



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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Something to Consider:

I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise.

Psalm 101:1

Justice is cause for joy. For those who are innocent, it is a welcome promise to set things right. For those who are guilty, it is a time of reckoning. Knowing that God is just is also a constant reassurance that He will not change the rules of life as you go along. Right will

always be right and wrong will always be wrong.

Consider what life would be like if God were not just. He would be unpredictable. He could be cruel one minute, then apathetic the next. An all-powerful God who is not just would be someone to be feared, not loved.

Knowing that God is just means you can relax. Once you've asked for His forgiveness, you have it.



Charger Headlines:

Prospective Student Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School announces that it will hold open houses on Sunday, January 22nd, February 26th, and March 26th from 1-3 pm. These events will focus on touring the facility, meeting with the teachers. This would be a great time for families to find out about a Christian education. Invite your friends/neighbors to attend this Open House to help promote the 2017-18 school year.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Good Shepherd Lutheran School, along with hundreds of other Lutheran schools world-wide, will be celebrating National Lutheran School's Week during the week of January 21-27, 2017.

The theme for the entire week is "Upon this Rock". All planned activities will be guided by this theme.

Our week begins with the school faculty singing and doing the Bible readings at the Saturday and Sunday church services at Good Shep-

herd Lutheran Church. There is also an open house on Sunday, January 22, from 1-3 P.M. for touring the school facilities. The week celebrates different themes each day.

*Monday's theme is "Jesus is the Rock of the School".

Monday activities include "Mad for Plaid" dress up, "Pastries with Parents" before school, devotions and an assembly in the school gymnasium featuring Lloyd Garrelts.

Monday concludes with the school Science Fair Night Open House from 6:30-8:00 in the gymnasium.

*Tuesday's theme is "The Mission of the Lutheran School".

Tuesday activities include "Destination Day" dress up, "Pastries with Parents" before school, devotions, and class switch day in the morning.

*Wednesday's theme is "The Family Ministry of Lutheran Schools". Wednesday activities include "Super Hero" dress up, "Pastries with Parents" before

school, devotions.

*Thursday's theme is "Lutheran Schools as Safe Places".

Thursday activities include "Dress Your BEST" dress up, "Pastries with Parents" before school and the presentation of family service projects during morning chapel. The student body was given a list of service project ideas in November. They and their families were to choose one of them to complete by National Lutheran School's Week and present at the Thursday morning chapel. The School Spelling Bee after Chapel.

*Friday's theme is "Luther School History". Friday activities include "Lutheran School Spirit Day" dress up, "Pastries with Parents" before school, devotions, and Faith family activity time. Alumni are invited to attend the morning devotions this day.

Volunteers are needed, We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming SignUps.

A Look Ahead

Monday, January 16

-NO SCHOOL; Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 17

-GSLs Change Drive Through Friday 20th

-Boys AC and Girls C Basketball at Bethalto 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 18

-Boys C Basketball at Prairietown Tournament, 7:30pm against Zion Litchfield

Thursday January 19

-Chapel 8:25am

Friday January 20

-GSLs Change Drive Concludes

Saturday, January 21

-GSLs Uniform Resale Shop 9:00am-Noon in the cafeteria



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

Weekly orders will be on January 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!

Immediate Need—Auction Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Volunteers are needed for acquisitions from businesses. Please contact the school office at 618-344-3153 or stop by to pick up the forms.

GSLs Standardized Dress Resale Shop

GSLs will be holding a standardized dress Resale Shop on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00am to noon in the cafeteria. You can donate back outgrown standardized dress clothes to the our resale program by dropping them off in the school office.

Baskets and Bows Needed

The Auction committee is in need of large baskets/containers, bows, ribbon, and basket filler to be used for the classroom Auction basket items. Please bring what you may have to the school office. Thank you.

Game Pictures Needed

If you have GSLs game pictures, please share them with Mrs. Batty or Mrs. Krause either through email or CD.

Financial Aid

Scholarship forms are available on the school website. Students entering Pre-school 5-day School Day or 5-day Extended Day programs, Kindergarten-Full Day, and Grades 1 - 8 are eligible for financial aid. Remember, early submission of financial aid applications afford you the best possible opportunity for financial aid. All applications should be complete prior to March 15, 2017. For questions please contact the school office.

Team Up With Teachers

Partnership is essential in educating children. It's not easy to hear bad news from teachers, such as "Your child is misbehaving in class". But, try to keep a positive attitude. Ask for specifics. The problem may not be too serious. With team work, your family and the teacher can probably

solve it.

MELHS

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at Lutheran High school please go to the school website at www.melhs.org and download the admission and enrollment packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. If you have additional questions please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, or email him at jay.krause@melhs.org. Come be a part of this dynamic ministry in 2107/2018!

Lost Coats and Jackets

There have been several coats and jackets left behind in the church. Please check the table in the connecting hallway to see if you may be missing an item.

GSLs Change Drive

Our change drive continues through Friday, January 20th. Some classes have reached the first goal of free dress bottoms. Bring your spare change and help your class reach their goals.

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: Roman C., Molly F., DeAnn G., Katelyn G., Kierstyn G., Camdyn H., Paisley H., Landon K., Laynie K., Aiden

M., Bailey R., Gavin S., Nora S., Logan S., Betsy W., Grant W., Joey F., Cassidy G., Emma H., Augie J., Evan K., and Savannah L.

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.

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll with Distinction

8th Grade: Jared C., Hannah R., Justin W.

7th Grade: Matthew H., Megan H., MaryAnn R., Anna R., Garrett S., Sydney S., Jenae W.

High Honor Roll

8th Grade: Evan B., Sophia B., Millie C., Kyla E., Olivia G., Christopher H., Faith M., Ryan P., Sidney P., Bryan R., Molly S., Gabe S., Connor Z.

7th Grade: Emma B., Kyle C., Autumn D., Khushi J., Alice K., Eli L., Claire L., Trevor P., Maggie S., Logan W., Ella W.

6th Grade: Lillie C., Jordan G., Abbey G., Elliot J., Ellie M., Katie M., Nick S., Sam S., Bella S., Sophie T., Gavin T., Jake W., Elliott W., Nalu W.

5th Grade: Katie B., Troy C., Caleb C., Grace C., Alex H., Emma H., Olivia J., Douglas K., Dawson K., Alex L., Logan M., Harry M., Clara R., Nyah R., Davin R., Keenan R., Meghan S., Nathan S.

Honor Roll

8th Grade: Noah C., Tyler K., London R., Eli W.

7th Grade: Nathan B., Carson C., Declan G., Beau S., Carmen S.

6th Grade: Quintin B., Joseph C., Jakob F., Eli G., Marlaina G., Jacob M.

5th Grade: Morgan O., Emily P.

Retreads...

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.

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 Mrs. Downing at debradowning2008@gmail.com.