



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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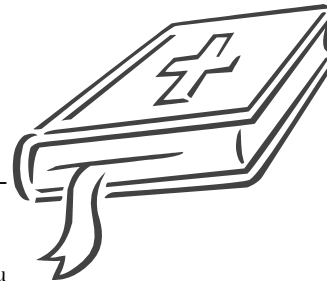
## Something to Consider:

**As you settle into the activities of this new school year, what should always be a part of your routine?**

You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands. I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. *Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

Daniel prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. *Daniel 6:10*

Your routine should always include reading God's Word and sharing it with friends or family, praying and attending church. Make these activities a priority, for you need them in order to have the peace, patience, and strength for everything else you do. Put God first and all other priorities will fall into order. Test God on this and watch him work power-



fully in your life.

## Charger Headlines:

### Harvest Fest News

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 2nd for the annual church and school Harvest Fest! Please consider signing up to help on the day of Harvest Fest. There is a need for volunteers and we would like to see "all hands on deck" to make a successful event. Volunteering is a great way to get to know others better, too! Look for a general sign-up sheet at church. Also, look for a Volunteer Spot link to directly sign up for the area you would like to help with. Any questions? Please call or e-mail Carrie Kober - 618-346- 1158 or ckrenning@hotmail.com

### Athletics

Parents with students in grades 4-8 who are participating in Cross Country, Volleyball,

Basketball and Track MUST sign up to work home games. Please stop by the school office. We are still in need of parents to work home athletic contests and tournaments. Students will not be allowed to participate if you have not signed up for 5 slots. Any questions, please give Mr. Mayhew a call.

### Welcome Student Teacher Hello!

My name is Ms. R. Thaelke. I am student teaching in Mrs. Rincker's 2nd grade classroom this semester. I am a senior at Concordia Chicago this year and will graduate with a Lutheran Elementary Education degree in May 2017. I grew up in St. Charles, MO and attended a Lutheran grade school and high school there. My dad has been serving as Music and Worship Director at Zion Lutheran

Church in St. Charles for 20 years now, and my mom is the school band director and church music assistant. My sister and her husband teach at a Lutheran school in Plano, TX, and my younger brother is a senior in high school.

I have been heavily involved in music for several years, especially at church. I play piano and violin, and I love to sing! I especially enjoy spending time with my family and friends and love to go on vacations and experience the expanse of God's beautiful creation.

I have an enormous joy and passion for kids and cannot wait to spend time with the students in and out of the classroom. I look forward to seeing how God blesses my experience here at Good Shepherd and having the opportunity to meet and get to know everyone here!

## A Look Ahead

### Saturday, September 3

-Girls Pee Wee Basketball 9:00am

### Monday, September 5

-NO SCHOOL - Labor Day,  
-ECC Closed

### Tuesday, September 6

-Boys Baseball at Alton 4:15pm

### Wednesday, September 7

-Girls CD Volleyball at Troy  
6:30pm

### Thursday, September 8

-Chapel 8:25am

-Boys Baseball Home vs Holy  
Cross 4:00pm

-Girls ABC Volleyball at Belle-  
ville 6:00pm

### Friday, September 9

-Girls A Volleyball at Green Park  
Tournament Through Saturday

-Girls B Volleyball Tournament  
at Edwardsville Through Satur-  
day

-Boys Baseball at Trinity Ed-  
wardsville Tournament Through  
Saturday

-Cross Country Alton Middle  
School at Gordon Moore Park  
4:15pm



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Parking Lot Reminders

The safety of your child is the most important thing and not can I get out of here in a hurry! We are now finishing our 3rd full week of school and I need to remind all drivers and people walking in the parking lot to....\*Use the crosswalk and don't just walk across without looking first! \* When walking, please beware of cars backing out, don't just walk behind them they may not see you. \*Drivers use the main drop off "yellow line" as a quick way to drop off otherwise use the J—curve and students can use the crosswalk. These are the only two drop off points. Questions are always welcome. Please, no cell phone usage while in line driving for arrival and dismissal.

## Magazine Sales

Thank you to the parents and students that helped make this sale a success. Thank you to the ladies that helped with the magazine sales and coordinating the workers.

## Charger Bucks—Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Sept. 12, 26; Oct. 24 & 31. (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 your 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.

## Relationships

It's very important that parents stay connected to the classroom teacher on how your child is doing in the classroom. Every student is in a new situation this year no matter if you are a new student or returning. These relationships help all involved so issues don't become just that. It takes us all to help your child. The teachers are calling each parent to see how things are going, please share and partner with them. Thanks!

## Pictures For Yearbook

We need your pictures!!! It is that time of the year again where we are thinking ahead to the yearbook. Please send in any pictures of sporting or scouting events, music events, classroom activities, field trips, parties, practices, and things I've forgotten. You can send pictures in through email to

jbatty@gslcs.org or kkrause@gslcs.org.

Pictures can also be sent in on a disk or flash drive. Thank you in advance for helping to make the yearbook great!

## Picture Day Thank You

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with picture day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Absent From School

If your child will be absent, please call the school office each morning so both the office and the teacher are informed. 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.

Please do not expose other children unne-

cessarily. Also, please pick up your child's work in T.R.A.C.K.S. (After School Care) 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.



## *COLLINSVILLE ITALIAN FEST*

### *Italian Chicken Breast Sandwiches*

*\$5.00*

*September 16th & 17th, 2016*

*We need your help!*

*Come out and support*

*the 8th grade class trip!!*

*We look forward to serving you*

*on Friday and Saturday!*

*Parking is available behind*

*The Evers Pharmacy building  
(\$5.00 donation)*

*Reserve The Date*

## 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: Eli W., Sydney B., Sam C.,

Millie C., De' Juan C., Christopher H., Makenzie K., Faith M., London R., Gabe S.

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...

## **Athletic Booster Sign-up**

Parents with students in grades 5-8 who are participating in athletics MUST sign up to work home games. Please contact Mr. Mayhew or stop by the school office. We are still in need of parents to work home athletic contests and tournaments. Students will not be allowed to participate if you have not signed up for 5 slots.

## **Birthday Book Club**

It's not too late to join the Birthday Book Club! During your student's birthday month, they will choose a new book from the School Library; a special Birthday Honor certificate is applied to the book and the student has the honor of being the first student to check it out. This is a VERY popular program that helps our Library grow! Please contact Mrs. Schnicker in the school office if you are interested.

## **GSLs Trivia Night**

Mark your calendars. The GSLs Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 12 at the American Legion in Collinsville. More information will be coming soon.

## **Welcome**

My name is C. Warren and I am in my second year of SIUE'S early childhood education program. I am excited to announce that I will be working as a student teacher on Tuesday and Thursday's in Mrs. Robinson's first grade classroom beginning on August 30th through December 8th. I am extremely blessed to have the opportunity to work, learn, and grow with the students and teachers of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and getting to know your children during my time at Good Shepherd. I am a 22 year old who graduated from Edwardsville High School when I then decided to attend Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville. Ever since I was young, I knew that I would pursue a career in early childhood education. Working with children and students of all ages has always been a passion of mine. Making an impact on children's lives in and out of a classroom is something that I plan to do when I graduate in the spring. Some fun facts about me are that my favorite color is blue, I am in love with Bread Company's Greek salads, and I love being surrounded by family and friends. I believe that I am here today because God has a special plan for me,

and I look forward to all of the wonderful things the future has to offer.

## **Heart of Our Hero T-shirts**

Monday, August 29 was the last day to order a t-shirt. The order will be placed on Tuesday, August 30th.

## **Routines and Procedures**

As we finished the second week of school there are many things that are still new to a brand new year. I want to stress some of the following items to make sure we are all doing the same things. First, make sure you understand drop off and pick up procedures...safety is first in what we do...your child may be dropped off at the yellow line to expedite the process. Second, if you have any questions about the classrooms, please contact the teacher as you are partnering with them in behalf of your child. And finally, we appreciate an open communication for all parents concerns to be addressed by the principal. And we ask for your prayers daily as we seek excellence. That is what makes our school special!

## **Late and Early Departure**

When a child arrives after the bell, you and your child must go to the office first and sign in. When a child needs to be picked up early, the parent will need to sign the child out and then wait for the child to come to the office. Please do not go to the classroom by yourself. The teachers have been instructed not to dismiss the child unless the office calls the room to verify it. Your child's safety is important to us!

## **Safety Drills and Preparation**

At the beginning of each school year, the staff reviews and students practice drills related to fire safety, tornado safety, earthquake safety, and other emergencies such as hostage taking, bombs, etc. These are unpleasant but necessary considerations.

Mr. Mayhew welcomes questions. Please pray for the continued safety of our children and all children.

## **Classroom Magazine Donations**

If you would like to help your child's homeroom, please consider donating a magazine subscription for the year.

Contact the teacher for more information.

## **Magazines Sales**

The magazine sale ends Friday, Sept 2nd. RENEW your magazines through Good Shepherd Lutheran School! Please tell your family and friends that their renewal

will simply pick up where the subscription leaves off. Proceeds will be used to support important goals and programs that benefit our children.

## **GSLs Resale Shopping Spree**

Mark your calendars for the GSLs Uniform Resale Shopping Spree that will be held on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 am to noon at GSLs. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event, donated standardized dress clothing and of course shoppers! Please contact Robin P. at 334-5735 with questions.

## **Harvest Fest News**

Harvest Fest will be Sunday, October 2nd. If you would like to volunteer for some of the activities, please look for the sign-up sheet in the church entryway. You can also email Carrie K. at ckenring@hotmail.com or call 618-346-1158.

## **Room Parent Meeting**

Our annual room parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 9:15am after chapel. We will have the meeting in the cafeteria. This is a very important meeting for our volunteers with procedures, dates, and other important information will be shared to better support teachers in their classrooms. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office for the information.

## **BTLP Summer Challenge**

Don't forget the Box Top and Label Summer Challenge will be ending soon. Please turn in your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, August 31st. The grade that collects the most box tops and labels will win a free dress day in September. Thank you for your support!

## **School Wear Orders**

It is not too late to order GSLs school wear. The order deadline has been extended to Thursday, September 1st. If placing an order, please return the form to the school office with payment.

## **Girl Scouts**

Hi! My name is Robin Pinkel and I am the contact person for Girl Scouts at GSLs. For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has inspired girls to be leaders in their families, leaders in their communities, and leaders for America. Girl Scouts range in grades from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Contact me at 618-346-1865 or pinkel72@yahoo.com to find out more!