



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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## Something to Consider:

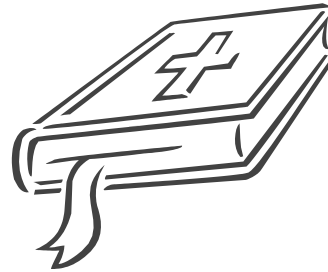
Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:13-14

“Once a parent, always a parent,” as the wise old saying goes. If you have children of any age, you know that they will always be in your heart. God never intended parenting to be an “until you’re grown

and out of the house” proposition. He meant it to last a lifetime. Yes, indeed, the relationship changes, but it never disappears.

God wants you to know you will always be His child. As you grow and mature, there will be times of discipline, times of instruction, times of close parental care. And as you grow older, there will be times of blessed



friendship and sweet communion with your Father. Your relationship will change with time, but it will last for eternity.

## Charger Headlines:

### Advent Season

This season brings great joy and giving. As we await for the coming of the Lord, let us always set our mind on Him and the true message of Christmas. Good Shepherd has services available the next three Wednesdays at 4:30 & 7:00pm with a soup supper in between. Come and celebrate the coming of our Lord!

### Christmas Concert PreK–Gr. 2

The Preschool-Gr. 2 Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm.

Kindergarten and preschool students should meet in the cafeteria at 6:45pm.

Grades 1-2 should meet in the music room at 6:45pm.

String students will be performing and should meet in the church sanctuary at 6:45pm (including K-2 string students, they will just skip their choir warm-ups).

Concert dress for Preschool-Gr. 2: nice dress clothes of any color.

(Please, no denim). Doors to the

church will open at 6:30pm.

Please do not arrive earlier than 6:30pm.

### Christmas Concert Gr. 3-8

The grade 3-8 Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm.

7th and 8th Band students should arrive at 6:40pm, immediately put instruments together in the cafeteria and come to the Church Sanctuary.

Grade 5-8 choir students will meet in the cafeteria at 6:40pm.

Grades 3-4 will meet in the music room at 6:40pm.

Strings students may put cases in the sacristy (small room in the front of the church) and meet in the sanctuary at 6:40 pm.

Parents and guests: doors will open at 6:30pm. Please do not arrive earlier as you will not be able to enter and be seated until 6:30pm due to student supervision.

All Band students will need instruments and music.

Concert dress for grades 5-8: black

bottoms and white dress shirt/blouse.

Concert dress for Gr. 3-4: best dress of any color. (Please, no denim).

### Christmas Concert DVDs

Complete the order form available in the office or at the concert if you would like to order a DVD of the Gr. 3-8 or PreK-2 Christmas Concerts. The cost will be \$14 for each DVD. The concerts will be on separate DVDs. DVD orders MUST be TURNED IN by the Friday following the concert.

### Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree

Look for the Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree in the school lobby until Thursday, December 15th. We will be collecting warm mittens, scarves and hats that will be distributed to local children through Collinsville Head Start, Collinsville Food Pantry and Lutheran Child and Family Services. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!

## A Look Ahead

### Sunday, December 4

-Singing for the Savior Choir  
8:00am

-Seraphim Choir 10:30am

### Monday, December 5

-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am

-Boys A Basketball at CHS  
7:30pm

-Boys CD Basketball at Holy  
Cross 6:30pm

### Tuesday, December 6

-Christmas Concert PK-Gr. 2  
7:00pm

-Gingerbread House

### Wednesday, December 7

-Gingerbread House

-Advent Services 4:30 & 7:00pm

### Thursday, December 8

-Chapel 8:25am

-Gingerbread House

-Girls A Basketball Home vs  
Litchfield 6:30pm

### Friday, December 9

-Boys AB Basketball at  
Edwardsville 6:30pm



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Charger Bucks – Scrip

We have two weekly order dates left before Christmas - December 5th and 12th.

Plan ahead and order each week for gifts and entertaining. Please have your order in the school office by 9:00am.

Walk-up sales will continue on Fridays from 3:15 - 3:45pm and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Questions, please contact the school office 618-344-3153.

## Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Take the guesswork out of gift giving....

Christmas Charger Bucks (Scrip) Certificates are available! Charger Bucks certificates can be redeemed for gift certificates to many different stores. The certificates help both our school families and our school. It's the perfect gift! Available by contacting the school office!

## Church Doors Locked

The church doors will remain locked during Chapel. All parents coming to Chapel or visitors will need to enter through the school doors for security purposes.

## Baskets Needed

The auction committee is looking for empty baskets in which to create the class baskets from the items you have donated. The best basket would be medium to large in size, similar to those used in past years. Baskets may be dropped off at the school office.

## Girl Scout/Daisy Picture

If your daughter is in a Daisy Troop/Brownies/Girl Scouts they are invited to be in a picture for the yearbook. The picture will be taken Wednesday, December 7th at 8:00am in

the gym. The girls should bring their Daisy vests/sash to wear.

## Box Top and Labels

The winning class for the Box Top and Labels Program contest for the month of November is Mrs. Lingafelter's class (2-1). Mrs. Lingafelter's students collected 230 box tops and labels with an average of 16 per student.

We ended October with a total of 8,068 box tops and labels and added 1,926 more this month, for a total of 9,994 box tops and labels collected for 2016-2017 so far.

## Trivia Helpers & Dancers

Trivia Night Jr. High student helpers will have their free dress day on Friday, December 9th. Jr. High student flash mob dancers will have their free dress day on Friday, December 16th. Check with your homeroom teacher to verify if you have earned a free dress day.

## T.R.A.C.K.S. Toys/Equipment Needed

Toys and Sports Equipment taking up too much space in your home? Want to donate them to someone who can definitely use them? The students in Good Shepherd's Before and After School Program, nicknamed, "TRACKS", would love some fresh toys and sports equipment. Each day after school, up to 50 kids from first to eighth grade stay on campus and play until parents and caregivers pick them up. The children play both indoors and outdoors. To donate gently-used toys or sports equipment, please drop them off at TRACKS, the school, or church office, or in the box in the connecting hallway.

Contact David Bohler at 344-3153, X 222,

or [dbohler@gslcs.org](mailto:dbohler@gslcs.org) with questions and help loading/unloading.

## Before And After School - T.R.A.C.K.S.

Good Shepherd's Before And After School Program, nicknamed TRACKS, is looking for adults 18+ to substitute on an as-needed basis. The substitute would be on-call to work a shift at Good Shepherd whenever a regular staff member is unavailable due to scheduled doctor's appointments, family illness, and the like. TRACKS operates two shifts: morning hours of 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and afternoon hours of 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and is open Monday through Friday, no weekends. The substitute would monitor students in first through eighth grade, both inside and outside the school building while they do homework, play on the playground, or play indoors. This is a paid position, not a volunteer position. For more information, please contact David Bohler at 344-3153, X 222, or [dbohler@gslcs.org](mailto:dbohler@gslcs.org).

## GSLs Uniform Resale Shopping Spree

The GSLs Uniform Resale Shopping Spree 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 Pinkel at 618-334-5735 with questions.

## Theme Shirt Day

Our next Theme T-Shirt Day, "Heart of Our Hero", will be on Friday, December 9th. Standardized dress bottoms to be worn with the t-shirt.

# 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. The families of: Cameron B., Emma B., Autumn D.,

Matthew H., Megan H., Claire L., Trevor P., Anna R., & Ella W.

# Auction Up-dates

## Shopping for Auctions Donations

When out shopping, please keep the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Benefit Auction in mind. Many of those deals would make great auction donations.

## Auction Volunteers Needed

GSLs Auction is scheduled on Saturday, March 18th to be held on campus. Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Please contact the

school office.

## Auction Donations

Yes! YOU can get involved by donating an item or service or attending the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction. Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser. Your individual participation is needed for this event to succeed! Please participate for our students!

## Homeroom Basket Themes

3 Yr. Old Preschool Arts & Crafts for Kids

4 Yr. Old Preschool We Love Our Pets  
Kindergarten Lego Boys & Lego Girls  
1st Grade In the Garden  
2nd Grade Summer Time Fun  
3rd Grade Games & Puzzles  
4th Grade Let's Go Camping  
5th Grade Get Grilling  
6th Grade Family Movie Night  
Ms. Comb's Homerooms Spa Day  
Mr. Rinker's Homeroom Sports Basket  
Mr. Voss's Homeroom Restaurant Basket

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...

## **Praise and Thanksgiving**

As the holiday season gears up, carefully plan your family time now. Remember when you were a child bursting with anticipation? Focus on the true meaning of the holidays as we approach the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ..

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be having its Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 18th here at our school campus. Come and enjoy the evening while supporting "quality Christian education" for students in Preschool - Grade 8. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the school office or Mrs. Downing.

## **School Lobby Doors**

For the safety of our students, the lobby doors will remain locked until 3:15pm on school days. As a reminder, please do not let other people into the building.

## **December Chapel Offering**

The Chapel offering for the month of December is Collinsville Area Ministerial (CAMA) Food Pantry in our community.

## **Student Gift Exchange**

Please read your child's classroom newsletter to see how each class will conduct their student exchange this year.

The school will be emphasizing a service project in hopes that you would consider contributing to Toys for Tots. Any questions, contact your child's teacher.

## **Toys for Tots**

GSLS is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserves to distribute to economically disadvantaged children in our local area. A designated box will be in the school lobby through December 11th. Thank you for the contributions you are able to make!

## **Peer Tutoring**

Peer Tutoring will not be held next Tuesday, November 22nd (Thanksgiving week.)

## **Gingerbread House**

We are requesting donations of scotch tape, tissue paper and small bows. NO Santa tissue paper please. You may take the donations to the school office.

## **Young Authors**

Authors pick up your pencil and begin your masterpiece. This is a great opportunity for students to learn and show their writing skills and a way to express themselves through this art. Guideline fliers are available in the school office. Begin to brainstorm your thoughts!

State Young Authors will take place Saturday, May 20, 2017.

## **Reminder... 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. A doctor's written excuse is needed to return to school. Always bring a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

Also, please pick up your child's homework 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.

## **Administration of Medicine**

Administration of medication to students during regular school hours is discouraged unless absolutely necessary for the critical health and well-being of the student. All requests for administration of medication (prescription and over-the-counter) to students must have the completed form: "Parent Authorization / Request for Self-Administration of Medication" which can be found under Medical Form on the front page of our website, [gslcs.org](http://gslcs.org).

All medications administered to the student during school hours must be transported to and from school by a parent or another adult acting on the parent's behalf. No medication will be administered unless the authorization / request form is completed and received. The medication must be received in the form and container as provided by the pharmacy filling the prescription, and no medication may

be administered from any container other than one properly marked as above. Over-the-counter medications must be brought to school in their original package, with the students name and date clearly marked on it. Any change in the dosage of the medication and/or the directions for use will require a corrected pharmacy label indicating the changes and a signed note from the physician.

Parents will be called each and every time the medicine needs to be administered.

## **Southern Illinois District-LCMS**

Mr. Roger Sprengel, Schools and General Executive, paid a visit to Good Shepherd Lutheran School on November 1st. Mr. Sprengel interacted with staff and students for the day. The purpose for this year's visit includes the following:

- Sharing thoughts and ideas regarding school ministry
- Celebrate this year's theme: "Heart of Our Hero"
- Dialogue with the school principal and new staff members
- Offer encouragement and support to principal and teachers

Congratulations to teachers, Mrs. Robinson on completion of the LCMS colloquy program and Mrs. Lingafelter, on completing her requirements at the end of the semester.

Academic and co-curricular programming remain the major focus as the administration and staff work to provide a quality program of Christian education for the member and non-member families entrusted to their care.

As the church continues to build and grow on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, we rest assured knowing that nothing in our society or culture will prevail against His steadfast Word! May the staff, students and families continue to build their foundation on the rock of our salvation— Jesus Christ.

Mr. Roger Sprengel