



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Fifth Edition
September 16, 2016

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Something to Consider:

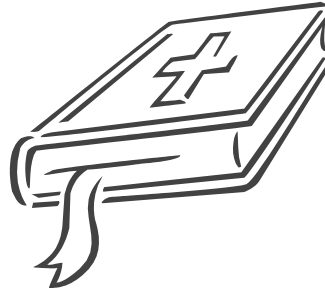
Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 4:10

It takes courage to go where God leads. He'll often take you right to the doorstep of your greatest fears, put you face to face with someone you can't stand to be around, or bring a

situation into your life that seems impossible to work out. Don't panic. Those are the times when you can really see God's power in action.

You were never created to handle tough times alone. Consider David. The only reason he could conquer a giant was because God was with Him. You have the some advantage. God is fighting every battle with you, never against you.



So, take courage. Stand up to the giants in your life. With God's help, victory is at hand.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, September 17
-Girls Pee Wee Basketball 9:00am
-GSLs Italian Fest Booth
Proceeds Toward 8th Grade
Class Trip 2017

Sunday, September 18
-Cherub Choir 8:00am
-Christ's Kids Choir 10:30am

Monday, September 19
-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am
-Boys Baseball at Dupo 4:00pm

Tuesday, September 20
-Gr. 3&4 at MELHS Field Day
-Girls AC Volleyball Home vs
Bethalto 6:30pm
-Boys Baseball SIJHSA
Regional Conference
Tournament Through Sept.
27th
-Cross Country Edwardsville XC
Invite 4:00 at SIUE

Wednesday, Sept. 21
-Boys Baseball Home vs Ed-
wardsville 4:00pm
-Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed.

Thursday, Sept. 22
-Chapel 8:25am
-Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed.

Friday, September 23
-NO SCHOOL—School Improve-
ment Day
-GSLs Volleyball Tournament

Charger Headlines:

Italian Fest This Weekend
Come out and support the 8th grade class at the Italian Fest this Friday and Saturday, September 16th & 17th. Stop by their booth for a \$5.00 Italian Chicken Sandwich. We look forward to serving you. \$5.00 Parking is available behind the former Evers Pharmacy building on Clay Street. All proceeds will go toward the 2017 class trip.

Needed— Recycled Paper
If anyone has access to recycled 8 1/2 X 11 white paper, please contact the school office. We would use the back side to run copies on.

Mid-Quarter Reports
Mid-Quarter reports will be sent home Monday, Sept. 19th by email. If you have questions, please contact the homeroom teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with their teacher. Use this report as a tool to help your child.

Athletic Booster Sign-up
Parents with students in grades 4-8 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 tourna-

ments. Students will not be allowed to participate if you have not signed up for 5 slots.

GSLs Trivia Committee
Please mark your calendars for our next trivia meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. In the school conference room. Refer to page 3 of this newsletter for a flier with more information on Trivia Night.

Cans Needed
Mrs. Petersen's Electives class is in need of clean, empty cans with both the top and bottom lids removed. If you can help out, please send your cans to Mrs. Petersen's classroom. Thank you!



Charger Headlines Continues...

Smart Phone Usage by Students

Take time to look at the posting on the GSLS lobby board with good guidelines for children with cell phones. Set up good restrictions and safe procedures. It is very important that parents educate their children on the importance of the dangers of owning smart phone. Limits should be agreed upon for their safety. A helpful link is <http://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/3-online-trends-parents-need-to-warn-their-kids-about.html>.

Box Tops & Labels Program

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, September 28th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's home-room.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are still available for sale for \$30.00. Call the school office, contact Mr. Rincker, or see any 8th grade student. Proceeds will go towards the 2017 class trip.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Sept. 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.

Chapel Offering

Thank you for the Chapel offering collected for the Sue H. mission. We collected \$354.18.

GSLS Marketing Committee

The GSLS Marketing Committee will meet on September 25th at 11:30 am in the school conference room. Please come and bring your ideas for marketing our school!

Thank You

Thank you for all the volunteers, bakers and runners that helped make the 2016 Charger Challenge 5K and 5K Relay a success. The race had 57 registered runners, ranging in ages 5 to 74. Congratulations to 6th grade for winning the Classroom Challenge by recruiting 11 registered runners.

Ink Cartridges

This year we are again collecting used ink jet cartridges as a fundraiser for our technology program. Please send them with your child and place them in the box located by the Scrip Office. Thank you for your support.

Heart of Our Hero T-shirts

The Heart of Our Hero t-shirt orders have come in and were sent home this week. Thank you for your participation.

MELHS Shadow Day

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites prospective students to come "Shadow" for a day and see what life is like in the "Life of a

Knight." Prospective students are encouraged to shadow one of our current students and spend the day in classrooms, chapel, lunch, and visiting with students, faculty and staff, and become familiar with the daily ministry of Lutheran High. Interested students should contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

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 per family 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 7:00am 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

Metro-East Lutheran High Host Families

Metro-East Lutheran High school is looking for up to three host families for student teachers from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska who will be at Lutheran High from October 17th thru December 9th of this school year (2nd quarter). If you are interested in hosting one of these student teachers please contact Dr. Jay Krause at 618-656-0043 or jay.krause@melhs.org

In Our Prayers this Week:

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

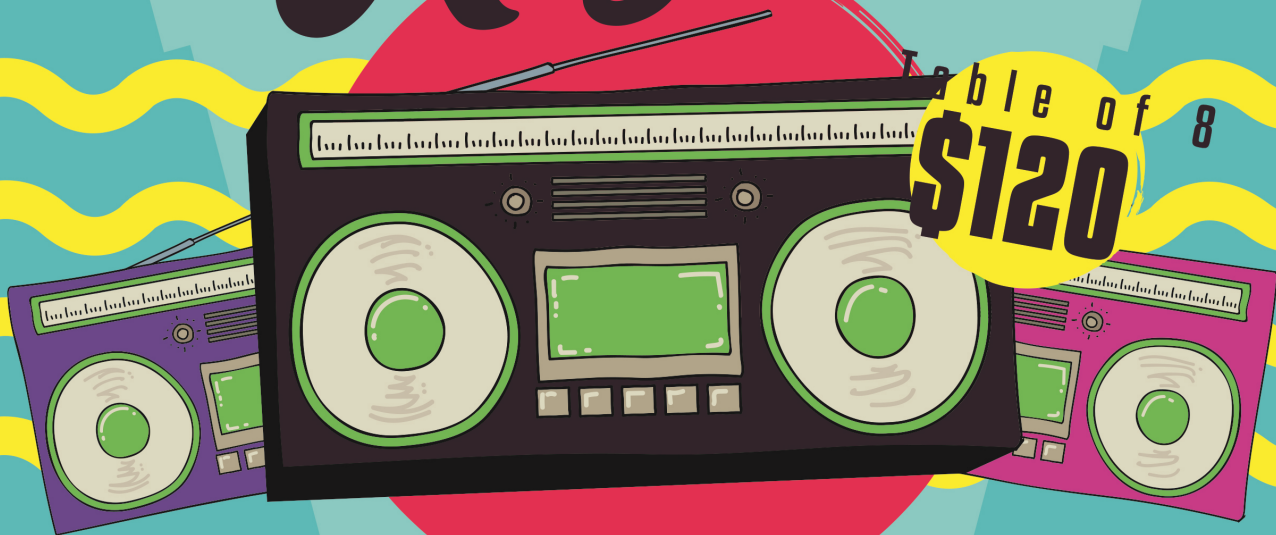
Please remember these and others in your prayers. The families of: Katie B., Troy

C., Caleb C., Grace C., Ben D., Alex H., Emma H., Andrew H.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

TRIVIA *Night*



AMERICAN LEGION, COLLINSVILLE, IL

NOVEMBER 12th, 2016

Doors open at 6 p.m., Trivia from 7-9:30 p.m.

BEST 80'S TABLE DECOR PRIZE - BEST 80'S COSTUME PRIZE

1ST AND 2ND PLACE CASH PRIZES

GAMES -BYO FOOD - SILENT AUCTION

ALL BEVERAGES MUST BE PURCHASED AT EVENT

PLEASE CALL (618) 344-3153 TO BOOK YOUR TABLE

ENJOY YOUR ADULT EVENING!

Retreads...

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!

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@gsls.org or jlingafelter@gsls.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 cleanli-

ness. 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.

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.
