



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

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Something to Consider:

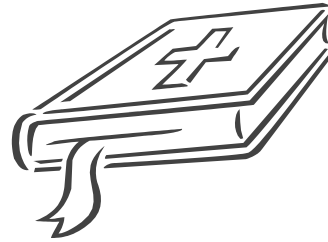
Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10

When a hurricane hits the coastal waters, winds and waves batter waterfront homes. That's when the strength of a home's construction is put to the test. A solid foundation, attention to accuracy in its construction, and the quality of

materials used to build it will all help determine whether the home is still standing when the wind subsides.

When personal storms batter your life, your strength will become evident in much the same way. The truth you've built your life upon, the attention you've given to growing in your faith, and the extent to which you've let God develop



the unique qualities He's built into our character will all help you stand strong when the

Charger Headlines:

NO SCHOOL

School will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Charger Bucks/Scrip Credits

Charger Bucks (Scrip) credits have been posted to your TADS tuition account. If you have paid full year tuition for 2016-17 and are enrolled for next year, your credits have been applied to next year's account. Questions, call Mrs. Schnicker.

Enrollment for 2017-18

Families that have students in Preschool through 7th grade. If you have not yet enrolled your student for next year, we pray you would continue to be part of the Good Shepherd School families. We need to have all returning students enrolled no later than March 15th. This

will enable us to ensure the best possible staffing for our school. Additionally, all financial aid applications (via TADS) must be completed, including documentation, no later than March 15th for your best possible opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Mayhew by the end of February.

Auction-FREE DRESS DAY

Calling all parents. Would your child like to earn a free dress day? Bring in an Ad for the Auction Booklet or a Sponsorship and your child(ren) will earn a free dress day. Please bring in the completed Ad and/or Sponsorship Form along with payment to the school office Monday through Thursday, and your child(ren) will

receive the free dress day on that following Friday. This is available the weeks of February 20th and February 27th.

Office Depot Gives Back

Give 5% Back To Your School! GSLS has earned a merchandise certificate for use toward free supplies. Help us spread the word by visiting officedepot.com/givbts for details. Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school ID (70031786) at checkout and your designated school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies!

It's a small act that can make a huge difference. Look for the informational flyer was sent home with your child.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, Feb 18

-Girls C Basketball vs Zion Bethalto at Zion Staunton Tournament 3:15pm

Monday, Feb. 20

-NO SCHOOL President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 21

-Boys Pee Wee Basketball 6:30/7:15pm

Wednesday, Feb. 22

-Boxtops and Labels Collection Day

Thursday, Feb. 23

-Chapel 8:25am



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

There is no Scrip next week due to Presidents' Day on Monday, Feb. 20th. Weekly orders will be on February 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!

Jr. High Lock-in

When: February 24-25

Where: Good Shepherd

Time: 8pm-8am

Cost: FREE

Everyone in 7th and 8th grade is invited to come on out the night of February 24th for a lock-in at Good Shepherd. We will have activities going from 8pm-8am

ranging from games to a Bible study to movies. Bring a pillow and blanket if you would like to get some sleep. (We will not make you) Separate sleeping rooms for boys and girls are available for students to use throughout the night. Students will need to be signed in when dropped off and signed out when picked up where an emergency contact number given for each student.

Please contact Tom Westphal for answers to any additional questions or concerns at Twestphal@gslcs.org.

Box Top and Label Program

The next turn in date for the Box Top and Label Program is Wednesday, February 22nd. Please send your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

New Movie "Martin Luther"

Come see the new Luther Movie, "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World" on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Wehrenberg O'Fallon 15

Cine, 1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, IL, 62269. This is a one-night-only showing, so put it on your calendar now! This screening is sponsored by the Southern Illinois District Board of Congregational Services, and will feature an introduction before the film given by President Tim Scharr, and an opportunity for Q&A in the theater following the show. Tickets are \$9 each, and must be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening: <http://illinois.NewLutherMovie.com>.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE THROUGH THIS WEB SITE. Tickets are not available at the theater or on the theater's web site. Other showings in the St. Louis area have sold out quickly, so don't wait to get your ticket! We look forward to seeing you at the theater as we join together in this event to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

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 Mrs. Krause's

homeroom: Calvin D., Kaleb G., Zion G., Elle J., Sydney L., Carley L., and Chloe L.

Auction Up-dates

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.

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

GSLC 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.

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!

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...

Medicine Distribution

We do not provide pain reliever or any other medicines to the students. If warranted, please send in a package of your preferred pain relief, etc. Please label with your child(ren's) name to be stored in the school office for their use only while at school. All medicines need to be taken to the school office for proper distribution. Please add new medications to your child's medication file located in the school office. The authorization form for medication distribution can be found on the front page of our website.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Reminder... Absent From School

If your child will be absent, please call or email 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 3:30pm. Picking up your child's work will help him/her keep up with the class.

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, 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.

*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.

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.

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.

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).

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 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.

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. If

interested contact the school office at 618-656-0043.