



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Twentieth Edition
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Something to Consider:

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Romans 12:2

Optimists and pessimists can look at the same circumstances and see two totally different scenarios. The only real difference is in their minds. The way people think helps determine the way they act. The way people act reflects what they

believe to be true.

God wants to change your mind, literally. He wants to change worry to prayer, fear to trust, and doubt to faith. To do that, you need to choose which thoughts you're going to focus on. Reflect on what God says is true about you and the world. Reject what you see on TV or read in a magazine that conflicts with that truth. Filling your mind with good, positive things will result in a good, positive outlook on life.



Charger Headlines:

NLSW

Good Shepherd will join other Lutheran schools from across the nation and world in celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week January 21 – 27.

Dress Up Days

Monday: Mad for Plaid Day

Wear a plaid top with standardized bottoms. If you're really mad for plaid, you can wear plaid pants or a skirt. Any part of your outfit that is not plaid needs to be standardized dress.

Tuesday: Destination Day

Wear a t-shirt, cap or sweatshirt with a place name on it.

Wednesday: Super Heroes Day

Dress as your favorite Super Hero.

Thursday: Dress Up Day

Dress up for chapel, no bare shoulders.

Friday: Lutheran School Spirit Day

Students wear Good Shepherd, Metro East Lutheran High or Concordia University apparel. Please keep in mind with dress-up days that we will have a normal

school day, so outfits must be play friendly for recess.

Pastries with Parents

Donuts, muffins, coffee, water and juice will be served in the school cafeteria between 7:30 and 8am.

Students must be with a parent to attend. Please see the schedule below and attend on the day that corresponds with the first letter of your last name. Preschool parents, if your child does not attend on your alphabet day, simply choose another day when s/he attends.

Monday: A–D; Tuesday: E–K; Wednesday: L–R; Thursday: S–Z
Volunteers are needed, We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming SignUps. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/rMtsBu>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy, you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Daily Devotions

M - W and Friday, the entire school will have devotions in the gym from 8:25 - 8:45. Parents are welcome to join us for the devotions and also for chapel on Thursday at 8:25.

Good Shepherd Alumni

If you graduated from Good Shepherd or taught at Good Shepherd, we invite you to be our special guests on Friday morning at devotions. You are welcome to stay and visit some of the classrooms during the morning.

Assembly

We will be hosting Christian singer Lloyd Garrelts for an assembly on Monday morning from 8:45-9:15. You are welcome to join us.

GSLs Science Fair Night

The Science Fair Night is Monday, Jan. 23rd 6:30-8pm in the gym.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, January 21

-Boys Pee Wee Basketball 8:00am
-Faculty Sing for Worship at 5:30pm

Sunday, January 22

-Singing for the Savior 8:00am
-Seraphim Choir 10:30am
-Faculty to Sing 8:00am & 10:30am Services
-New Enrollment Open House 1:00-3:00pm

Monday, January 23

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am
-National Lutheran Schools Week
-"Mad for Plaid"

-A-D Pastries With Parents
-Science Fair Night 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, Jan. 24

-"Destination Day".
-E-K Pastries With Parents
-Boys A Basketball SIJHSAA

Regional Through 31st
-Girls C & Boys D Basketball Home vs Holy Cross 6:30pm

Wednesday, Jan. 25

-"Super Hero Day"
-L-R Pastries With Parents

Thursday January 26

-Chapel 8:25am
-"Dress your Best Day"
-S-Z Pastries With Parents
-GSLs Spelling Bee
Gr. 1-4 9:10am; Gr. 5-8 10:30am
-Girls A Basketball at Litchfield 6:30pm

Friday, January 27

-"School Spirit Day"
-Faith Families Activity Time
-Boys AB & Girls C Basketball Home vs Edwardsville 5:30pm



Charger Headlines Continues...

Open House

Sunday, January 22nd, we will be hosting an Open House for prospective new students from 1 - 3pm. Please invite your neighbors, family and friends who may be looking for a great Christian education for their child.

The GSLS Spelling Bee is the morning of Thursday, January 26th after Chapel.

It will be a busy week - but Lutheran Schools are worth celebrating!

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!

Winter Sports Pictures

Remember to wear your uniforms for the winter sports pictures which will be taken before school Friday, February 3rd.

Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures are scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd for ECC and Friday, February 3rd for Kdg. - Grade 8. Picture selection forms were sent home. Choose from poses on the selection form and bring it to school on Picture Day. Students will have an option of dressing up nicer than our standardized dress policy this day.

The expectation for dress for that day is our standardized dress or better. T-shirts, jeans, jean shirts, cargo pants, etc. will not be allowed. All choices must still fit within our dress code guidelines (i.e., length, modesty, etc.). Look before you buy. Send no money now! Your pictures will be sent home for your review. Any uncut portrait sheets should be returned with your payment.

Life of a Knight

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to come "shadow" for a day and see what a day is like in the "life of a Knight." Prospective students are encouraged to shadow one of our current students and spend the day in classrooms, chapel, lunch, and visiting with students, faculty and staff, and become familiar with the daily ministry of Lutheran High. Interested students should contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

Box Tops and Labels

The turn in date for the Box Top & Label Program is Wed., Jan. 25th. Please send in your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

Genetics and the Bible

Dr. Robert W. Weise will present a special program Human Genetics, Assisted Reproductive Biology, Human Sex Selection, and Transgender Identity this Sun., Jan. 22 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. A light supper will be served. There will be a program for children and childcare for 4yrs and under. If bringing children, please call Jeanette at 344-3151 by Fri., Jan. 19.

Metro East Lutheran High School

MELHS is putting on the production "Annie" and they are holding auditions Sun., Jan. 29th from 9-2pm. Contact Mr. Schnare at 618-973-2426. For the grade school audition information, email theatre+annie@MELHS.org. You will receive an auto response with (2) songs for audition and (3) script readings. See the flyer on our lobby bulletin board for more info.

TRACKS Workers Needed

Good Shepherd's Before and After School Program has two part-time job openings. Both are paid positions for adults 18+. The first job is a morning shift of Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (10 hours per week). The individual would work independently to open the TRACKS area, welcome and check-in students from first through eighth grade, and monitor them while they play until dismissal to their classrooms. The second job is a substitute who works only on an as-needed basis. The substitute would be on-call to work a shift whenever a regular staff member is unavailable due to doctor's appointments, personal illness, etc. The substitute might work the morning shift, or the afternoon shift of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The afternoon shift also includes monitoring children outside the school building on the playground, and helping children with homework. For more information, please contact David Bohler at 344-3153, X 222, or dbohler@gslcs.org.

In Our Prayers this Week:

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the school families. Please re-

member these and others in your prayers.

The families of: Claire G., Henry G., Ava I.,

Lizzie J., Dillon K., Elise K., Sierrah K., and Jeremy 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 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...

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.

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 Shepherd 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 Gar-

relts. 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.

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 fi-

nancial 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.