



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Eighth Edition
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Something to Consider:

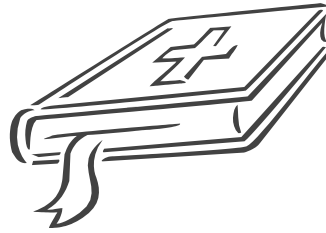
**Know that the Lord, He is God;
it is He who has made us, and
not we ourselves; we are His
people and the sheep of His pas-
ture.**

Psalm 100:3

In the sixties, young adults were obsessed with “finding themselves.” They experimented with drugs, communal living, “free love,” and transcendental meditation. Unfor-

tunately, these are ways of losing yourself, rather than finding your-
self.

What was true in the sixties is true today. There’s only one way to find your true identity-believe what God has to say about you. God says you’re loved, forgiven, unique, and eternally significant. As His child, you’re also part of a new family that is destined to make a positive im-
pact on this world and the next.



Take a moment to thank God for the many ways He’s helping you “find yourself” in Him.

Charger Headlines:

Harvest Fest

Thank you to the committee for all your work and to all the parents that helped with setting up, decorations, signage, doing the behind the scenes and taking down. We were blessed with beautiful weather, had an awesome day, and great fellowship for the entire school and church families. It’s nice to see what can happen when we all volunteer our time and efforts!

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive on Monday, October 24, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All of the blood donated stays in the Metro East Region and helps so many people right

around us. Please consider donating for this wonderful and much needed cause.

Box Tops

The winning class for the Box Top and Labels Program contest for the month of September is Mrs. Daniel's class (5-1). Mrs. Daniel's students collected 178 box tops and labels with an average of 8 per student.

We ended August with a total of 5,959 box tops and labels and added 728 more this month, for a total of 6,687 box tops and labels collected for 2016-2017 so far.

Fall Workday

The Fall Workday at Good Shepherd will be on Saturday, October 22 starting at 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Please bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. to help.

Attention All Veterans!

The students of Good Shepherd Lutheran School would like to invite you to a special assembly in honor of all veterans on Thursday, November 10, at 2:00p.m. in the school gym. The students would like to just say “thank you” to all those who have served our country throughout the years. It is a wonderful time for us to teach them about patriotism and the sacrifices that have been given for our freedoms. If you can attend, please let the school office know by calling 344-3153, or e-mail Peg Rincker at: princker@gscls.org. Please join us!

A Look Ahead

Saturday, October 8

-Girls Pee Wee Basketball
9:00am

Monday, October 10

-NO SCHOOL—Columbus Day
-No Scrip Orders This Week
-Board Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 11

-Girls Pee Wee Basketball
6:30 & 7:15pm
-Cross Country Highland Middle 4:00pm at Highland High School

Wednesday, October 12

-2nd Grade Field Trip

Thursday, October 13

-Chapel 8:25am
-1st Grade Field Trip
-Girls AB Home vs Green Park 6:30pm

Friday, October 14

-End of Quarter
-Girls C Volleyball at Belleville Tournament Through Saturday

Saturday, October 15

-Cross Country SIJHSAA State Meet



Charger Headlines Continues...

Reminder for Parents

Parents who have children participating in extra curricular activities after 4:00 p.m. will need to enter the school by the T.R.A.C.K.S. area. Children will exit through the main doors of the school after practices.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, Oct. 24 & 31, Nov. 14, & 28. Please have your order in the school office by 9:00 a.m. on these dates.

Walk-up sales will continue on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings between services.

Trivia Night

It is not too late to sign up for GSLS Trivia Night scheduled for Saturday, November 12th at the American Legion in Collinsville. A table of 8 is \$120.00. Tables are limited, so please turn in your registration ASAP to the school office to reserve your table. Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia begins at 7:00pm. There will be cash prizes for the trivia winners, for best 80's costume, and best 80's table décor. We will have fun games and a chance to win a fun prize. Teams are welcome to bring snacks to share with your table. NO outside drinks are permitted. This fundraiser is in place of the Christmas Sale and Candy Sale.

Involvement

Do you know what your children are doing at school or even outside of school activities? Studies have shown that by being involved produces positive outcomes. By being involved you show that you care, but you also model the behavior to your children, so they see the importance of helping others too!

Mosaic Pregnancy Center

We are collecting diapers and wipes again at the Life Team Booth to give to the local pregnancy center, Mosaic. Please consider bringing in a donation 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.

Congratulations Cross Country

Congratulations to the GSLS Cross Country Team for their accomplishments at the Belleville Meet. Our boys team place 1st and our girls team placed 2nd. Ellie M. (6th grade) earned the GSLS Top Girl Finisher and Kanalu W. (6th grade) was the GSLS Top Boy Finisher.

MELHS Change Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the change drive for MELHS. With your help and support it was a success! The change drive is in support of Metro East Lutheran High's Annual Benefit Auction to take place November 4th at the Doubletree Hotel in Collinsville at 5:00pm. Reservations are required and due by October 17th, tickets are \$50.00.

Special \$1.00 Fridays

On two Fridays, October 14 and 28th, the students will be able to wear jeans on these days by bringing in a \$1.00. The tops will be standardized dress. Proceeds will go

towards the Trivia Night on Nov.12th. Hope you would support the cause by joining in on the fun and bringing in a \$1.00 to your teacher that day for a free Jeans Day!

Athletic Boosters

We need your help from families that have students in athletics, grades 4-8. We are in need of workers for the winter sports season. That includes girls and boys home basketball games and the 29th Annual Good Shepherd Invitational Basketball, which consists of 16 teams on November 17-20. Please contact the office or Mr. Mayhew.

Surveys to Parents

We have asked all school families in K-8 and those Good Shepherd Church families with children in K-8 who do not attend GSLS to participate in this study. We sent survey requests to 198 families and had 87 responses for 45%. The responses from GSLS members was 51.7%, where as community was 48.3%. Thank you all for your help in making Good Shepherd a better school while we work together!

MELHS

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites prospective students and families to come "Shadow" for a day and see what a day is like in the "Life of a Knight." Prospective students are encouraged to shadow one of our current students and family members can visit the school anytime during the day and meet with our Principal, Dr. Jay Krause. Students will spend a day in classrooms, chapel, lunch, and visit with current students, faculty, coaches, and administrators while getting to know the dynamic ministry of Lutheran High. Interested students and families should contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

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:

Andrew B., Brady B., Natalia B., Alyssa B., Kylie B., Jonah C.,

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...

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The homeroom teachers will be emailing out Parent/Teacher Conference information for your convenience in scheduling a time to meet with the teacher. Conferences are scheduled for Thurs. and Fri., Oct. 20-21. Your child's report card will be available at your scheduled meeting time.

The following are ways to help you prepare for the conference:

1. Talk with your child before the conference regarding why there are conferences, seek ways to partner with the school, ask about any specific concerns regarding schoolwork or relationships with classmates.
2. Prepare questions such as, "Is my child meeting expectations for learning and behavior?, Does my child pay attention?, If my child is struggling what can we do to help the situation?"
3. Be ready to collaborate, not attack or defend! Teachers will give parents bad news because they want the child to do better. Remember the teacher has the child's best interest in mind. Don't get defensive, but indicate how we can partner with the school in finding a solution for improvement?.
4. If the teacher doesn't offer positive information, ask directly! Remember teachers often only hear negative comments too. Be sure to try to offer a compliment, a thank-you, etc. to let the teacher know you appreciate what they are trying to do to help your child-even when it doesn't seem to be working.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand or feel your concerns are not being addressed.

Conferences are just that, a time to interact with the teacher regarding your child. How you approach the conference will determine what you will benefit from the conference. Please remember the conference is the time to discuss matters and not elsewhere. If you have questions about conferences, please call and I will help so the conference will be positive for all involved.

Harvest Fest

This fun filled event will take place this Sunday, October 2 from 2-6 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to meet people.

NO SCHOOL

There is no school Friday, October 7th and Monday, October 10th. All classes resume Tuesday, October 11th.

WE HAVE A HASHTAG!

Whenever you're posting on social media about Good Shepherd, please put #gslschangers at the end of your post. Let's all promote our wonderful school in this way!

Lunch & TRACKS Charges

All lunch and TRACKS charges will be due on the 25th of the following month.

McTeacher Night

The McDonalds on the Belt Line Rd is sponsoring a McTeacher Night on Tuesday, October 4th from 4:00-8:00p.m. Twenty percent of the proceeds from 4:00-8:00pm will be given to GSLS.

Medicine Distribution

GSLS does not provide pain reliever or any other medicines to the students. Please send in a package of your preferred pain relief, etc. Please label with your child(ren's) name to be stored in the school office for their use only while at school. All medicines need to be taken to the school office for proper distribution. Please complete a new medication form and send it in to the school for your child's medicine file located in the school office. The authorization form for medication distribution is on the front page of our website.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Cancer Companions Date Changes

If you are a cancer patient (newly diagnosed or long-time survivor), family, friend, or caregiver in need of a listening ear or caring heart, join us as we explore and discuss several topics on nine Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 pm. (Note the date and time changes.) Beginning:
October 5 Introduction.
October 12 Faith

October 19 Questions

October 26 Healing

November 2 Prayer

November 9 Stress Reduction

November 16 Relationships

November 23 Communication

November 30 Healthy Living

There are brochures in the school office, church office, and ECC lobby for more information or you may call the church office 618-344-3151.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is on October 25th-27th. The Book Fair is a great way to encourage reading! It also helps to build our school and classroom libraries. Please make plans to visit. Shopping Hours: 7:50-8:40 am and 2:50-3:40 pm each day.

We are also in need of volunteers. Please consider donating an hour of your time before or after school. Go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ca9ad2da7fc1-book> to find a time slot that fits into your schedule.

Thank You!

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MELHS Change Drive

We will hold a change drive in support of Metro East Lutheran High's Annual Benefit Auction Mon., Oct. 3rd, through Thursday, Oct. 6th. Gather up your "spare change" and drop it in the classroom containers. The class that collects the most per student will be treated to a pizza party.

Open House

Thank you for attending this year's Open House on Monday, September 26. This is always a great mid-point in the first quarter to see what is being done in the classroom and the ability to ask questions to help clarify any topics. Your partnership is valuable when there is two way communication.

Athletic Boosters

If you have a child in athletics in grades 4-8, it is important to stop in the office and help volunteer for home contests or Tournaments. These events help us fund the athletics by paying entry fees for our teams, purchasing equipment, and uniforms. We need your help so we can provide workers and represent Good Shepherd in a good way. Thank you for those parents who have helped in our volleyball events and tourney! Please contact Mr. Mayhew for assisting in basketball home contests and the GSLS Tourney with 16 teams.

Thank You

Thank you to the 5th grade for sponsoring the Standardized Dress Re-Sale Shop last month. A special thank you to coordinator, R. Pinkel, and all the volunteer parents. This year's sale earned \$853.50 and was a great success due to everyone's generosity!

Proceeds from this event benefit GSLS Scholarship Fund.

Book Covers

We received \$207.50 from the sale of the book covers this year. The proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. A special thank you to L. Sengele' and the many volunteers.