which you can easily play on your smartphone, mobile device, or computer. This is an easy way to learn why Julie and our Teachers tell young children

about Jesus, and how the children respond to their lessons. You can also share this podcast by forwarding the web page link to relatives, friends and neighbors who are parents of 3-6 year old children. 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." Click the "MP3" audio file to listen, and the "PPT" file to see Julie's slides. For our Outdoor Classroom we would like to build a few learning stations, for instance, a sand box, and a few functional structures, like a trike shed. Will you please help us by joining a project team? Contact Bob Mayhew at 344-3153, or rmayhew@gslcs.org to see all the various plans and connect with the one you like best.

Good Shepherd Youth

Jr. High youth group will be meeting at 6pm on Sunday November 22nd for a thanksgiving meal in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring a side dish to pass we will be making tacos as our main dish. Coming up in December we have youth bible study on the 6th with Jr. High from 4-5:45pm The 13th is the youth group Christmas Party from 6-8pm.

Auction Up-dates

Shopping After Thanksgiving

When out shopping after Thanksgiving, please keep the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Benefit Auction in mind. Many of those deals would make great auction donations.

Auction Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Please contact the school office.

Auction Donations

Yes! YOU can get involved by donating

an item or service or attending the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction.

Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser.

Your individual participation is needed for this event to succeed! Please participate for our students!

Homeroom Basket Themes

3 Yr. Old Preschool Arts & Crafts for Kids

4 Yr. Old Preschool We Love Our Pets Kindergarten Sweet Tooth

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade

Mr. Rinker's Homeroom

Mr. Voss's Homeroom

Ms. Comb's Homerooms

Boys Will Be Boys & Sugar and Spice

Spending the Day with Grandpa and Grandma

In the Garden

Summer Time Fun

Mr. & Mrs. Fix-It

Family Fun Night

Breakfast in Bed

Home Office

Games & Puzzles

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...

It's that time! Emergency Closing

If school must be closed due to the weather, parents will be notified. In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for:

Good Shepherd, Collinsville.

Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed.

Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.

Listen to radio stations: KMOX (1120), KXOX (630), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080), and WIBV (1260). TV stations KMOV (4) or KSDK (5).

Good Shepherd Collinsville **does NOT** follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for the late start or closings. At Good Shepherd, if school is in session it will start at the regular time.

Should parents decide to pick their child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

Gingerbread House

The Gingerbread House is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th through Thursday,

December 10th. This is a chance for the students to select their own Christmas gifts for family and friends. Gift prices range from \$1 to \$7. Each class will go shopping together during a pre-designated time. Those volunteers who have signed up or still want to help, please contact Mrs. Bold at emily.bold@me.com.

Congratulations

To our GSLS students who were accepted after auditions and participated in the ILMEA District VI all District Festival on Saturday, November 7th at SIU in Carbondale, Illinois. Jacob B. played Tenor Sax in the all district band. Colleen L. and Jenae W. played violin in the Orchestra, and Claire L. and Justin W. played cello in the orchestra.

Thank You

The GSLS Class of 2016 would like to thank you for your generosity during our pie and cheesecake sale. The fundraiser was a huge success. Please remember that pies and cheesecakes will be available for

pick up on Friday, November 20th at 3:15pm in the school cafeteria. Thank you for your support!

Piano Recital

Mrs. Jarabak's students will perform at the piano recital on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00am and 11:30am in the church.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the A Team for finishing in 6th place this past weekend at the LSA State Tournament! Team members are Hannah S., Anna W., Gabrielle J., Reagan G., Rebekah B., Madeline B., Morgan, J., Macie S., Elise H., and Lauren F. Thank you and congratulations to the coaches, Mr. Weil & Mr. Jamruk.

Family Reading Night

The first Family Reading Night held on Tuesday, November 10 was a fun evening for more than 80 children and adults.

Those in attendance found a beanbag to sit on while listening to stories from our story tellers and many came wearing their pajamas. The activity room offered a chance to make a Groovy Button Cookie and pick up a pair of Pete the Cat ears. We thank the people at Barnes and Noble who sponsored the activity room and the supplies. The ECC cafeteria was transformed into a camp ground complete with tents and a campfire for quiet reading. The children read their books by "starlight" or flashlights while listening to the sounds of crickets. In the last room children were given an opportunity to become an author

and illustrator. They were asked to create a superhero and write a few sentences that told us about their picture. We were pleased with the success of this event and are making plans for the next Family Reading Night. Keep watching the newsletter for future dates.

Digital Citizenship

As we continue on our Digital Citizenship journey, the second of the nine elements is Digital Commerce. This is anything related to the buying or selling of goods online. One might think that this is just what it states. However, there is more to it than that. If you go a little deeper into this, you will find that it is the moral responsibility involved in what is being purchased, who is selling it, and how it is being received. It also includes how to be safe in doing so. Here is a video with some best practices to follow when buying online: <http://goo.gl/wYU1IN>

Early Childhood Center

ALL NEW Early Childhood Center Update - All our young children loved playing on our new swing set and climbing structure for the first time this week, and the weather was especially nice the first three days. Thanks again to the team that constructed the Fall Zone, and to the supporters and prayer partners who made our entire ECC possible! We still have a few more projects for Volunteers to build for our Outdoor Classroom, such as a sand box, garden box, pergola and trike shed. We've created teams for each project, and Bob Mayhew can tell you about the designs, show you plans, and introduce you to team members.

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