



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Heart of Our Hero”

John 15:12-13

Twenty-fifth Edition

February 24, 2017

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Something to Consider:

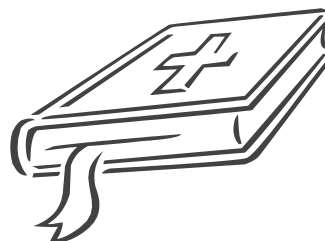
**No matter what happens,
always be thankful.**

1Thessalonians 5:18

Having a thankful heart means more than just being a “glass half full” kind of person. Instead, it means going through your day with such a deep sense of God’s presence that you are aware of the part He plays in the details of your life.

Making a conscious effort to see how God takes even difficult circumstances and uses them in positive ways is one way of nurturing this attitude of gratitude. Getting in the habit of saying “thanks” is another.

Take time right now to reflect on what God’s given you in the physical sense. Ask Him to open your eyes to even more



reasons for thanks. Then, spend a moment thanking Him for how He’s at work behind the scenes.

Charger Headlines:

Spring Pictures

Picture money is due now. Please deliver the money and/or picture packets to the student’s homeroom teacher. Thank you.

Grandparent/Special Friends

Invitation/RSVP fliers were sent home with each student last week. Please note that ALL families should return the RSVP section to their teacher by Friday, March 3rd.

We are in need of parent volunteers for this event. If you are available to assist for one hour in the morning, please contact Mrs. Schnicker

@cschnicker@gslcs.org.

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.

Parent Contact Information

Have you changed jobs, phone numbers, or moved to a new house, we would like all parents to look over your contact information and make any changes in TADS and RenWeb. This is very important to ensure that you receive all calls, emails, and texts from GSLS.

Any questions, please feel free to call the school office.

Prospective Student Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School announces that it will hold open houses this 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.

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 27th and March 6th.

A Look Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 26

-Open House for Prospective Families ECC-Grade 8
1:00-3:00pm

Monday, Feb. 27

-Scrip Orders Due by 9:00am

-Papa John’s Pizza Night

Wednesday, March 1

-Ash Wednesday Services
4:30 & 7:00pm

Thursday, March 2

-Chapel 8:25am



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

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!

Attention Families of 8th Graders!

If you have a student who will be attending MELHS, you can earn tuition credit by purchasing scrip through our Charger Bucks program at Good Shepherd. Invite your family and friends to participate and increase your credits! The ordering process is the same and your tuition credits will be posted to your MELHS account.

Promoting GSLS

"Check in" while you are at GSLS! We

encourage our families to use the Location feature on Facebook when posting updates and adding pictures for activities at the school. This is a great way for people to learn more about GSLS. Ideas include a sporting event, concert, musical, talent show, awards ceremony, Science Fair, spelling bee, and Robotics, among many others. We appreciate your help in getting the word out about what we can offer other families!

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 1st, and we would like to invite all our school families to our services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

We also have a Lenten Supper from 5:30-6:30pm.

Morning arrivals

When dropping off or picking up, please do not use your phone while driving.

Safety is very important, I understand our busy lives, but it is hard to be attentive while driving. Also when you are using

the drop off lanes, when you get to the yellow curb and the weather is nice, it is ok to drop off your child and let them walk it will expedite the process. If you are needing more time then maybe park or use the J curve- drop off lane. Questions are always welcome—Blessings!

Talent Show

The GSLS talent show is just around the corner.

*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.

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. Sengele's homeroom: Jake R., Rory D., Maliyah P, Liam D., Ashlyn M., Adelynn G.,

Reeve M., Cooper I., & Meghan M.

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

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.

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...

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.

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.

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.
