



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

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## Something to Consider:

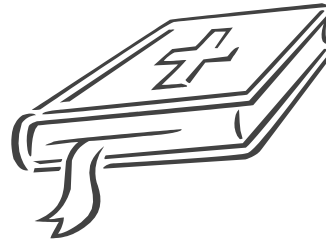
I waited patiently for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry. *Psalms 40:1*

Life has plenty of waiting rooms, most of them without walls. Waiting for the right spouse to come along. Waiting to see the results of a new exercise program. Waiting for God to answer a desperate prayer.

When you find yourself in a waiting room, you have two

choices. You can be patient or impatient. The choice you make won't do anything to change your circumstances. The only thing it can change is you.

Practicing patience begins by accepting that God is in control -and you're not. This frees you to go on with your life while you wait, knowing God's answers will come in His own



perfect timing. As your patience grows, you'll find that your trust will grow as well.

### A Look Ahead

**Monday, Feb. 29**

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am

-Papa John's Night

**Wednesday, March 2**

-Lent Services 4:30 & 7:00pm

**Thursday, March 3**

-Chapel 8:20am

**Friday, March 4**

-LSA Basketball Tournament through Sunday, March 6

## Charger Headlines:

### Spring Pictures

DUE NOW, payment or return of picture packets. Please deliver the money and/or picture packets to the student's home-room teacher. Thank you.

### Grandparent/Special Friends

Invitation/RSVP fliers were sent home with each student. Please note that ALL students should return the RSVP section (complete with guest information) to their teacher by Friday, March 4th.

We are in need of parent volunteers for this event. If you are available to assist for one hour in the morning or afternoon, please contact Mrs. Schnicker @cschnicker@gslcs.org.

### Congratulations Band

Congratulations to Jacob B. and Justin W. who performed in the

Madison County Band Director's Association Jazz Festival on Feb. 6th, 2016 held at GSLCS and MaryAnn R. and Anna R. who performed in the Elementary Band, and Cierrah E., Henry L., and Colleen L., Molly S. who performed in the Junior High Band at the Madison County Band Festival held at Liberty Middle School on Saturday, February 13th, 2016. They did an excellent job representing Good Shepherd among all the other schools attending and had a great day rehearsing and performing music with students from schools all over Madison County.

### Congratulations

National Geographic Society has announced that our school champion, Justin Wright, has

qualified to compete in the state level geography bee. At state level, there are a total of 103 student participants. Justin will be competing on April 1st in Glen Ellyn, Illinois a suburb of Chicago. One champion from each state will then advance to the national competition in May.

### Saturday, March 12th

Please consider attending our School Benefit Auction to show your support of our school. Contact the school office at 618-344-3153 to make your reservation. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$225 for a table of eight.

Doors open 5:30pm.

Silent Auction 5:30-7:30pm.

Hors d'oeuvres 6:00-7:00pm.

Full oral auction 8:00pm.



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# Charger Headlines Continues...

## **Charger Bucks—Scrip**

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, February 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.

## **Attention Families of 8th Graders!**

If you have a student who will be attending MELHS, you can earn tuition credit by purchasing scrip through our Charger Bucks program at Good Shepherd. Invite your family and friends to participate and increase your credits! The ordering process is the same and your tuition credits will be posted to your MELHS account.

## **Auction Donations**

Donations are still needed. If you have an item you would like to donate, please call or drop it off in the school office.

## **Auction Reservations**

Plan your evening and join us for a fun

evening at GSLS Benefit Auction. This year we will bring back the auction to Good Shepherd with hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship. The cost is \$30.00 per person or a table of eight for \$225. Reservation forms available at gslcs.org or contact the school office at 618-344-3153.

## **Summer Camp 2016**

Summer Camp registration will begin on March 1st, 2016. All children Kindergarten through grade 8 will be welcome. We offer a program that fills every day with projects, games, social activities, and field trips that reflects our Christian values. We look forward to having your child join us this summer.

## **Talent Show**

This year's talent show will review the talent of individual students, groups of students, family acts, and also including Church members. Dress rehearsal will be Tuesday, March 8th after school. There will be a short walk-thru rehearsal on Thursday, March 10th from 3:15 to 3:45.

## **Save The Date!**

Mark June 27th – July 1st on your calendar for Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School "Barnyard Roundup".

This year our VBS will be in the evening. We hope that this new time will enable more parents to be involved!

VBS is for students currently completing Pre-K through 6th grade. (Minimum age is for those students turning 4 before September 1st, 2016). Kids can bring their friends! More information will be coming.

## **Promoting GSLS**

"Check in" while you are at GSLS! We encourage our families to use the Location feature on Facebook when posting updates and adding pictures for activities at the school. This is a great way for people to learn more about GSLS. Ideas include a sporting event, concert, musical, talent show, awards ceremony, Science Fair, spelling bee, and Robotics, among many others. We appreciate your help in getting the word out about what we can offer other families!

## 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:

Zion C., Jackson E., Brennan I., Emma J., Ava K., Alexis K., Adelynn M., Nathan P., Alainah P., Micah S., Caroline S., Adalie T., Mia W., Jackson W.,

Logan W., Amelia W., Evan W., Riley W., Isaiah 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.

### **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!

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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.

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# Retreads...

## **Charger Bucks/Scrip Credits**

Charger Bucks (Scrip) credits have been posted to your TADS tuition account. If you have paid full year tuition for 2015-16 these credits will be applied to next year's account in the fall. Questions, call Mrs. Schnicker.

## **Cancer Companions**

If you are a cancer patient (newly diagnosed or long-time survivor), family, friend, or caregiver in need of a listening ear or caring heart, join us as we explore and discuss different topics dealing with cancer and the emotions that go along with it. We will be meeting on Monday afternoons from 1-2:30p.m., starting March 7, 2016. The sessions will be held in the church fellowship hall. There are brochures with more information in the church, school office, or ECC lobby. If you have any questions you can call the church office at 344-3151.

## **Enrollment for 2016-17**

Families that have students in Preschool through 7th grade. If you have not yet enrolled your student for next year, we pray you would continue to be part of the Good Shepherd School families. Our goal is to have all students enrolled no later than March 15th. This will enable us to ensure the best possible staffing for our school. Additionally, all financial aid applications (via TADS) must be completed, including documentation, no later than April 1st for your best possible opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Mayhew by the end of February.

## **NO Lunch Served**

No lunch will be served on Friday, March 11th. Remember to pack your on lunch that day. Milk will not be available.

## **Tardies**

School begins at 8:15, please be on time for everyone's sake. Parents are to sign their children in when it is after 8:15am. Students will then receive a pass to go to their classroom. Questions, please call the school office and Mr. Mayhew can discuss

this matter with you.

## **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.

## **Box Tops and Labels**

The next turn in date for the Box Top and Label Program is Wednesday, February 24th. Please send your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

## **TRACKS Reminder**

Parents, please remember that TRACKS is available to care for your child when they are finished with after school activities. Should you need this service, the charge is \$3.00 for the first hour that the child is in TRACKS and \$1.50 for each half hour there after. We offer each child a snack and time to do homework and/or play with friends. We always welcome your child at TRACKS. If you have any questions please call Susan M. at 618-344-3153 extension 222.

## **Reminder... Sickness**

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.

Also, please pick up your child's homework in T.R.A.C.K.S. after 3:30 p.m.

Picking up your child's work will help him/her keep up with the class.

A doctor's written excuse is needed to

return to school. Always bring a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

## **Received With Thanks**

148 birthday books have been donated this school year.

## **Reporting Absence**

If your child will be absent or late, please call the school office each morning so both the office and the teachers are informed. By calling, this will help expedite our attendance procedure.

## **Medicine Distribution**

We no longer provide pain reliever or any other medicines to the students. Please send in a package of your preferred pain relief, etc. Please label with your child (ren's) name to be stored in the school office for their use only while at school. All medicines need to be taken to the school office for proper distribution. Please add new medications to your child's medicine file located in the school office. The authorization form for medication distribution can be found on the front page of our website.

Thank you for partnering with us.

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