



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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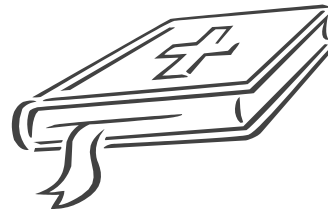
Something to Consider:

Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” *Hebrews 13:5*

You may find contentment to be one of the more difficult Christian virtues to develop. Every day you are bombarded with advertising messages that,

by and large, seek to make you discontent so that you can be persuaded to fill your newfound need with some new possession.

Think of it this way: Contentment is a by-product of thankfulness. Set aside some time each day to thank God for all He has done for you. And verbalize your thanks. Count your blessings, one by one, thanking



God for each and every one. Soon you will have a new understanding of what you have, rather than what you don't have.

Charger Headlines:

NEW Early Childhood Center
What are our 3-6 year olds learning at Good Shepherd? Our Director, Mrs. Bedard, gave a 45-minute overview this summer for Bible Class. “The things I’ve been talking about are the individual spiritual life and how we incorporate worship. Now I’m going to talk about life in the sheepfold, and that is, getting along. The primary learning thing that happens in Preschool is what we call social-emotional skills, and self-regulation. It’s those things that are greater indicators of success in school and life than any academic thing that children will learn.” You can hear more about this by visiting our church web site where you’ll find the full audio posted in MP3 format, which plays on your computer, smartphone or mobile device. Then you can forward the web page link to friends, neighbors and relatives 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 Mrs. Bedard.” Click the “MP3” audio file to listen, and the “PPT” file to see her slides. If you’d like to stop by our ECC for a tour, connect with us at 344-3153, or jbedard@gslcs.org.

GSLC Change Drive
Good Shepherd School’s Annual change drive is scheduled for January 4-15. The proceeds will help continue providing a quality Christian education at GSLC.

Christmas Book for Purchase
GSLC is taking orders for a fun interactive sticker and pop-up book, Let’s Decorate the Christmas Tree, by Gretchen Claybrook. This inspirational book teaches the true meaning of Christmas and is available for \$15.00. Please make checks out to GSLC. A copy of the book is available to view in the school office. Please place orders by Thursday,

Dec. 17th to assure delivery before Christmas Break.

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), & 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.

A Look Ahead

- Monday, December 14**
-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am
-Board Meeting 7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 15**
-Gr. 3-8 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
- Wednesday, December 16**
-Advent Services 4:30 & 7pm
- Friday, December 18**
-Chapel 8:20am
-No Lunch Served; No Milk
-PS—Gr. 8 Christmas Parties
-End of 2nd Quarter
-Boys AC Basketball Home vs Bethalto 6:30pm / Alumni Night

Monday, December 21- Jan 1
NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

Monday, January 4
All Classes Resume

- Christmas Services**
-Preschool Singers – Sunday, Dec 20 before the 10:30 a.m.
-Children’s Christmas Service Sunday, Dec 20th at 6:00 p.m.
-Christmas Eve Services 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. (with Communion)
-Christmas Day Service 9:00am (with Communion)
-Christmas Cantata – Sunday, January 3rd at 4:00 p.m.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Thank You – Donations

The following are donations that have been given to the school from June-December. We appreciate your willingness to help through our "Education in Excellence" program.

Target \$881.86

Papa John's Pizza \$153.76

Undesignated \$2,438.30

Scholarship \$8083.00

Scholarship-Book Covers \$330.20

Technology-Golf Tournament \$5232.83

LESA Grant \$1255.00

Library \$1796.88

French Toast \$114.05

BoxTops \$1580

Charger Bucks – Scrip

We only have one weekly order date left before Christmas - Dec. 14th. Plan ahead and order for gifts and entertaining. Please have your order in the school office by 9:00a.m.

Walk-up sales will be on Thursday, Dec. 17th and Friday, Dec. 18th from 3:00-3:30pm; and will continue on Sunday mornings between services.

If you have any questions please contact

the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

Metro East LHS Mass Band Concert

The Lutheran Mass (Combined schools) Band will include all 6-8th grade (no 4th or 5th graders) band students from Good Shepherd and will perform at the Metro East Lutheran High School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13th, 2015. The concert begins at 2:30 PM. All students need to arrive at 1:45 PM to be seated etc. Students may dress in nice clothes of any color (our concert is black and white).

The Mass Band Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 2015 in the MELHS Multi-Purpose Room from 12:00-1:30 PM. The MELHS address is 6305 Center Grove Road in Edwardsville, IL.

Box Tops and Labels Program

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, December 16th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

Young Authors

Reminder, Young Author books are due

Monday, January 25th. Please feel free to ask for additional help from your child's teacher.

Target

Target has decided to end the Take Charge of Education (TCOE) program as of May 14, 2016. In the meantime, please continue using this program to help GSLS earn cash. Target is thankful of the supporters of this program and will continue to design giving programs in the communities where we do business.

Tardy Slips

Students arriving late to school must have a tardy slip to enter the classroom after the bell has rung. When you sign in your child, the student will be given a tardy slip to take to the teacher. Arriving late due to an appointment, please bring a written excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

SIUE Speech, Language & Hearing

SIUE is offering Speech, Language and Hearing therapy. Contact them at 618-650-5623 to schedule an evaluation or appointment, or visit siue.edu/slh-center. More information is available in our school office.

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: Khushi J., Alice K., Eli L., Claire L.,

Quinn O., Trevor P., MaryAnn R., Anna R., Trinity S.

Auction Up-dates

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 Preschool - Grade 8. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the school office.

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.

Shopping for Auctions Donations

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

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	Boys Will Be Boys & Sugar and Spice
2nd Grade	Spending the Day with Grandpa and Grandma
3rd Grade	In the Garden
4th Grade	Summer Time Fun
5th Grade	Mr. & Mrs. Fix-It
6th Grade	Family Fun Night
Mr. Rinker's Homeroom	Breakfast in Bed
Mr. Voss's Homeroom	Home Office
Ms. Comb's Homerooms	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...

Advent Season

This season brings great joy and giving. As we await for the coming of the Lord, let us always set our mind on Him and the true message of Christmas. Good Shepherd has services available the next two Wednesdays at 4:30/7:00pm with a soup supper in between. Come and celebrate the coming of our Lord!

Christmas Concert Pre-K-Gr. 2

The Preschool-Gr. 2 Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm. Kindergarten and preschool students should meet in the cafeteria at 6:40pm. Grades 1-2 should meet in the Music room at 6:40pm. All K-8 string students will be performing and should meet in the church sanctuary at 6:40pm (including K-2 string students). Concert Dress for Preschool-Gr. 2: nice dress clothes of any color. (Please, no denim). Doors to the church will open at 6:30pm. Please do not arrive earlier than 6:30pm.

Christmas Concert Gr. 3-8

The grade 3-8 Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm. 7th and 8th Band students should arrive at 6:40pm and immediately put instruments together in the cafeteria and come to the Church Sanctuary. Grade 5-8 choir students will meet in the cafeteria at 6:40pm. Grades 3-4 will meet in the Music Room at 6:40pm. Strings students may put cases in the connecting hallway and meet in the sanctuary at 6:40pm.

Parents and guests: doors will open at 6:30pm. Please do not arrive earlier as you will not be able to enter and be seated.

All Band students will need instruments and music.

Concert dress for grades 5-8: black bottoms and white dress shirt/blouse.

Concert dress for grades 3-4: best dress of any color. (Please, no denim).

Christmas Concert DVDs

Complete the order form if you would like to order a DVD of the Gr. 3-8 or K-2

Christmas Concerts. The cost will be \$14 for each DVD. The concerts will be on separate DVDs.

Challengers

Challengers will NOT be held on Friday, December 18th.

Open House Pre-K & Kindergarten

Good Shepherd's first "Open House" for Preschool - is scheduled for January 5th at 6:30 pm. We also have an "Open House" on January 7th at 6:30pm for Kindergarteners, for the 2016-2017 school year. These are great opportunities to meet teachers and see what your child will learn and experience in a Christian school. There are Early Childhood tours available by contacting the school office. We encourage you to share this information to families you may know that might be interested in a Christian education.

Toys for Tots

GSLs are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserves to distribute to economically disadvantaged children in our local area. A designated box will be in the school lobby until Dec. 11th. Thank you for the contributions you are able to make!

Church Doors Locked

The church doors will remain locked during Chapel. All parents coming to Chapel or visitors will need to enter through the school doors for security purposes.

Box Tops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Top and Label Program contest for the month of November is Mrs. Robinson (1-2). Mrs. Robinson's students collected 465 box tops and labels with an average of 31 per student.

We ended October with a total of 10,684 box tops and labels and added 2,452 more this month, for a total of 13,136 box tops and labels collected so far this school year.

ALL NEW Early Childhood Center

Update - Our Director, Mrs. Bedard, during a Bible class this summer, related how she teaches the faith to little children. You could hear the passion in her

voice when she invited us to see the results firsthand. "I really think if you ever question: Why did we build an Early Childhood building? Why are we spending money on this facility and on teachers? Why? Just come one day, just come and see what's going on because it's amazing!" You can now hear her entire 45-minute presentation online in MP3 format, which easily plays on smartphones, mobile devices, and computers. You'll hear why Julie and our teachers tell young children about Jesus, and how the children respond to God's Word. You can also forward the webpage link to neighbors, relatives and friends who are parents of 3-6 year old children.

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Alumni Night

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