



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Twenty-first Edition
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Something to Consider:

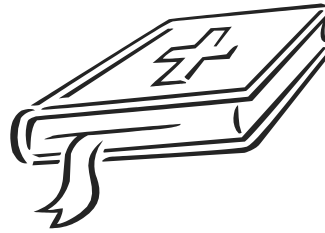
Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

When you plant a seed, you don't expect it to blossom into a beautiful flower by dawn the next morning. Growth takes time and nourishment. The same is true for the seed God has planted in you.

You have everything you need to bloom—the light of God's presence, the water of His Word, and the soil of His grace. Together these create the perfect garden environment for a thriving plant like you. But you also need time.

Don't despair when you find yourself caught in winter's chilly grip. Growth is still taking place. It's just harder to



see. So be patient with yourself. Promise of a fruitful spring is right around the corner.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, January 30

-Boys Pee Wee Basketball
8am

Monday, February 1

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am

Tuesday, February 2

-Girls and Boys A Basketball
Conference Tournament

Thursday February 4

-Chapel 8:20am

Friday, February 5

-Mid Quarter Point
-Preschool – Gr. 8 Spring
Pictures
-Winter Sports Pictures Before
School 7:00am Team
Pictures will be taken first

Charger Headlines:

Change Drive

Thank you for the great participation in the change drive. \$1,903.36 was collected. Congratulations goes to 2nd grade for donating the most money to the change drive with an average of \$11.21 per student. Third grade averaged \$10.65 and Kindergarten averaged 8.56. Grade 2 earned the ice cream party.

Winter Sports Pictures

Remember to wear your uniforms for the winter sports pictures which will be taken before school Friday, February 5th.

Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are scheduled for Friday, February 5th for preschool– grade 8. Picture selection forms were sent home. Choose from poses on the selection form and bring it to school on Picture Day. Students will have an option of dressing up nicer than our standardized dress policy this day. The ex-

pectation for dress for that day is our standardized dress or better. T-shirts, jeans, jean shirts, cargo pants, etc. will not be allowed. All choices must still fit within our dress code guidelines (i.e., length, modesty, etc.).

Look before you buy. Send no money now! Your pictures will be sent home for your review. Any uncut portrait sheets should be returned with your payment.

Please Help With Candy Sale

We have 200 boxes of candy bars to sell with a profit of \$6000. Please consider taking a box to sell to your family and friends which will help us reach our goal. Proceeds go to outdoor athletic fields, playground, and basketball hoops. With 320 students enrolled, we should reach this goal.

Scholarships for 2016-17 School Year

Please note that if you are applying for a scholarship for the

2016-2017 school year you will need to select "Lutheran Elementary School Association" (LESA) Building Blocks Scholarships on the online application. It is through this selection that the application information will be made available for LESA's review and award consideration. Without this selection, LESA will be unable to view the application, and as a result, students will not have access to LESA funding. Remember, all scholarship applications must be submitted with all documentation submitted prior to March 30th.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks—Scrip

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Thank You

Our Lutheran Schools Week was a wonderful week! We are thankful that we can learn, pray, reach out, serve and play together in the name of our Savior,

Jesus. Thanks are due to the following:

*Opening Devotions: Mr. Mayhew, Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Italiano, Mrs. Pritchard, Ms. Hasselbring, Mr. Stegman, Mrs. Bedard, Mr. Krueger Jr. High Prayers

*Hallway decorations: Mrs. Pritchard, teachers and students

*Posters and Publicity: Mr. Krueger

*Spelling Bee: Mrs. Daniels, Mrs.

Petersen, Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Hoffman

*Muffins and Donuts: Mrs. Petersen, Mr. Krueger, Mrs. Bedard, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Walther, Mrs. Krause

*Assembly: Mrs. Rincker, Mr. Mayhew

*Science Fair: Mr. Krueger, Mr. Voss, Mr. Rincker, teachers and students

*Service Project: Good Shepherd families

*Sunday worship participants: Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Voss, Mr. Rincker, Mr. Stegman, band and choirs, Teacher Choir

Congratulations Spelling Bee

Gr. 1 1st Place: James A.

2nd Place: Livia B.

Gr. 2 1st Place: Nolan R.

2nd Place: Brady B.

Gr. 3 1st Place: Andrew M.

2nd Place: Luke R.

Gr. 4 1st Place: Alex L.

2nd Place: Jaxen Y.

Gr. 5 1st Place: Ellie M.

2nd Place: Bella S.

Gr. 6 1st Place: Autumn D.

2nd Place: Khushi J.

Gr. 7-8 1st Place: Olivia G.

2nd Place: Lauren F.

Olivia G. will represent GSLS at McKendree University in Lebanon, IL on Saturday, March 5th.

GSLS Science Fair

Congratulations to those students who participated in the GSLS Science Fair. Results are available in the school office. Congratulations also to our Jr. FLL and FLL groups on sharing their projects.

Tyson A+ Label program.

Our school earned 10 Scholastic books by collecting and turning in 100 Tyson Project A+ labels over the past couple months.

Ms. Combs chose the appropriate age level for the books which will then be placed in our library. Thank you for saving and turning in the labels.

In Our Prayers this Week:

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the school families. Please re-

member these and others in your prayers. The families of:

Karley H., Ava I., Lauren J., Lizzie J., Dillon K., Elise K., Sierrah K., Jeremy M.

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. The cost is \$30.00 per person. 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.

Immediate Need—Auction Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Volunteers are needed for acquisitions from businesses. Please contact the school office at 618-344-3153 or stop by to pick up the forms.

Baskets and Bows Needed

The Auction committee is in need of large baskets/containers, bows, ribbon, and basket filler to be used for the classroom Auction basket items. Please bring what you may have to the school office. Thank you.

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. Help is needed acquiring donations from businesses. Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser. Your indi-

vidual 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' Homeroom	Home Office
Ms. Combs' 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...

National Lutheran School's Week is January 24-29

"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9 ESV).

In regard to serving others, our Lord said in Matthew 6: "3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." When your family has completed your project, write about what you did on a piece of paper and put it in an envelope. Do not put your name or your child's name on the envelope or description. Your child may bring the envelope to chapel on Thursday, January 28 to put in the offering. We will be posting the descriptions, but want them to remain anonymous.

We hope this will be a time for your family to grow closer together as you serve the Lord. Perhaps this will begin a new family activity that continues throughout the year!

Service project:

Families will do individual service projects during January and bring a photo/description during NLSW. On Thursday, students will bring an envelope with a paper describing their family's project - anonymously. The envelopes will be put in the offering basket for chapel. We will have a large display board to show the projects - one in main lobby, one in ECC lobby.

Sat./Sun., Jan. 23rd & 24th

Join us for worship! The Faculty will sing at the worship services.

Lost Coat and Jackets-

Please check the Church narthex coat racks for items that have been hanging there for several months. Thanks.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

A special thank you to Thrivent members who designate Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or Good Shepherd Lutheran School as the recipient of the available dollars. These funds are applied to the

endowment loan. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

Please see Marty Hoffman with any questions.

Challengers

Challengers will not be held on Friday, January 29th.

School's Out Club - 2/15/2016 Presidents' Day

Good Shepherd offers School's Out Club to 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 date is Monday, February 15, 2016. Stop by the school office or TRACKS to pick-up the Attendance Reservation Form, specify the date and times the student will be attending and deliver the form to the school office or to Mrs. Molitor.

Saturday, January 23

*Faculty sing for worship at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24

*Faculty sing for worship at 8 & 10:30am

*Open House 1 - 3 p.m.

Monday, January 25

*Theme: Pray Together

*Muffins with Mom: 7:30 - 8am Pre-school - 3rd Grade

*Dress Up: Class Choice Day Each class will decide what they want to wear.

*Devotions: Led by Mrs. Peterson

*Assembly: Juggling Jeff 2 - 3 p.m.

*Science Fair Night: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

*Candy Sale Assembly

Tuesday, January 26

*Theme: Learn Together

*Muffins with Mom: 7:30-8am 4th-8th Grade

*Dress Up: Favorite Team Day

*Devotions: Led by Mrs. Italiano

*Move-Up Day: After opening devotions, each class will go to the teacher of the next grade level until 9 a.m.

*8th Graders go to 3 year old Preschool

Wednesday, January 27

*Theme: Reach Out Together

*Donuts with Dad: 7:30 - 8am Pre-school

- 3rd Grade

*Dress Up: Multicultural Day (dress as someone from a different culture or your ancestry)

*Devotions: Led by Ms Hasselbring

*Ms Hasselbring available to come to classes and speak about her outreach work in Asia

*Spelling Bee: Grades 1 - 4 at 8:45 a.m., Grades 5 - 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 28

*Theme: Serve Together

*Donuts with Dad: 7:30-8 4th-8th Gr.

*Dress Up: Dress Your Best Day (for Chapel) (no bare shoulders)

*Chapel: Students bring envelope with Family Service Project for chapel offering **Friday, January 29**

*Theme: Play Together

*Dress up: School Spirit Day Wear school colors and/or GS logo apparel

*Devotions: Led by Mrs. Pritchard

*Faith Families Play Date (Assembly Schedule): Each Faith Family teacher will decide on a play activity for his/her Faith Family.

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Metro-East Lutheran High

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at Lutheran High school please go to the school website

at www.melhs.org and download the admission and enrollment packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, or email him

at jay.krause@melhs.org.

MELHS Shadow Day

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to come and "Shadow" for a day and see what a day is like in the "life of a Knight." Prospective students are encouraged to shadow one of our current students and spend the day in classrooms, chapel, lunch, and visiting with students, faculty and staff, and become familiar with the daily ministry of Lutheran High. Interested students should contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

MELHS Basketball Games

Come and check out one of the remaining boys and girls Metro-East Lutheran High School Knight basketball games in January or February. The Lady Knights are fresh off of an excellent showing at the Calvary Lutheran Classic in Jefferson City and the boys varsity team is ranked #5 in the state of Illinois. Let them know at the gate that you are a prospective student coming to support the Knights!