



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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## Something to Consider:

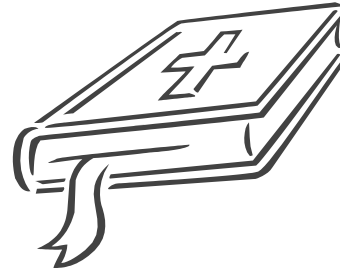
Jesus said, “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.”

*Luke 6:35-36*

A grudge is like a rock you choose to haul around with you wherever you go. Though you may feel justified in carrying it, all it really does is weigh you down. Today is the perfect

time to get rid of it. That doesn’t mean hurling it back at the person who lobbed it at you. All that does it cause more pain.

Instead, take that rock to Jesus. Picture yourself releasing every pebble, or boulder, into His hands—hands strong enough to carry so much more than any person’s shoulders can bear. Then, replace that grudge with the feather-light



freedom of forgiveness. The heavier the stone you release, the freer you’ll feel.

## Charger Headlines:

### NO SCHOOL

School will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President’s Day.

### Congratulations

Olivia G. will represent GSLS at the STL Post Dispatch Spelling Bee at McKendree University in Lebanon, IL on Saturday, March 5th.

### Talent Show

Talent Show audition forms are available in the school office. Auditions will be held February 23rd and 25th. Dress rehearsal is Tuesday, March 8th and the Talent Show is Thursday, March 10th. Church members who would like to participate are invited to

join us. The cutoff dates on the flyer are for students. We would like to hear from any interested church members by the end of February, either by phone (344-3153) or email: [ddaniels@gslcs.org](mailto:ddaniels@gslcs.org) or [kmaske@gslcs.org](mailto:kmaske@gslcs.org).

### Prospective Student Open House

GSLS will be having an open house for Preschool through 8th grade Sunday, February 21st and March 13th from 1-3pm. Tours will be available and teachers will be present to answer questions regarding curriculum. Invite your friends/neighbors to attend this Open House to help promote the 2016-17 school year.

### School’s Out Club – Easter Break 2016

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. During Easter Break 2016, we will offer care on Monday (3/21), Tuesday (3/22), Wednesday (3/23), Thursday (3/24), Friday (3/25), and Monday (3/28). 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.

### A Look Ahead

#### Saturday, Feb. 13

-Boy’s Pee Wee Basketball  
8:00-11:30am

-Madison County Band Festival

-Girls A Basketball St. Charles Tournament Concludes

#### Monday, Feb. 15

-NO SCHOOL President’s Day

#### Tuesday, Feb. 16

-Boys Pee Wee Basketball  
6:30 & 7:15pm

#### Wednesday, Feb. 17

-Lent Services 4:30 & 7:00pm

#### Thursday, Feb. 18

-Chapel 8:20am

-Girls C Basketball at Zion Lutheran Staunton Tournament Through Sunday 21st



# Charger Headlines Continues...

**Charger Bucks—Scrip** Weekly orders will be processed on Mon-day, February 22, & 29, March 7 & 14. 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.

## **Congratulations Geography Bee**

We would like to thank the fourth through eighth graders for participating in the National Geographic Society Geography Bee. We would like to congratulate the top two participants in our school. Our school champion is Justin W and the runner up this year is Ryan P. Justin has taken a test and is waiting to find out if he qualifies for the State Geography Bee.

## **Culver's Share Night**

Come join Good Shepherd at Culver's in Collinsville on Thursday, February 18th from 5-8 pm. The money raised will be used to help offset the cost of materials for the Good Shepherd Marriage Retreat. Feel free to dine in or drive thru!

## **Family Science Night**

Good Shepherd is hosting an Ag Family Science Night for students in preschool through third grade on Thursday, February 25 from 6-7:30pm. It is being presented by Madison County CAREE/Ag in the classroom this is a unique opportunity for you and your child to be involved together in an evening of science exploration! We will be doing several different hands-on activities.

Everyone needs to register their attendance so we can have enough materials for everyone. Forms were sent home with the students this week for you to complete and need to be returned to your child's teacher by Thursday, February 18 if you would like to be a part of this event. Or you can email Mrs. Sengele' (lsengele@gslcs.org) to register or if you have questions.

## **Recycling Fund Raiser**

Good Shepherd has been collecting old printer cartridges for many years. The money we earn from this goes towards technology at Good Shepherd. We also recycle printer toner cartridges and old

cell phones. Please put your old printer cartridges or old cell phones in the box between the technology office and the Sunday School office near the main lobby. Thank you for your support.

Thursday, March 10th from 3:15-3:45pm.

## **16th Annual Women's Day of Renewal**

April 1 & 2 Don't miss Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School's 16th annual Women's Day of Renewal scheduled for the weekend after Easter, Friday night and Saturday, April 1 & 2. The theme is Call to Peace (Peace for the Past, Peace for the Present, Peace for the Future) and GSLC's own Rosie Adle and her sister Rebekah Curtis, who recently coauthored the book *LadyLike*, will be the morning keynote speakers. For workshop description, presenter information, and a registration form, please pick up a brochure from the narthex or visit us at [www.facebook.com/goodshepherdwdr](http://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdwdr) or [www.goodshepherdcollinsville.org](http://www.goodshepherdcollinsville.org) or contact Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 618-344-3151.

## 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:

Kaitlyn P., Serena P., Madyson R., Alex R., Hayden S., Jacob S., Ian W.

## 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...

## 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.

## 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."



## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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!