



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Seventeenth Edition

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Something to Consider:

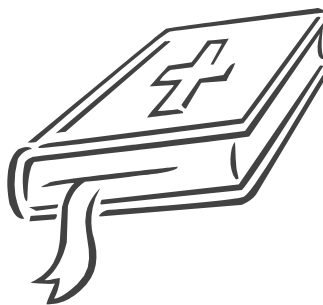
**What is desired in a man
is kindness.**

Proverbs 19:22

You may think of benevolence only in terms of giving money, but there is much more to it than that.

Benevolence is simply showing kindness; and in many cases, it is more a matter of opening your heart than your wallet.

In an age of hardness and cruelty, practicing benevolence is more difficult, but also more crucial. So many people are suffering for lack of a helping hand. Give to others with the same open-handed freedom that God has given to you. Do it out of your love for Him and in a spirit of thankfulness for what you have received from Him. He will bless you for it many times over.



Charger Headlines:

Giving Thanks!

We give thanks to our Father for the greatest gift we have received, His Son, who died and rose, so that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven. Pass on this special gift to others as you celebrate our Savior's birth!

Thank you

A special Thank you to all the students and instructors that were involved with the Christmas Concerts. We praise God for sending His only Son for the salvation of the world. May these events glorify the One to whom we praise.

Good Shepherd Church

We welcome you to join us for our Christmas Services.

- Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec 18th at 6:00pm.
- Christmas Eve Services
4:00pm, 6:00pm and 11:00pm
- Christmas Day Services
8:00am and 10:30am
- Christmas Cantata – Sunday,

January 1st at 4:00pm Wrapping Paper & Tape Needed

Shopping after Christmas sales? The Gingerbread House is asking for donations of scotch tape and wrapping paper for next school year. NO Santa paper please. You may take the donations to the school office.

JOY to the World!

Can't Get Enough Christmas Music? Looking for more opportunities to hear and sing Christmas music? Come sing Christmas hymns and hear the Christmas story proclaimed through music of professional quality by our GSLC adult choir and member and guest instrumentalists on Sunday, January 1st, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. “JOY to the World!” is John Leavitt's popular Christmas Cantata including choir, an orchestra, Bible readings, and congregational singing of Christmas favorites

woven together with new Christmas compositions. This would be a great first impression of our church for the friend or neighbor you want to invite.

GSLC 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 GSLC.

NOTICE—No Lunch or Milk

No lunch or milk will be served on Wednesday, December 21st. Remember to pack a drink & lunch that day.

Box Tops & Labels Program

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wed., Dec. 21st. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

Peer Tutoring Reminder

There is no Peer Tutoring next week. Peer Tutoring will resume on Tuesday, January 10th.

A Look Ahead

Wednesday, December 21

-Chapel 8:25am

-Box Tops and Labels
Collection Day

-End of 2nd Quarter

-PreK– Gr. 8 Christmas
Parties

-Boys AB Basketball at
St. John Neumann 6:30pm

-Advent Services 4:30 &
7:pm

Thurs., Dec. 22-January 4

-NO SCHOOL - Christmas
Break

Friday, December 23

-Early Childhood Close

Monday, December 26

-ECC Closed

Monday, Jan. 2

-Early Childhood Closed

Mon., Jan. 2-Wed., Jan. 4

-NO SCHOOL - Christmas
Break

Thursday, Jan. 5

-All Classes Resume



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

Walk-up sales will be held after school on Mon. (19th) Wed. (20th), and Dec. (21st) from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

There will be no walk-up sales on Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day or Sunday, January 1st, News Day.

Weekly orders will resume on January 9th, 23rd, & 30th; February 6th, 13th, & 27th. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays to be processed that week. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

Registration Opens

Pre-K through 8th Grade Registration for the 2017-18 school year will begin for all current and new students on Sunday, January 1st. We encourage you to please go to the school website

at www.gscls.org and enroll for next year as soon as possible. Your student's priority status will be guaranteed based on the date you submit your Tuition Agreement. The enrollment process has again been enhanced to simplify enrollment, expedite tuition agreement processing,

and offers multiple options for payment of the non-refundable registration fee. If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please contact Mrs. Schnicker at 344-3153 ext. 232 or TADS Customer Support at 1-800-477-8237.

If you are in need of scholarships, applications for financial aid will also be available on-line through TADS beginning January 1st. Submitting your financial aid application ASAP provides you with the best possible opportunity for assistance. All financial aid applications must be completed no later than March 1st.

If you or someone you know is new to Good Shepherd, please spread the word about the wonderful opportunities for children in our Christian school. School tours are made available by going to the school website.

End of Year—Tax Credit

If you are looking for a way to give and also receive a tax credit for the 2016-year, please consider donating monies to purchase Chrome Books, iPads, or Scholarships for students at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Your donation will help students and teachers enhance the learning process!

Recycling Bins

As a reminder, cardboard is not accepted in our recycling bins. Please continue to recycle your newspapers, aluminum and magazines. Thank you to those who have been participating in this program.

Piano Recital

Mrs. Fuhrman's students will perform at the piano recital on Thursday, December 29th at 7:00pm in the church balcony.

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots drive was very successful this year. Good Shepherd donated over 175 toys with a grand total of over 21,000 collected by the Caseyville VFW. The toys were distributed to over 550 families and 15 organizations in Madison and St. Clair counties.

French Toast

French Toast offers a variety of school wear clothing. The Good Shepherd Chargers "Ram" logo is available on many of their school apparel clothing items. By selecting the preferred school, code number 900129552, our school will receive contributions with purchases. Also, this allows you to view the pre-selected GSLS standardized dress clothing on their website at landsend.com.

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: Olivia J., Douglas K., Dawson K., Alex L.,

Logan M., Harry M., Morgan O., and Kyle P.

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' 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...

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.

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.

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.

It's that time! Emergency Closing

If school must be closed due to the weather, parents will be notified. In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for: Good Shepherd, Collinsville. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed.

Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.

Listen to radio stations: KMOX (1120), KXOX (630), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080), & WIBV (1260). TV stations KMOV (4) or KSDK (5).

Good Shepherd Collinsville does NOT follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for the late start or closings. At Good Shepherd, if school is in session it will start at the regular time.

Should parents decide to pick their child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

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

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.

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.

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.