



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Thirty-third Edition
April 29, 2016

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Something to Consider:

These (miracles) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

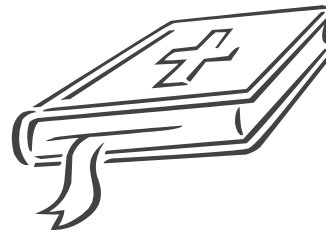
John 20:31

Belief can be defined as a conviction so firm that a person accepts it as truth—even if it isn't. For that reason, it's important to examine the evidence before believing in any

premise—even the existence of God.

Look around you and take in the physical evidence, a world of exquisite beauty and breathtaking detail. Add to that the testimony of others. Ask people why they believe in God, and then evaluate what they have to say about Himself.

Last of all, ask God to make Himself real to you. Do all the pieces fit?



God encourages an honest search for truth. He wants you to be certain that your belief in Him is well placed.

Charger Headlines:

Teacher Appreciation Week

This coming week May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. What is great about GSLS is that we appreciate our teachers every day. Thank you for your partnership and support of Good Shepherd!

Student Resources

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. If you have concerns about your student's scholastic, behavioral or social functioning, now is a fantastic time to seek some extra support. Your child's current teacher has had a whole year with him or her and can be very helpful in the assessment process. And the summer is an excellent time to seek new solutions or try new ideas so that by the time the new school

year starts, your child is ready to roll. Don't lose any more time if your parent-instinct is pushing you to get some extra help. Ask your child's teacher and/or call D. Cuddeback, Good Shepherd School Counselor, or S. Petersen, Resource Teacher. Questions, please contact the school.

Are There Any Gardeners Out There?

The Challengers group will be planting a butterfly garden at our Early Childhood Center. If you have an abundance of any of the following flowers/herbs, and would be willing to share, it would be greatly appreciated! We will be planning on Friday, May 6th, so we will need the plants before then.

Asters, False Asters, Cardinal

Flower, Columbine, Coral Bells, Cosmos, Crimson Sage, Black-Eyed Susan's (Daisies), Blazing Star, Coreopsis, Dahlias, Delphinium, Foxglove, Fuchsia, Goldenrod, Joe Pye Weed, Lantana, Monarda, Phlox, Salvia, Spiderwort, Thistle, Trumpet Vine, Verbena, and Zinnias.

Swallowtails need any combination of the following: Carrots, Dill, Fennel, Parsley. Thank you!

School Picnic Wristbands

The price of the picnic wristbands will increase after Friday, May 20th. Please take advantage of the reduced prices of the wristbands by ordering them in advance. Forms are available in the school office.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, April 30

-GSLS Golf Classic 8:00am

-Belleville Track Meet

Monday, May 2

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am

Tuesday, May 3

-Conference Relay at Edwardsville

Thursday, May 5

-Chapel 8:20am

Saturday, May 7

-IGSMA State Music Contest

Looking Ahead...

May 14-20

-8th Grade Trip to DC

May 20

-Preschool Program 7:00pm

May 24

-Awards Banquet 6:30pm

May 26

-Kindergarten Program 7pm

May 27

-End of Quarter

-School Picnic 8:45-11:30am

-Dismissal 11:30am

-Gr. 8 Graduation 7:00pm



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks—Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, May 2, 9, & 16. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays to be processed that week. Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Remember that you can place your order online. You may access the link for shopwithscrip.com through our school's website. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate.

Peer Tutoring

The last day for Peer Tutoring will be Wednesday, May 12th. The following week our Peer Tutors will be in Washington, D.C. on their class trip.

Awards Banquet Tickets

Do not forget to get your Awards Banquet tickets, please send in your reservation with a check payable to Good Shepherd or stop by the school office by Friday, May 6th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Chapel Offerings

April offerings in the amount of \$228.91 were donated to the Spirit of Shar-

ing. This will benefit families that need assistance with food. The SOS Spirit of Sharing is a way to assist families by feeding them.

Piano Students

The piano students of Mrs. P. Jarabak at Good Shepherd Lutheran have been diligently preparing for several end of the year events.

During the year, the following students have offered preservice selections and postludes. Thanks to Thomas B., Carson C., Jordan G., Emma H., Elliot J., Khushi J., Catrina L., Claire L., Colleen L., Hannah R., Sydney S., Jenae W., & Justin W.! Last Saturday, April 23rd, was the Annual Spring Piano Recital given by Mrs. J's students in the church balcony. The well-prepared students performed polished solos and duets! All received awards for their year's accomplishments. Those able to participate were: Katie B., Noah C., Carson C., Troy C., Grace C., Autumn D., Rebekah D., Jordan G., Henry G., Madelyn G. Emma H., Chris H., Elliot J., Khushi J., Catrina L., Claire L., Colleen L., Hannah R., Trinity S., Maggie S., Molly S., Meghan S., Sydney S., Caleb T., Sophie

T., Evan W., Jake W., Chloe W., Jenae W., Josie W., and Justin W.

Near the end of school, on May 18th and 19th, many of Mrs. Jarabak's students will perform a 10-piece memorized program at Lewis and Clark College in Godfrey, IL. A judge from another state evaluates the student's playing. They are required to know and play the scales and cadences associated with each selection. Each student receives an elaborate report card and year pin, marking the event. After one has completed a 10-piece program, the National level, for 5 years, he/she receives an additional composer pin to add to their neck ribbons! Ask any Guild member to show you his!

Those entered and performing this year are: Katie B., Noah C., Carson C., Troy C., Grace C., Emma H., Christopher H., Elliot J., Khushi J., Catrina L., Jeremy M., Jacob M., Hannah R., Maggie S., Molly S., Meghan S., Sydney S., Sophie T., Evan W., Jake W., Chloe W., Ella W., and Jenae W. We praise the Lord for their gifts and pray they would use them to further His Kingdom! Joyfully, in Jesus, Mrs. P. Jarabak.

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: Nick B., Kaelin

C., Connor P., Timmy R., Kade S., Ryan S., Evan W., and Madelyn Z.

Summer Athletic Camps & Enrichment Classes

Math Refinement June 20-24 & 27-30

Students entering Gr. 2-5,
June 20-24 10:30-11:30am
June 27-30 9:00-10:15am
Students entering Gr. 6-8,
June 20-24 1:00-2:00pm
June 27-30 10:30-11:45am

Computer Camp June 6-10

Students entering Gr. 5-8,
June 6-10 1:00-3:00pm
(Attend all 10 hours)

Athletic Camps

Athletic Camp forms were sent home for: Girl's Volleyball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8 Boy's and Girl's Basketball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8. The forms can be found on our web site under recent news. Return the completed forms along with payment to the school office. The deadline for the camp forms is May 6th.

Girl's Basketball June 06- 10

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm
Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Boy's Basketball June 13-17

Boys entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm
Boys entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

Girl's Volleyball June 20-24

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm
Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

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...

Papa John's Pizza Night

Papa John's Pizza night is Mon. April 25th. Thank you for supporting GSLS at Papa John's Pizza.

GSLCS Spring Work Day

The spring yard cleanup is this Saturday, April 23 from 8am-12 noon. Please bring your rakes and shovels to help beautify the school grounds.

Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30p.m. This event honors 7th and 8th grade students who have participated in after school sports, choir and band. Younger students participating in varsity sports will also be recognized.

Please return the order form and make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran School to reserve your tickets by Friday, May 6th. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and students in grades 5-8; \$6.00 for students in grades 1st-4th. Kindergarten and younger are free. In order to have appropriate seating and catering counts, [tickets will not be sold at the door.](#) You must have a ticket to attend the banquet!

School Picnic May 27th

The school picnic is a time for the students to celebrate their accomplishments in a safe and fun environment. There will be numerous inflatables, food, and good times!

The annual school picnic will be held the morning of Friday, May 27th from 8:30—11:30am. Once again, wristbands will be sold to help offset the cost of the picnic.

Wristband order forms were sent out and are also available in the school office. We encourage you to consider pre-purchasing the wristbands.

This is a private picnic for the students and siblings of Good Shepherd. The wristbands designate this requirement for the State of Illinois.

There will be opportunities for the parents to help supervise the event. Sign up sheets will be sent to the room parents and they will be calling to ask for your assistance. Please sign up to work a shift if able. You, the parents, have always been generous in helping to make the events at Good Shepherd successful!

T.R.A.C.K.S.

Before School Care will be available: Monday, May 23rd through Friday, May 27th. After School Care will be available: Monday, May 23rd through Thursday, May 26th. There will not be any After School Care on Friday, May 27th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mollitor.

Good Shepherd Harvest Fest

Good Shepherd will be hosting a Culver's Night in Collinsville on Thursday, May 12th from 5-8pm. A percentage of the sales will go to Harvest Fest 2016.

Summer Fun

Don't forget Summer Fun at the Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center. Weekly camps will be held with half day, full day and extended day options available. Summer Fun is for 3 - 5 year olds. Children do NOT have to attend Good Shepherd to come to camp. For more info and a registration form, go to gsecc.org and click on Summer Fun.

Unit 10 Summer Camps

Unit 10 summer camp forms are available. Stop in the GSLS office to pick up a packet.

Regional History Fair

Congratulations to the 8th graders on their accomplishments at the Regional History fair on Saturday.

Andrew T. earned a Good rating. Those that earned an excellent award are: Nick H., Morgan J., and Caleb T.

Those that earned a superior and qualified for the state history fair on May 5 are: Jacob B., Daniel B., Lauren F., Elise H., Colleen L., Elizabeth S., Macie S., and Henry L.

Box Tops & Labels Collection Contest

The final BTLTP collection date for the 2015-2016 school year is Wednesday, April 27th. The grade that collects the most box tops and labels per student by this date will earn a free dress day. The Campbell's Labels for Education program will end on August 1st so it's important to turn in your remaining labels before the end of this school year. **Note:** We will continue to collect Box Tops and Tyson Project A+ labels next year.

Limited Number of Tickets Remaining

We only have a limited number of tickets available for purchase. GSLS Choir students will sing on field at the Cardinals game scheduled for Sunday, July 17. Purchase your tickets in the school office at \$18

each and receive a complimentary soda and hot dog voucher.

Grade 3 & 4 Spring Musical

The Christ's Kids Choir will perform tonight, Fri., April 22, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Come join us as we hear how Esther saved her people in the Old Testament, helping us see how Jesus saves us! To order a DVD of the Spring Musical, please make checks payable to Good Shepherd for \$15 by Fri., April 29.

Mother Daughter Banquet

Ladies and daughters, please join us on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. for the annual GSLS Mother Daughter Banquet. Invite your daughters, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and friends to join you for this evening. Volunteers from the St. Louis Audubon Society will be sharing fun facts about our local birds. There will be a bird display and hands-on activities for the children. Tickets are: adults (\$9.00); children 8 to 3 years old (\$4.50); 2 years and under are free. Reservation forms are in the school office.

Collinsville Area Recreation District

Summer is upon us and CARD has a lot of activities and programs to offer. More information is available on their website at CollinsvilleRec.com.

Camp Piasa—Lutheran Summer Camp

It is time to register for Lutheran Summer Camp. Camp is being held once again at Camp Piasa in Grafton, IL. Children finishing 5th - 8th grade are allowed to register. Spaces are limited! To ensure a spot please register early. Be sure to register prior to May 15, 2016, to avoid a late registration fee!! Registrations will not be accepted after June 11, 2016. Registration Handbooks can be picked up from the school office or by

emailing: stewart97@sbcglobal.net

Camp weeks are as follows:

Campers currently in 5th or 6th Grade:

Sunday, June 26 – Friday, July 1

Campers currently in 7th or 8th Grade:

Sunday, July 3 – Friday, July 8

Directors 5th & 6th Grade Week – Chris & Adrienne Schaefer (618-792-4971).

Directors 7th & 8th Grade Week – Mike & Amy Stewart (618-409-1327).