



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Ninth Edition  
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## Something to Consider:

**I will spend time thinking  
about your miracles.**

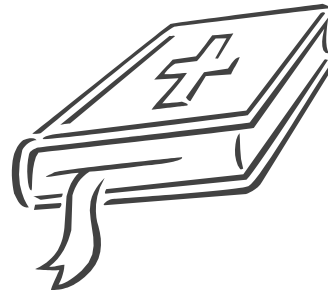
**Psalm 145:5**

Meditation gets a bad rap. It gets tied in with the New Age movement, Eastern religion, even weight-loss programs. But, in Old Testament times, god told people to meditate on Him.

Meditating on God - His char-

acter, His miracles, and His words as communicated in the Bible-helps you understand more about what God is like. It helps change your thinking and your behavior, from the inside out.

Set aside five uninterrupted minutes today to mediate on god. Choose one quality of His character and think about the difference it makes in your life.



Let it lead you to give thanks and praise and draw you closer to the heart of God himself.

## A Look Ahead

### Sunday, October 16

-Singing for the Savior Choir  
8:00am  
-Seraphim Choir 10:30am

### Tuesday, October 18

Grade 3 Field Trip

### Wednesday, October 19

-Kindergarten Field Trip

### Thursday, October 20

-NO SCHOOL Parent  
Teacher Conferences  
9:00am-7:00pm

### Friday, October 21

-NO SCHOOL Parent  
Teacher Conferences 9:00am  
-4:00pm

### Saturday, October 22

-Fall Work Day 8:00- Noon  
-Girls A Volleyball  
Conference Tournament

## Charger Headlines:

### Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wed., Oct. 26th. Please send your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

### 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- 8:40am and 2:50-3:40pm each day.

### Recycling 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.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

There is NO SCHOOL Thursday and Friday, Oct. 20th-21st for parent/Teacher Conferences. Your child's report card will be available at your scheduled meeting time. This is a great time to continue partnering with your child's teacher for a great Christian education.

### Jeans Day \$1.00 Fridays

Thank you to all that participated in our first Jeans Day on Friday, October 14th. We collected a total of \$174.

Our next Jeans Day is scheduled for Friday, October 28th.

The students will be able to wear jeans on this day by bringing in a \$1. 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 to your teacher that day for a Jeans Day!

### MELHS Change Drive

Mrs. Robinson's class collected \$80.55 and the entire school collected \$438.96. Thank you so much from the MELHS Auction Committee and school. We appreciate every penny!

### Copy Crew Volunteers

The school office is looking for parent volunteers to help run copies for our teachers. We have Tuesdays and Fridays available. If interested in helping out a couple hours each week, please give the office a call.



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# Charger Headlines Continues...

## 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.

## Lost and Found

Is your child missing a sweater, sweatshirt or even a pair of glasses? Check the lost and found in the school office and gym to claim your missing items.

## Fall Work Day

Mark your calendars! Fall work day is Saturday, October 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The property board would appreciate any help to keep the grounds looking great. Bring your shovels, rakes, and trimmers etc.

## School's Out Club

On weekdays when regular school is not in session, extended care will be available for those who request it, at an extra charge. The following are School's Out Club dates in November, 2016.

Friday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day and Wed., Nov. 23, day before Thanksgiving. Stop by ECC or TRACKS to pick-up the Reservation Form. Please fill out the form and return it to Mrs. Bedard or Mr. Bohler by Friday, October 28th. There will be an additional charge of \$5 per day for enrolling after the Oct. 28th deadline. We are offering extended day hours from 6-6 and School Day hours 7:45-3:30. Each child should bring a sack lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating.

## Trivia Night

Our first 80's Trivia Night Fund Raiser is coming soon! We are asking for your HELP. This Trivia Night will be replacing the yearly Christmas Sales and Candy Sales. We are asking for each "Family" to donate a gift card (You can use Charger Bucks-Scrip) with a minimum amount \$10. The gift card can be any amount to any location. We will be using these gift cards at our Trivia Night.

We appreciate your help and hope that eliminating two yearly fundraisers, Christmas Sale and Candy Sale, will be a little easier on you!!!

We encourage you to join us for this fun filled night.

- Saturday, November 12, 6:00-9:30pm.
- American Legion, Collinsville
- Tables of 8 are \$120
- Table sign up deadline is 10/31/16

Please stop by the office to mark your spot, gather up your friends and family for a fun night out! There are lots of prizes, silent auction items, and much, much, more.

We appreciate your help to make this event a successful fundraiser for our school! Blessings!

Trivia Committee and Mr. Mayhew

## Winter Sports Season

Our next sports season is approaching quickly. The Boys Basketball season will begin Monday, October 24. The practice schedules will be given out to all boys interested in playing. The coaches will be Mr. Mayhew - AB Teams; Mr. Kober and

Mr. Wilson - CD Teams.

The Girls Basketball season will begin on Monday, November 7th. The practice schedules will be given out to all girls interested in playing. The coaches will be Ms. Simmons and Mrs. Gary.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

## MELHS Open House

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, November 6th from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon at Lutheran High School. Come find out more about this dynamic ministry and take a tour, visit with faculty and administration, get information on financial assistance and scholarships, and get all of your questions answered. For more information or to RSVP please contact the school office at 618-656-0043 or email us at [office@melhs.org](mailto:office@melhs.org).

## MELHS Visit Day

The 8th grade visit day is scheduled for Friday, October 28th. The purpose of this visit is to expose 8th graders to a high school setting, explain the differences between middle school and high school in terms of academics and activities, give them advise on how to have a successful transition to high school, and inform the students about Metro-East Lutheran High School and its mission. Simply put—the better a student does in high school, the more options he/she will have after high school. Therefore, we want to help students succeed—no matter what high school they attend. In order to be successful, they must know what to expect. Knowing is half the battle!

# 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:

James A., Keegan A., Livia B., Ezra C., Emilie C.

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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...

## **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.

## **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@gslcs.org](mailto:princker@gslcs.org).

Please join us!

## **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.

## **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](http://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.