



# Good Shepherd Charger News

**"Heart of Our Hero"**

John 15:12-13

Thirty-second Edition  
April 21, 2017

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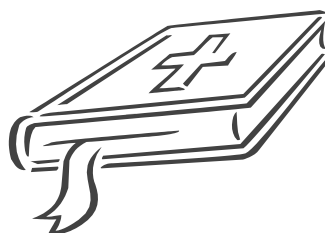
## Something to Consider:

**Be strong and of a good  
courage; be not afraid, nei-  
ther be thou dismayed:  
for the Lord thy God  
is with thee  
whithersoever thou goest.  
Joshua 1:9**

If you're a Bible reader, you've probably noticed that it contains many admonitions not to fear, not to be afraid, and to be courageous. That's because this world can be one big, scary

place. The list of fears and phobias that plague human beings could stretch around the globe.

Fortunately, along with those admonitions, God gives the key to facing them courageously. "Don't fear, for I am with you," He says. When you place yourself in God's care, you are safe, not because there is no danger, but because God is bigger and more powerful than any danger you could face.



Courage is simply the ability to act in the face of fear. God will give you the courage you need as you trust Him.

## Charger Headlines:

### **Papa John's Pizza Night**

Papa John's Pizza night is Mon. April 24th. Thank you for supporting GSLS at Papa John's Pizza.

### **GSLS Track Team**

Congratulations to the GSLS track team. They represented Good Shepherd well. There were many good performances. 9 students have already qualified for the state track meet.

### **Thank You Volunteers**

We would like to thank Angela D. for heading up the concessions this year along with great supportive parents. The track meet was a huge success. Thank you for supporting our track program.

### **School Picnic May 26th**

The school picnic is a time for the students to celebrate their accomplishments in a safe and

fun environment. There will be numerous inflatables, food, and good times!

The annual school picnic will be held the morning of Friday, May 26th from 8:20—11:30am. Once again, wristbands will be sold to help offset the cost of the picnic. Wristband order forms will be sent out and also available in the school office. We encourage you to consider pre-purchasing the wristbands. This is a private picnic for the students and siblings of Good Shepherd. The wristbands designate this requirement for the State of Illinois.

There will be opportunities for the parents to help supervise the event. Sign up sheets will be sent to the room parents and they will be calling to ask for your assistance. Please sign up

to work a shift if able. You, the parents, have always been generous in helping to make the events at Good Shepherd successful!

### **Grade 3 & 4 Spring Musical**

The Christ's Kids Choir of Good Shepherd Lutheran School invite you to attend their spring musical performance of "Fish Tales". The performances will be on Friday, April 21st at 7:00pm, and Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00pm in the school gymnasium. To order your copy of the Spring Musical DVD, please make checks payable to Good Shepherd for \$15 between April 21st and April 28th and drop off in the office.

### **A Look Ahead**

#### **Friday, April 21**

-3rd & 4th Grade Musical  
7:00pm

#### **Sunday, April 23**

-3rd & 4th Grade Musical  
2:00pm

#### **Monday, April 24**

-Charger Bucks—Scrip  
Orders Due by 9:00am  
-Papa John's Pizza Night

#### **Wednesday, April 26**

-Boxtops & Labels Pick-up  
Day

#### **Thursday, April 27**

-Chapel 8:25am

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **May 13-19**

-8th Grade Trip Washington  
DC

#### **May 19**

-Preschool Program 7:00pm

#### **May 23**

-Awards Banquet 6:30pm

#### **May 25**

-Kindergarten Program  
7:00pm

#### **May 26**

-End of Quarter  
-School Picnic 8:20-11:30am  
-School Year Ends,  
Dismissal 11:30am  
-8th Grade Graduation  
7:00pm



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Charger Bucks - Scrip

Weekly orders will be on April 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th. 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.

Remember that you can place your order online. You may access the link for shopwithscrip.com through our school's website. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate.

## Hello all! Cardinals Tickets Are On Sale Now!

Any student currently in 1st-8th Grade at GSLS is eligible to sing God Bless America with us on Sunday, July 9th, 2017 at 1:15 PM as the Cardinals take on the Mets at Busch Stadium.

1. Reply/Email Mr. Stegman at [zstegman@gscls.org](mailto:zstegman@gscls.org) and let him know your student will be able to sing (first 80 students to commit)
2. Buy tickets for your student and friends and family from the school office at \$20 each. FREE HOT DOG AND SODA VOUCHER INCLUDED WITH EVERY TICKET PURCHASED

Please spread the word about ticket sales to anyone you know! The ticket sales are a

huge fundraiser for our music program!

## Summer Fun

Summer Fun is fast approaching. Please reserve your spot by returning the registration form and fee to Mrs. Bedard or Mr. Bohler. Forms can be obtained in the school office, ECC, or in TRACKS.

## Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Church will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood drive on Monday, May 22, from 3-6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All presenting donors will receive a voucher to redeem either a Cardinal red or Cub blue Step Up To The Plate t-shirt. Please consider giving to this worthy cause.

## Box Tops and Labels

The final BTLTP collection date for the 2016-2017 school year is on Wednesday, April 26th. The grade that collects the most box tops and labels per student on this date will earn a free dress day!

## T.R.A.C.K.S. - End of Year Schedule

Before School Care will be available Monday, May 22 through Friday, May 26. After School Care will be available Monday, May 22 through Thursday, May 25. There will be no After School Care on Friday, May 26 (the last day of school). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bohler,

[dbohler@gscls.org](mailto:dbohler@gscls.org), 344-3153, X 222.

Thank you very much for sending your children to T.R.A.C.K.S.!

## GSLS Golf Classic

Volunteers are needed to make the Good Shepherd Golf Classic a success. The Golf Classic is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th with a shotgun start at 8:00am. We invite you to participate in the 15th annual Good Shepherd Golf Classic at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City. Forms are available in the school office.

## MELHS Performance "Annie"

Metro-East Lutheran High School's performance of "Annie" will be held April 28th 7pm, April 29th 7pm, and April 30th 2pm. Advance tickets can be reserved by calling high school office at 618-656-0043.

## MELHS Boys Volleyball

Surf's Up!! Monday, April 24th is a Boys Volleyball home game verse Alton High School. It is also our Beach Night and our Grade School Night!! Students will get in for free!! Please come and join us at Metro East Lutheran High School, JV plays at 4:30pm and Varsity to follow. Don't forget to come dressed in your best beach/Hawaiian wear. Hope to see you there, Cowabunga!!!

## MELHS Summer Athletic Camps

MELHS summer athletic camp forms are available on their website.

## Kahok Boys Basketball Camp

Kahok Boys basketball camp forms are available in the school office.

## 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. Pritchard's

homeroom: Addie L., Ryan P., Anastasia P., Ryder R., Jesse S., and Kade S.

## Summer Athletic Camps

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Athletic Camp forms were sent home for: Girl's Volleyball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8 Boy's and Girl's Basketball entering grades 3-5 / 6-8.

The forms can be found on our web site under recent news. Return the completed

forms along with payment to the school office. The deadline for the camp forms is May 15th.

### Girl's Basketball June 05-09

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

### Boy's Basketball June 12-16

Boys entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Boys entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

### Girl's Volleyball June 19-23

Girls entering gr. 6-8 9:00am-12:00pm

Girls entering gr. 3-5 1:00-2:30pm

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...

## **School Calendar**

The school calendar for the 2017-18 school year has been approved by the Board of Christian Day School. You can find the calendar on our website under calendars. Questions, please contact the school office.

## **Blessings**

We want to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Petersen, resource teacher, Mrs. Gerber, preschool aide, and Mrs. Kober, preschool aide who will be retiring this year from our school. Their dedicated service over the years have been greatly appreciated by the parents, children, staff, and the total ministry of Good Shepherd. We will miss them greatly for what they have done in their ministry! We also wish them God's Blessings, please take the opportunity to thank them for their service!

We have begun interviewing for different possible teaching opportunities for the 2017-18 school year.

The Board of Christian Day School has contracted Mrs. Italiano for the resource room position and will be confirmed at the next Board meeting on April 10. The additional positions are still being reviewed for next year. Please keep our retiring teachers, those new teachers, and our school in your prayers as we seek the best candidates for Good Shepherd!

## **Chapel Offering**

During the month of April and May, our Chapel offering will go to Good Shepherd Tuition Fund. This will be an opportunity for us to help students and families in our own school. Please continue to pray for Good Shepherd School, students, and families. Please remember your offerings on Thursdays.

## **Box Top and Labels Program**

The winning class for the Box Top and Labels Program contest for the month of March is Mrs. Robinson's class (1-1). Mrs. Robinson's students collected 178 box tops and labels with an average of 13 per student.

We ended February with a total of 12,070

box tops and labels and added 960 more this month, for a total of 13,030 box tops and labels collected for the 2016-2017 school year so far.

The last box top and label collection for this school year is on Wednesday, April 26th. The grade that collects the most box tops and labels for the month of April will earn a free dress day!

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We invite you to participate in the 15th annual Good Shepherd Golf Classic at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City. Cost of the 4 player Golf Scramble is \$80 per golfer, 18 holes of golf, carts, buffet-style meal, plenty of refreshments, and a chance to win cash prizes for lowest team score (multiple flights), closest to the pin, longest drive, and more. Hole Sponsor cost is \$125 which entitles sponsor to a 12" x 18" sign on the tee box.

Net proceeds to fund the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Athletic Fields and Technology. Forms are available in the school office.

## **Students To Sing At Busch Stadium TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

GSLS has been accepted this year to sing "God Bless America" at Busch Stadium on Sunday, July 9th, 2017 as the Cardinals take on the New York Mets! This performance will be open to students who are currently in 1st-8th Grade (during the 2016-17 school year). We can take up to 100 students to sing. Parents, please contact Mr. Stegman via email to reserve a spot for your student! We will practice toward the end of the school year and also a few times through the summer. Families may purchase tickets through the school office. We have two sections reserved for Good Shepherd families in the Left Field Loge section 271 and 272, so we will all be able to enjoy the game together! All participants must purchase a ticket through the school office AND reserve

their spot by email with Mr. Stegman in order to participate. Tickets are offered at a greatly discounted price—just \$20 and include a coupon for a FREE hot dog and soda at Busch Stadium—a \$58 total value! This great value is available only while supplies last, so reserve your spot and buy tickets for friends and family now.