



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Twenty-third Edition  
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## Something to Consider:

**God sets the lonely  
in families.**

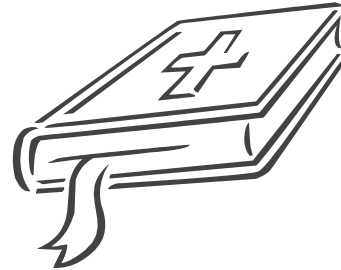
**Psalm 68:6**

Families are God's idea. When Jesus came to Earth, even He was part of a family. Though every family is unique, they all share one thing in common. They are the testing ground for true relationship.

Living up close and personal

with anyone gives a chance to discover what love is all about. Joy, sacrifice, comfort, forgiveness, patience, commitment, support—the list goes on and on. What lessons in love can you learn from your family or close friends who act as family?

No matter what role you play in your family, it is irreplaceable. No one else can bring to the people in your life the



unique qualities you bring. Ask God to help you carry out your role with honor and integrity.

## Charger Headlines:

### **TRACKS: On-Site Student Gathering Spot**

Need a place for your student to go before school starts, or after school ends? Good Shepherd's before and after school program, nicknamed TRACKS, is a convenient, on-site place for children to play or do homework. TRACKS is for all kids in first through eighth grade. We're open mornings from 6:00-7:45 a.m. for a flat \$2 fee regardless of arrival time. In the afternoon we're open 3:15-6:00 p.m. charging \$3 for the first hour, and \$1.50 for each additional 1/2 hour.

Payment is once/month through TADS. Most mornings we have 10 - 20 students, and most afternoons 30 - 45 students. The kids love to play with their friends, and we go outside every afternoon (weather permitting).

Homework can be done with or without our assistance, and after school it's done in the comfort of the Youth Room couches. Morning supervision is provided by Brian H., and afternoons are supervised by Jordan A. and Bella T.

Come once per week or every day—we're here for your convenience.

Contact Mr. Bohler--Director at [dbohler@gslcs.org](mailto:dbohler@gslcs.org), or (618) 344-3153, X 222.

### **Talent Show**

The GSLS talent show is just around the corner and we are looking for participants for the 2017 show! Talent show forms are available in the School office and need to be returned to your homeroom teacher by Wednesday, February 22nd. Any questions, contact Mrs. Daniels or Mrs. Maske.

### **Save the Date—Golf Classic**

Mark your calendar for the GSLS 15th Annual Golf Classic scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at Arlington Greens. More information is available in the school office or in the church narthex.

### **Prospective Student Open House**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School announces that it will hold open houses on Sunday, 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.

## **A Look Ahead**

### **Saturday, Feb. 11**

-Boy's Pee Wee Basketball 8:00

-Girls A Basketball St. Charles Tournament Concludes

### **Monday, Feb. 13**

-Girls A & Boys C Basketball at Holy Cross 6:30pm

### **Tuesday, Feb. 14**

-PS- Grade 8 Valentines Parties

### **Wednesday, Feb. 15**

-Boys ABC Basketball at Belleville 5:30pm

### **Thursday, Feb. 16**

-Chapel 8:25am

-Girls C Basketball vs Holy Cross at Zion Staunton Tournament 8:00pm



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Charger Bucks - Scrip

Weekly orders will be on February 13th, & 27th; March 6th, 20th, & 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!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following GSLS students that participated in the Patriots Pen Essay sponsored by the Collinsville VFW Post Auxiliary 5691. Hannah R. received a first place certificate and a check for \$75. Kyla E. earned second place certificate, an eagle pin, and a check for \$50.

## 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.

## Women's Day of Renewal

"Laughter, Gratitude & True Joy in Christ" will be held on Sat., March 25th. Doors will open for breakfast at 7:45am and ending at 11:45am. Christian Humorist, Jan Struck, a favorite of Lutheran Women's Missionary League conventions, will be the speaker. Her two-part keynote "What Did I do With My "To-Do-List"?" is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The registration fee is \$5.00. Registration forms are available in the church narthex.

## 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:  
Riese K., Lauren K., Josh M., Noelle M., Ryan P., Braydon R., Alana S., Jonah S., Calista S.,

Owen T., Lily W., Bradley W., Teagan W., and Josie W.

## Auction Up-dates

### Auction Basket Drive

Please stop by the school lobby and consider selecting a basket theme from the auction display board. Peek under the colorful leaves for great ideas for a list of possible basket items. Write your name, contact information, and selected Basket Theme on a white leaf and place the leaf in the manila envelope. Baskets may be dropped off in the school office by Tues., Feb. 28.

### 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 or Debra D at [debra.downing@hotmail.com](mailto:debra.downing@hotmail.com).

### 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.

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# Retreads...

## **NLSW "God Is Faithful"**

National Lutheran Schools Week ended last week. But, everyday at Good Shepherd Lutheran School is an opportunity to share Christ in every subject matter and the ability to talk about Him and our faith with the students. What a blessing we have each and every day to train up a child so when he leaves Good Shepherd he can be bold in his faith, while understanding the importance of high values.

## **Prospective Student Open House**

GSLs will be having an open house for Preschool through 8th grade Sunday, February 26th and March 26th from 1-3pm. Tours will be available and teachers will be present to answer questions regarding curriculum. Invite your friends/neighbors to attend this Open House to help promote the 2017-18 school year.

## **Change Drive**

Thank you for the great participation in the change drive. \$1,604.03 was collected. Congratulations goes to 1st grade for donating the most money to the change drive with an average of \$12.30 per student. Kindergarten averaged 9.59 and Second grade averaged \$8.65. First grade earned the pizza and ice cream party.

## **School Auction**

We are excited to invite you, our Good Shepherd family and friends, to celebrate and support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. The auction will be here at Good Shepherd in the gymnasium! Please join us on Saturday, March 18th.

Reservation forms are available in the School Office or the Church Narthex.

Tickets are \$30 per person prior to February 24, \$35 per person after February 24, or \$225 for a table of 8.

## **Recycling Fund Raiser**

Good Shepherd has been collecting old printer cartridges for many years. The money we earn from this goes towards technology at Good Shepherd. We also recycle printer toner cartridges and old cell phones. Please put your old printer cartridges or old cell phones in the box between the technology office and the Sunday School office near the main

lobby. Thank you for your support.

## **Reminder... Absent From School**

If your child will be absent, please call the school office each morning so both the office and the teacher are informed. If your child is sick, he/she needs to stay at home. Remember, your child must be fever free WITHOUT the use of acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not expose other children unnecessarily. A doctor's written excuse is needed to return to school if was seen by a doctor. Always bring a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

Also, please pick up your child's homework in T.R.A.C.K.S. (After School Care) after 3:30 p.m. Picking up your child's work will help him/her keep up with the class.

## **Talent Show**

It's that time again. Info for Talent Show: Talent Show forms will be available in the school office and are due back by Wednesday, February 22nd.

\*Auditions are (Monday and Tuesday), February 27th & 28th after school.

\*Dress Rehearsal is Monday, March 13th beginning right after school.

\*A quick run through is Tuesday, March 14th right after school.

\*The Talent Show is Tuesday, March 14th @ 7:00pm.

## **Box Tops and Labels**

The winning class for the Box Top and Labels Program contest for the month of January is Mrs. Krause's class (K-1). Mrs. Krause's students collected 211 box tops and labels with an average of 12 per student.

We ended December with a total of 10,431 box tops and labels and added 921 more this month, for a total of 11,352 box tops and labels collected for 2016-2017 so far.

## **Lutheran Summer Camp**

This year, Lutheran Camp is being held at Camp Sherwood Forest in Troy, MO, Cuivre River State Park, for students finishing 5th - 8th grade. Camp weeks are as follows:

Campers currently in 5th or 6th Grade: Monday, June 26 – Saturday, July 1

Campers currently in 7th or 8th Grade: Sunday, July 2 – Friday, July 7.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!! Camper registration forms will be available in March.

## **Metro East Lutheran High School**

MELHS is putting on the production "Annie" Friday, April 28th & 29th at 7pm, Sunday April 30th at 2:00pm. The Grade School Performance will be Thursday, April 27th at 2:00pm (during the school day).

## **GSLs Web Page**

Parents, please take time to view our website for a fundraising opportunity that benefits the students here at GSLs. GoodSearch – A web search engine that we use as our primary search tool at school, which tends to have a more wholesome focus than Google concerning inappropriate content. Better yet, you may set your computer to designate Good Shepherd Lutheran School (Collinsville) as the charity you support; the result is that every search you do contributes 1¢ to GSLs. Those searches add up to hundreds of dollars for supporting our ministry.

## **MELHS Open House**

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday February 21st from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon at Lutheran High. Come find out more about this dynamic ministry and take a tour, visit with faculty and administration, get information on financial assistance and scholarships, and get additional questions answered about our ministry. For more information or to RSVP please contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

## **Metro-East Lutheran High**

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 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](http://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](mailto:jay.krause@melhs.org).

### **MELHS Shadow Day**

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to come and "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.

### **MELHS Basketball Games**

Come and check out one of the remaining boys and girls Metro-East Lutheran High School Knight basketball games in January or February. The Lady Knights are fresh off of an excellent showing at the Calvary Lutheran Classic in Jefferson City and the boys varsity team is ranked #5 in the state of Illinois. Let them know at the gate that you are a prospective student coming to support the Knights!