



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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Something to Consider:

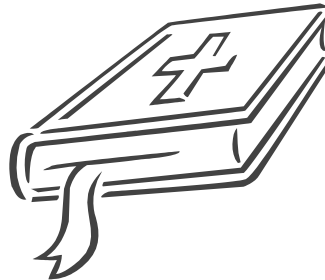
He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 28:20

You are rich. But your net worth isn't determined by the amount of jewelry in your dresser, a BMW in the driveway, or a bank account in Switzerland. That's because the priceless riches you possess can't be lost or sold. They are held securely in your heart.

What riches do you have hidden there? Consider your closest relationships, your fondest memories, the boundless love of your heavenly Father. Riches such as these are sure to only increase in value over time.

When your wealth is found in things that last, your money—and what it can buy—loses its importance. So, invest in what truly matters. Spend time with the people you love.



Charger Headlines:

NLSW “God Is Faithful”

National Lutheran Schools Week ended last week but everyday at Good Shepherd Lutheran School is an opportunity to share Christ in every subject matter and the ability to talk about Him and our faith with the students. What a blessing we have each and every day to train up a child so when he leaves Good Shepherd he can be bold in his faith, while understanding the importance of high values.

Open House

Good Shepherd will be having an “OPEN HOUSE” for prospective families interested in Preschool – Grade 8 on Sunday, February 21st from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

School Auction

We are excited to invite you, our Good Shepherd family and friends, to celebrate and support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. This year we're bringing the auction home to Good Shepherd! Please join us on Saturday, March 12th. Reservation forms are attached, and are also available in the School Office or the Church Narthex.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$225 for a table of 8.

Box Tops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Top and Label Program contest for the month of January is Mrs. Robinson (1-2). Mrs. Robinson's students collected 584 box tops and labels with an average of 39 per student. We ended December with a

total of 15,023 box tops and labels and added 1,853 more this month, for a total of 16,876 box tops and labels collected so far this school year.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 10th, and we would like to invite all our school families to our services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. We also have a Lenten Supper (free-will offering) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "Grow in Christ."



A Look Ahead

Saturday, February 6

- Boy's Pee Wee Basketball 8:00am
- Madison County Jazz Festival

Monday, February 8

- Scrip Orders due by 9:00am
- Candy Sale Continues
- Board Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 9

- Girls C Basketball at Troy 6:30pm
- Boys B Basketball at Troy 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 10

- Lent Services 4:30 & 7:00pm

Thursday, February 11

- Chapel 8:20am
- Boys C Basketball at Belleville Tournament Through Saturday 13th

Friday, February 12

- PS-Gr. 8 Valentines Parties
- Girls A Basketball at St. Charles Tournament Through Saturday, Feb. 13



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks—Scrip Weekly orders will be processed on Mon-day, February 8, 22, & 29. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mon-days to be processed that week. Walk-up sales will be after school on Fri-days and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Questions, please contact the school office 344-3153.

Candy Sale

The Candy Sale is continuing. Please stop by the school office to get another box of World's Finest Chocolate. Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd by participating in this fundraiser.

Tardiness

School tardiness and absences can make a child fall behind. This can become a problem if the occurrence begins to become habitual.

So what is the impact of tardiness on

school success? Students who are on time to school are more successful. Schools stress the need for students to get to school and class on time and with good reason. Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of education on truancy, which is connected with tardiness, show that school attendance is a major factor when it comes to school and student behavior.

So what are the problems with tardiness?

The most crucial learning hours of the school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class.

So how does this effect Academics and Achievement?

Students who are frequently tardy have lower GPAs, lower scores on standardized assessments, and lower graduation

rates, Chronic tardiness in elementary and middle school is also linked to failure in high school.

It is our goal at GSLS to provide every child the opportunity to learn, but this becomes a problem when one is tardy or absent. We need to partner together so both parties see the importance. Questions are welcomed.

MELHS Open House

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday February 21st from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon at Lutheran High. Come find out more about this dynamic ministry and take a tour, visit with faculty and administration, get information on financial assistance and scholarships, and get additional questions answered about our ministry. For more information or to RSVP please contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

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:

Emily K., Andrew L., Grace M., Kaitlyn P., Samantha 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. 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 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' 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...

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 expectation 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 selec-

tion, 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.

Thank You

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

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!
