



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Sixteenth Edition  
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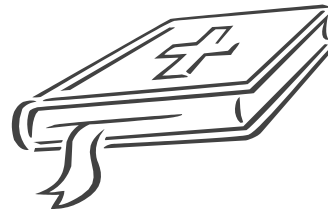
## Something to Consider:

**In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.**

**Ephesians 1:7**

Would you develop a relationship with someone who could bring nothing to the relationship? If it was all give and no take, would you even bother?

Now consider the fact that God's relationship with you is just that way. He created everything-there is nothing that you can give Him that He does not already have. That's what grace is all about. It is unmerited favor. God gives to you what you do not deserve, knowing full well that you can never pay Him back. All that you have is from His hand, through His matchless,



infinite grace. Will you be God's hand of grace extended to others?

## Charger Headlines:

### GSLs Change Drive

Good Shepherd School's Annual Change Drive is scheduled for January 9-20. The proceeds will help continue providing a quality Christian education at GSLs.

### GSLs Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will have "Open House" on January 22nd, February 26, & March 26th for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a great opportunity to see what your child will learn and experience in a Christian school.

We encourage you to share this information to families you may know that might be interested in a Christian education.

Thank You – Donations

The following are donations given this school year. We appreciate your willingness to help through our "Education in Excellence" program.

Papa John's Pizza \$161.72  
Undesignated \$6,800.00

Scholarship	\$10,257.00
Scholarship-Book Covers	\$207.50
Technology-Golf Tournament	\$2,701.43
LESA Grant	\$1267.00
Library	\$7,023.49
BoxTops	\$581.70
Target	\$1,028.49
Technology	\$5,000.00
Resale Shop	\$873.50
Band	\$1408.15
ECC	\$2700.00
Charger Challengers	\$400.00

### Open Enrollment for 2017-18 Coming Soon!

Preschool through 8th grade registration for the 2017-18 school year will open for all current and new students on Sunday, January 1, 2017. We encourage you to enroll through TADS as soon as possible.

Please note that you will have multiple options for payment of the non-refundable registration fee if you re-enroll in the month

of January. If you have any questions or need assistance applying or re-enrolling, please contact TADS Customer Support at 1-800-477-8237.

Early enrollment is strongly advised to secure your student's priority status. Priority status for classroom placement is determined by the date your tuition agreement is submitted to TADS.

If you are in need of scholarships, applications for financial aid will also be available on-line through TADS beginning January 1st. Please make sure to submit your financial aid application ASAP and no later than March 15th, 2017 to be eligible for the best possible opportunities for assistance.

### Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Gingerbread House a fun successful event for our students here at Good Shepherd.

## A Look Ahead

### Sunday, December 11

-Christ's Kids Choir 8:00am  
-Cherub Choir 10:30am

### Monday, December 12

-Scrip Orders Due By 9:00am  
-Boys C Basketball at Unity 6:00pm  
-Girls A Basketball at Unity 7:00pm  
-Board Meeting 7:00pm

### Tuesday, December 13

-Gr. 3-8 Christmas Concert 7:00pm

### Wednesday, December 14

-Advent Services 4:30 & 7pm

### Thursday, December 15

-Chapel 8:25am  
-Girls A Basketball Home vs Holy Cross 7:30pm  
-Boys C Basketball Home vs Holy Cross 6:30pm



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# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Charger Bucks – Scrip

We have one weekly order date December 12th left before Christmas break.

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 be after school on Fri. Dec. 16, Mon. through Wed., Dec. 19th, 20th and 21st from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., and on Sunday mornings between services. Questions, please contact the school office 344-3153.

## Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Take the guesswork out of gift giving.... Christmas Charger Bucks (Scrip) Certificates are available!

Charger Bucks (Scrip) 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!

## Key Found

A key was found at the PreK-2nd grade Christmas Concert. Contact the school office at 344-3153.

## Lost and Found

Is your child missing a sweater, sweatshirt or even their lunchbox? Check the lost

and found in the school office and gym to claim your missing items.

## Coats, Hats, and Gloves

As the weather is getting colder, remind your children to wear warm outerwear including gloves, hats scarves, and boots. Please note that hooded garments are for outdoors purpose only.

## Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Top and Label Program is Wednesday, December 21st. Please send your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

## Young Authors

Reminder, Young Author books are due Fri., Jan. 27th. Please feel free to ask for additional help from your child's teacher.

## Morning Drop Off

When you drop off or pick up your children, please do so in the proper areas. The main drop off is meant to be a quick drop off. If you need more time, please use the other lane or park and let your child get their items for school. Thanks for working together in this process.

## Tardy Slips

Students arriving late to school must have a tardy slip to enter the classroom after

the bell has rung. When you sign in your child, the student will be given a tardy slip to take to the teacher. Arriving late due to an appointment, please bring a written excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

## MELHS Christmas Concert

You are invited to the annual Metro East Lutheran High School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11 at 2:30pm in the auxiliary gym. Our music groups will be performing a wide variety of Christmas music, featuring both the classics and also some lesser known holiday songs. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

## C.A.R.D. Winter Wonderland

From 9:00am-2:00pm, Saturday, December 17th, let CARD whisk your little ones off to a Winter Wonderland while you enjoy some free time doing those last minute things that can be difficult with children. We will keep them busy with indoor winter themed activities from crafts to movies and games. Be sure to send lunch with your child and we promise to keep them entertained and in the winter spirit. Sign up in person at 10 Gateway Drive, call 618-346-7529 or online at [www.collinsvillerec.com](http://www.collinsvillerec.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. The families of: Jakob F., Tyler H., Elliot J.,

Domiano L., Ellie M., Katie M., Jacob M., & Blake M.

# 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's Preschool      Arts & Crafts for Kids

4's 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

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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...

## **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!

### **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

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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.