



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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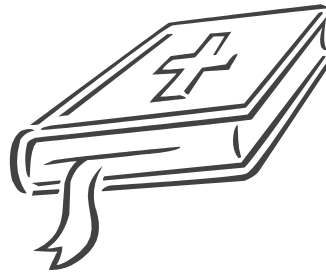
Something to Consider:

God will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

Psalm 72:12

A simple, one-word prayer is often the most heartfelt. But, brevity doesn't bother God. He knows exactly what you need— and it may differ considerably from what you want. You may want circumstances to change immediately or even for time to reverse itself.

Though God can and does work miracles, usually His help come in subtler ways, such as renewal of strength, an outpouring of hope, or a peace that passes understanding. It may come through the words of a friend, the kindness of a stranger, or the awesome wonder of a thunderstorm. The help God offers varies from situation to situation. But, one thing that never varies is God's dependability in answering your heartfelt prayers.



Charger Headlines:

Welcome—Name to a Face

I would like to welcome all of our new school and returning families to Good Shepherd for our 31st year of offering a quality Christian education. I ask that you would continue to support and partner with us so we can continue to achieve our mission.

Please take the opportunity to welcome and meet every family so they feel that Christian welcome and feel apart of the Good Shepherd Family! How are you with names and faces?

Automatic Tuition Program

All families should have their tuition agreements completed and submitted to TADS at this time. Please note that if your tuition agreement was submitted after your August payment is due based on your payment plan selection, you must initiate this payment. It will not automatically deduct and if the payment is not made it will incur a late fee! Please contact TADS with any questions at 800-477-8237.

Classroom Newsletters

Classrooms are again providing a newsletter online designed for their classroom. This will provide communication from the teacher to the families in each room. Our hope is this will enhance our partnership with each family in education.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Please stop by the school office if you have not filled out a form for the possibility of free or reduced lunches for 2016-17 school year. Please see attached for income guidelines.

Athletics Parent Volunteers

Athletic parents who did not make it to the Athletic Meeting, please stop by the school office to sign-up to volunteer at home games. All GSLS sports require that you must sign up for to volunteer for five slots before your student can participate. The sign up sheets will be available in the school office. Questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

GSLS Charger Challenge

We need you on August 27. Come

out to walk or run the 5k. OR, form a relay team to cover the 5k distance. Relay teams consist of 3 people, so get a couple friends to form a team. Teams can be all adults, all kids or a combination of adults and kids. OR, volunteer to help. We need people to hand out water, sliced fruit, etc.

All students who participate can wear their 2016 Charger Challenge shirt to School on Monday, August 29th.

Classroom Challenge, the classroom with the most registered participants will receive an ice cream party on August 29th. Be certain to enter a student's name or grade on the registration.

More information can be found at <http://www.gscls.org/run/> or you can email:

ChargerChallenge@gmail.com. The 2016 Charger Challenge will help fund new outdoor athletic fields which will include a baseball diamond and basketball courts.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, August 20

-Girls Pee Wee Basketball
8:00am

-Teacher Installation
5:30pm, Faculty to Sing

Sunday, August 21

-Teacher Installation/
Rededication 8:00am &
10:30am, Faculty to Sing

Monday, August 22

-Scrip Orders Due By
9:00am

Tuesday, August 23

-Girls ABC Volleyball Home
vs. Belleville 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 24

-Boys Baseball at Conference
Small Schools 4:00pm

Thursday, August 25

-Chapel 8:20am

-Girls ABC Volleyball Home
vs. Edwardsville 6:00pm

Friday, August 26

-Early Childhood—Gr. 8
Fall Pictures

-Boys Baseball Home vs.
Belleville 4:00pm

Saturday, August 27

-Charger Challenge 9:00am



Charger Headlines Continues...

Re-Sale Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, worked and shopped at the Standardized Dress Re-Sale Shop. Thank you to Robin P. for heading this year's event and all the volunteers who assisted. This year's sale was another great success due to everyone's generosity!

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, August 26th for grades Pre K through 8th grade. Standardized dress will be used as our dress for the day. The purpose of these pictures are for the yearbook. Forms were sent home.

Magazines Sales

Please RENEW your magazines through Good Shepherd Lutheran School, so we can receive 40% of the sale amount. Please tell your family and friends that their renewal will simply pick up where the subscription leaves off. Our Magazine Sale began August 16th.

Chapel

Just a reminder to everyone, please no shorts/capris on Thursdays for chapel.

Any noncompliance will be mentioned to the student and parent first. Repeated times will result in a note or phone call from the school office with further consequences. Your support and partnership is truly appreciated!

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are for sale for \$30.00. Books are available through the 8th grade students, Mr. Rincker or any 8th grade student. Proceeds will go towards the 2017 class trip.

Library Magazine Donations Needed

If you would like to help our library, please consider donating a magazine subscription for the year.

We would like the following magazines for the students to use: Clubhouse, Clubhouse Jr., Cricket, Brio, Breakaway, Ranger Rick, National Geographic – Kids, Zoobooks, Your Big Backyard, Sports Illustrated for Kids. Please contact the school office.

Arrival and Departure-Safety First

Patience..... This is the key to safe arrival and departure. Share this with your child's driver.

Always...Be careful when backing your car some students are not very tall.

Drive slowly – when arriving and departing. (Remind your teenage driver).

Drive according to the direction of parking spaces. Use the crosswalks and never walk between cars.

Please do not...Never, ever pass a car. This is VERY dangerous.

Do not park along the front of the building – even for a short period of time.

During dismissal you may park before the entrance to the church, but not after.

Before School...Please do not park or have a prolonged stop in the drop off lane (Yellow curb). Pull into a parking spot instead.

Drop off along the front of school and the J curve only.

Children can walk the length of the sidewalk to the front door of the school. You do not have to pull directly in front of the school for drop off. This will help so we do not have long lines.

The front doors will open at 7:45 a.m.

After School...

It is best to park and wait for your child to come to your car or park and walk to the school entrance to meet your child.

Please do not honk your horn and remember to be patient!

Please do not park in front of the church as you wait to pick up someone.

Standardized Dress

The dress code and visual pictures are available on the website with frequently asked questions with answers. Please help us maintain this by viewing and supporting the dress code.

Tardy Slips

Students arriving late to school must have a tardy slip to enter the classroom after the bell has rung. When you sign in your child, the student will be given a tardy slip to take to the teacher. Arriving late due to an appointment, please bring an excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

Visitors

All parents picking up or dropping off their child during school hours will need to stop in the office and sign out your child. Security for the children is important to us. All visitors who come into the school building during the school hours will be identified by wearing a

visitor's badge. When an individual signs in the school office, they will be issued a badge.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, August 22 & 29, Sept. 12 & 26. (have your order in the school office by 9:00a.m.)

Walk-up sales will resume on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Please remember to fill out a new registration form for this school year along with your first order!!!! The Scrip Program is a tuition reduction program for Good Shepherd Lutheran School families and friends. We strongly encourage all Good Shepherd families to purchase their groceries, gasoline, clothing and other goods and services using the SCRIP gift certificates. 50% of your credits earned may go toward the reduction of your tuition or you may donate your credits toward Good Shepherd Lutheran School's General Fund. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program.

Important Lunch Program Updates

Lunch prices will be \$2.60. Milk is \$.50. You will receive your monthly bill through the TADS program on the 25th of the following month.

Communication

Partnering to benefit your child's education and your journey here at Good Shepherd is important to us. Please refer to the handbook regarding communication located on our website. God's Blessings on the 2016-2017 school year!

Summer Challenge

Don't forget the Box Top and Labels Summer Challenge will be ending soon. The class that has collected the most box tops and labels over the summer and turns them in by this due date will win a free dress day in September. Please turn in these trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, August 28th. Thank you!

Charger Wear

Charger wear, including jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, etc... is available for purchase/ordering in the school office. Please submit your order forms and payment to the school office no later than September 1st.

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.

Challengers Program

This year, the Challengers program will be offered to ALL students in grades 2 to 4. Challengers is an exciting and unique program that offers learning activities in the areas of science, engineering, engineering, art, and math (STEAM.) Students will meet bi-monthly (see specific dates below.)

An annual \$20.00 fee will be assessed to help cover the cost of materials. For more information please contact Mrs. Petersen at 618-344-3153.

The Challengers meeting dates for 2016-2017 will be at 7:00 am on:

- September - 16, 30
- October - 14, 28

- November - 4, 18
- December - 2, 16
- January - 13, 27
- February - 10, 24
- March - 10, 24
- April - 7, 21

Backpack Blessings

Take an opportunity to say a little prayer each morning for your child. Place your hands on the backpack and have your children do the same, then have then repeat this prayer and blessing. Heavenly Father, bless this backpack and all it contains. Let this pack represent the coming school year and all that it entails. Lord

watch over me as I travel to school and back home. Bless me with courage as I enter ___ grade. Fill me with a love of learning and a passion for school. Bless my teachers with wisdom and compassion. Guide my choices and keep me mindful of my actions. Give me your Holy Spirit that my faith might grow and that I might love you more. I dedicate this backpack and this school year to you Lord, may my time at school bring you joy. May my thoughts and actions bring glory to your name.

In Jesus' Holy Name—Amen
 * Add some Bible verses inside to guide your child's day.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017:

**Income Eligibility Guidelines
 Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

Household Size	Free Meals 130% Federal Poverty Guideline					Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals 185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,444	1,287	644	504	297	1	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
For each additional family member, add	5,408	451	226	208	104	For each additional family member, add	7,696	642	321	296	148

The following is the definition of income:

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.