



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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Something to Consider:

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10

You are God's priceless treasure—unique in beauty, design, and potential. There are accomplishments and victories you have achieved that you can be proud of. God is certainly proud of the person you've become. But, if you look closely, you almost certainly will have to admit that everything you are and everything you've done

can be traced back to God. That's why humility is more than a positive character trait - it's a paradox. It's holding in one hand how much you've achieved and in the other how deeply dependent you are on the One who has helped you achieve it. So, when you receive praise from others, pause for a moment to put everything into perspective and humble yourself before the Lord.



Charger Headlines:

Thank You All for the Many Gifts

“Thank You” from the school office for the many gracious gifts, goodies, and cards that were received. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated!

Open Enrollment 2017-2018 School Year

Registration is now open for new and returning families. We urge you to please register NOW! Early registration will assure your student's placement and is vital to our ability to plan staff and materials for the upcoming year. The registration fee for: Kdg.—8th grade is \$220 Pre-School is \$100.00. Please note that for returning families enrolling in the month of January ONLY, the pre-registration fees can be split into 2 or 4 monthly payments. It is important to note

that enrollment must be complete, non-refundable registration fee paid in full and tuition agreement submitted to secure your student's priority status for classroom placement

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.

GSLs Change Drive

The Good Shepherd Lutheran School Change Drive will be held Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 20th. Please consider donating your loose change to this cause. The money collected will benefit our school auction.

Collection containers for grades preschool - grade 1 will be in the Early Childhood Center lobby. Grades 2-8 containers will be located in the school lobby. Students will be receiving special dress days for each level their grade reaches.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, January 7

- Boys Pee Wee Basketball 8:00am
- Boys B & Girls B Basketball at Holy Cross Tournament Through Sunday

Monday, January 9

- GSLs Auction Change Drive Through Friday, Jan. 20th
- Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am
- Board Meeting 7:00pm
- Girls AC Basketball at Belleville 6:30pm

Tuesday, Jan. 10

- GSLs Change Drive
- Boys AC Basketball at Unity 6:00pm
- Girls A Basketball at SIJHSAA Regional

Wednesday, Jan. 11

- GSLs Change Drive

Thursday January 12

- Chapel 8:25am
- GSLs Change Drive
- Girls A Basketball Home vs Edwardsville 6:30pm

Friday, January 13

- GSLs Change Drive Through Friday, Jan. 20th



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

Weekly orders will be 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.

Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays 3:00-3:30pm and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

Box Tops and Labels

The winning class for the Box Top and Labels Program contest for the month of December is Mrs. Daniel's class (5-1). Mrs. Daniel's students collected 195 box tops and labels with an average of 8 per student.

We ended November with a total of 9,994 box tops and labels and added 437 more this month, for a total of 10,431 box tops and labels collected for 2016-2017 so far.

Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, January 25th. Please send the trimmed box

tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

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 an excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

Tardiness

School tardiness and absences can make a child fall behind. This can become a problem if the occurrence begins to become habitual.

So what is the impact of tardiness on school success? Students who are on time to school are more successful. Schools stress the need for students to get to school and class on time and with good reason. Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of education on truancy, which is connected with tardiness, show that school attendance is a major factor when it comes to school and student behavior.

So what are the problems with tardiness?

The most crucial learning hours of the school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive.

Students who are tardy miss the beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class.

So how does this effect Academics and Achievement?

Students who are frequently tardy have lower GPAs, lower scores on standardized assessments, and lower graduation rates, Chronic tardiness in elementary and middle school is also linked to failure in high school.

It is our goal at GSLS to provide every child the opportunity to learn, but this becomes a problem when one is tardy or absent. We need to partner together so both parties see the importance. Questions are welcomed.

Auction

How can you help with the School Auction? Please contact Debra Downing at 314-809-4258.

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: Catrina L., Andrew M., Tannan N., Jack P., Connor P., Drake P., Timmy R.

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...

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

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.gslcs.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 GSLC standardized dress clothing on their website at landsend.com.