



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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Something to Consider:

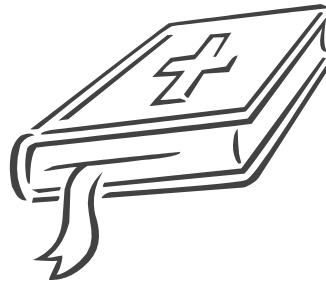
How rich is God's grace, which he has given to us so fully and freely.

Ephesians 1:7-8

Grace is the ultimate free gift. You don't deserve it. You can't earn it. It will never wear out or grow thin. It fits you perfectly, no matter who you are. All you have to do to receive this life-changing gift is ask for it.

Even though this gift is free, that doesn't mean it didn't come at a high price. But, God and His Son felt you were worth it. Jesus gave His life so that God's grace could change yours-not only your life here on Earth, but throughout eternity.

Take a moment to think about God's gift of grace-and what it cost to extend it so freely to you. Thank God for the difference it's made in your life.



Charger Headlines:

Open House

Please note, the Open House is scheduled for Monday, September 26th. The times are as follows: 7:00 & 7:30pm for Grades K-Gr. 4; 7:30 & 8:00pm for Grades 5-8. Please plan to attend.

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive on Monday, October 24, from 2:00-6:00 in the fellowship hall. You can sign up on line at www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org and use the sponsor code 9887. The summer months are very hard on the blood supplies. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

MELHS Golf Outing

The 28th Annual Sigmund Bohnet Golf Outing in support of the ministry at Metro-East Lutheran High School will take place on Saturday, October 15th with a 12:30 afternoon shotgun start to be held at

Arlington Greens Golf Course. There will be great food, fun, fellowship and golf as we support Lutheran Secondary Education.

Please plan your foursome now and for additional information contact the school office or go to our website at www.melhs.org.

Summer Challenge

Congratulations!! The winning grade of the Box Tops and Labels Summer Challenge is the 2nd grade - Mrs. Lingafelter and Mrs. Rincker's classes. They collected a total of 1,096 box tops and labels with a per student average of 37 box tops and labels. Their prize is a free dress day in September! Overall, the students at GSLS collected 5,959 box tops and labels. We are off to a great start this year! A big thank you to all the families that participated!

Parking at the Italian Fest

The eighth grade class is offering parking during the Italian Fest on Clay Street for \$5.00 per

vehicle (behind the building where the Evers Pharmacy was formally located). Proceeds will go toward the 2017 class trip.

GSLS Trivia Night

Do you know random things? Usually have the answers to questions? Or just want to have a good time and some laughs? Join us for a fun night of trivia on November 12th, 2016 at the American Legion in Collinsville, Illinois! Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. Teams of 8 welcome to compete for prizes and play games. Please call the school office to reserve your table of 8 for \$120! A great way to help support the ministry of Good Shepherd.

What's on the list for topics? A lil bit of advertising trivia, a dash of music trivia and bits of random trivia. Dress in your best 80's gear to win a prize for best costume and be sure to complete the fun by decorating your table with your very favorite 80's theme for another chance at a fun prize!

A Look Ahead

Saturday, September 10

- Girls Pee Wee Basketball 9:00am
- Girls A Volleyball at Green Park Tournament
- Girls B Volleyball at Edwardsville Tournament
- Boys Baseball at Trinity Edwardsville Tournament

Monday, September 12

- Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am
- Boys Baseball vs Dupo 4:00pm
- Board Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 13

- Girls ABC Volleyball at Edwardsville 6:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14

- Boys Baseball at Conference Small Schools 4:00pm

Thursday, September 15

- Chapel 8:25am
- Room Parent Meeting 9:15am in the Cafeteria

Friday, September 16

- Mid Quarter
- PS 4's Field Trip
- Italian Fest Through Saturday
- Girls A Volleyball Belleville Tournament



Charger Headlines Continues...

Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon!!

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

·Set the example. Let children see you read.

·Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.

·Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: October 25th-27th

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school! Also, if you are interested in volunteering during the fair, please contact: mcombs@gslcs.org or jlingafelter@gslcs.org.

GSLs Trivia Committee

Please mark your calendars for our next trivia meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. In the school conference room.

Lice Volunteers Needed

Although Good Shepherd students have not experienced problems with lice nearly as often as is becoming more common, we must remain vigilant and deal with situations immediately. Lice are no respecter of

cleanliness. To have lice does not mean a child or family is unclean.

Parents are **REQUIRED** to immediately report to the school if their child is found to have lice. **THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.** The school, at minimum, inspects the student, siblings, and all students in classes of affected students. **STUDENTS CANNOT RETURN TO CLASS OR ANY SCHOOL ACTIVITY UNTIL THEY ARE "NIT FREE"** as determined by the school office. By working together, we can keep problems with lice to the bare minimum. Please consider making yourself available to help inspect children for lice. Training and gloves will be provided. Contact the school office (344-3153) if you can make yourself available on an as-needed basis.

Copy Crew Volunteers Needed

The school office is looking for parent volunteers to help run copies for our teachers. We have Tuesday and Friday mornings available. If interested, please give the office a call.

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 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.

School Counseling

Hi! I am Mrs. Cuddeback the counselor here at Good Shepherd. I am a licensed clinical social worker with experience in family and individual counseling, grief counseling and counseling in schools. I will be at school on Tuesdays. If you think your child might benefit from additional support, you have concerns about your child, or you need assistance with resources in the community, contact me. This year we again have a grant from LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association) that supports special character programming in your child's classroom. Look for information in your student's classroom newsletter on the topics we cover and ask your child about the activities!

MELHS Cheerleading Clinic

Cheerleading Clinic at Metro East Lutheran High on Saturday, September 24th from 11 to 3. All girls from grades 1-8 are welcome (some exceptions can be made for younger girls). It is \$25 to attend, and each girl will be provided with lunch and a t-shirt. We will be performing a cheer before the homecoming game on Friday, September 30th. To sign up or ask any questions, please email Morgan Rodgers at morgsrodgers@gmail.com.

In Our Prayers this Week:

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the school families. Please remem-

ber these and others in your prayers. Quintin B., Joey C., Lillie C., Eli G., Jordan G.,

Abbey G., Marlaina G., Riquerah G.

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...

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 beau-

tiful 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!

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.

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 unnecessarily. 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.
