



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Here I Stand”

1 Corinthians 16:13

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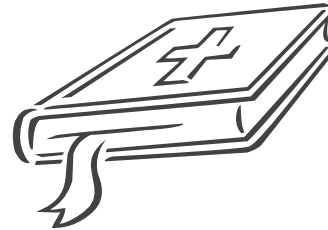
Something to Consider:

In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.
Proverbs 3:6

Personal success cannot be measured by the make of your car, the size of your paycheck, or even the recognition you receive for a job well done. True success depends on who you are, not on what you've

accomplished. God created you with a unique potential that only you can fulfill. The more you focus on becoming who God intended you to be, the more successful you'll become no matter what career path you choose.

Use the gifts God's given you to the best of your ability, and ask God to guide you in making wise choices. Seek



God's approval more than the approval of those around you. Then, your success will be certain.

A Look Ahead

Saturday, August 26
-Charger Challenge 5K

Monday, August 28
-Charger Bucks—Scrip
Orders Due by 9:00am

Tuesday, August 29
-Girls AC Volleyball at Holy Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, September 31
-Chapel 8:25am

-Boys Baseball Home vs Edwardsville 4:00pm

Charger Headlines:

Athletic Booster Sign-up
Parents with students in grades 5-8 who are participating in athletics MUST sign up to work home games. Please contact Mr. Mayhew or stop by the school office. We are still in need of parents to work home athletic contests and tournaments. Students will not be allowed to participate if you have not signed up for 5 slots.
Birthday Book Club
It's not too late to join the Birthday Book Club! During your student's birthday month, they will choose a new book from the School Library; a special Birthday Honor certificate is applied to the book and the student has the honor of being the first student to check it out. This is a VERY popular program that helps our Library

grow! Please contact Mrs. Schnicker in the school office if you are interested.

Classroom Magazines

If you would like to help your child's homeroom, please consider donating a magazine subscription for the year. Contact the teacher for more information.

GSLs Trivia Night

Mark your calendars. The GSLs Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th at the Madison County Fireman's Hall in Collinsville. More information will be coming soon.

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th for grades Pre K through 8th grade. Standardized dress will be used as our dress for the day.

The purpose of these pictures are for the yearbook.

Preschool will also have a picture day on Wed., Sept. 13th. Forms will be sent home.

BTLP Summer Challenge

Don't forget the Box Top and Label Summer Challenge will be ending soon. Please turn in your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, August 31st. The grade that collects the most box tops and labels will win a free dress day in September. Thank you for your support!

School Wear Orders

It is not too late to order GSLs school wear. The order deadline is Friday, September 1st. If placing an order, please return the form to the school office with payment.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Routines and Procedures

As we finished the second week of school there are many things that are still new to a brand new year. I want to stress some of the following items to make sure we are all doing the same things. First, make sure you understand drop off and pick up procedures...safety is first in what we do...your child may be dropped off at the yellow line to expedite the process. Second, if you have any questions about the classrooms, please contact the teacher as you are partnering with them in behalf of your child. And finally, we appreciate an open communication for all parents concerns to be addressed by the principal. And we ask for your prayers daily as we seek excellence. That is what makes our school special!

Late and Early Departure

When a child arrives after the bell, **you and your child** must go to the office first and sign in. When a child needs to be picked up early, the parent will need to sign the child out and then wait for the child to come to the office. Please do not go to the classroom by yourself. The teachers have been instructed not to dismiss the child unless the office calls the room to verify it. Your child's safety is important to us!

Magazines Sales

The magazine sale ends Friday, Sept 8th. RENEW your magazines through Good Shepherd Lutheran School! Please tell your family and friends that their renewal will simply pick up where the subscription leaves off. Proceeds will be used to support important goals and programs

that benefit our children.

Library Magazine Donations Needed

If you would like to help our library, please consider donating a magazine subscription for the year.

We would like the following magazines for the students to use: Clubhouse, Clubhouse Jr., Cricket, Brio, Breakaway, Ranger Rick, National Geographic – Kids, Zoobooks, Your Big Backyard, Sports Illustrated for Kids.

Please contact the school office.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be processed on Monday, August, 28th, Sept. 18 & 25. (have your order in the school office by 9:00a.m.) Walk-up sales will resume on Fridays from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Please remember to fill out a new registration form for this school year along with your first order!!!! The Scrip Program is a tuition reduction program for Good Shepherd Lutheran School families and friends. We strongly encourage all Good Shepherd families to purchase their groceries, gasoline, clothing and other goods and services using the SCRIP gift certificates. 50% of your credits earned may go toward the reduction of your tuition or you may donate your credits toward Good Shepherd Lutheran School's General Fund. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program.

Room Parent Meeting

Our annual room parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7th at 9:15am after chapel. We will have the

meeting in the cafeteria. This is a very important meeting for our volunteers with procedures, dates, and other important information will be shared to better support teachers in their classrooms. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office for the information.

Challengers

Our Challengers program is about ready to start for the 2017-18 school year! Challengers is a fun program that offers learning activities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Students will meet twice a month at 7 a.m. in Room 203 (Mrs. Italiano's classroom). A fee of \$25.00 will be assessed to help cover the cost of materials. For more information, please contact Beth Italiano at 344-2153 ext 203. The meeting dates are: September – 8, 29; October – 13, 20; November – 3, 17; December – 1, 15; January – 12, 26; February – 9, 23; March – 9, 23; April – 6, 20

ITALIAN FEST 2017

Italian Chicken Sandwiches \$6.00

SEPTEMBER 15th & 16th, 2017

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
COME OUT AND SUPPORT
THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP!!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SERVING YOU
ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!**

**PARKING IS AVAILABLE
BEHIND THE EVERS MEDICAL
CENTER (\$5.00 donation).**

Reserve The Date

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 Ms Combs'

homeroom: Autumn D., Eli G., Jordan G., Lars G., & Mr. Rincker's homeroom: Quintin B., Nathan B., Emma B., Carson C., Joey C., Lillie C., Jakob F., Madelyn

G., Declan G., Tyler H., Megan H., Elliot J., Megan J.

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...

Welcome—Name to a Face

I would like to welcome all of our new school and returning families to Good Shepherd for our 34th year of offering a quality Christian education. I ask that you would continue to support and partner with us so we can continue to achieve our mission.

Please take the opportunity to welcome and meet every family so they feel that Christian welcome and feel apart of the Good Shepherd Family! How are you with names and faces?

Automatic Tuition Program

All families should have their tuition agreements completed and submitted to TADS at this time. Please note that if your tuition agreement was submitted after your August payment is due based on your payment plan selection, you must initiate this payment. It will not automatically deduct and if the payment is not made it will incur a late fee! Please contact TADS with any questions at 800-477-8237.

Athletics Parent Volunteers

Athletic parents who did not make it to the Athletic Meeting, please stop by the school office to sign-up to volunteer at home games. All GSLS sports require that you must sign up for to volunteer for five slots before your student can participate. The sign up sheets will be available in the school office. Please contact Mr. Mayhew with any questions.

Chapel

Just a reminder to everyone, please no shorts/capris on Thursdays for chapel. Any noncompliance will be mentioned to the student and parent first. Repeated times will result in a note or phone call from the school office with further consequences. Your support and partnership is truly appreciated!

Re-Sale Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, worked and shopped at the Standardized Dress Re-Sale Shop. Thank you to Brittany R. and Amy S. for heading this year's event and

all the volunteers who assisted. This year's sale was another great success due to everyone's generosity!

TRACKS Director

Hello, my name is James Usery and I am the new director for the before and after-school program at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. I have a Bachelors and Masters degree in education and have over 10 years of experience in the classroom. I have also been involved with the YMCA for 14 years as an Assistant Director with their summer camp program. I am excited and looking forward to being a part of your church and school community.

Lost a Loved One Through Death

GRIEFSHARE, is a grief recovery support group. No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6pm we will begin a new session of GriefShare, a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A workbook assists you with note taking, journaling and grief study. The videos feature top experts on grief recovery, reenactments about living with grief and real-life stories of people who have experienced losses like yours. During the small group discussion time, you'll have the opportunity to interact with others who experienced a recent loss, learn about their experiences and share your own.

The facilitators are Kathy Bohnet and Lynn Cook. Please join us for the first session held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in the Conference Room. It should last about 2 hours. There will be a \$15.00 fee for the workbook. Scholarships are available upon request. Please register by e-mailing lcookparish-nurse@charter.net or phone the church secretary 344-3151. Babysitting is available with notice.

Arrival and Departure-Safety First

Patience..... This is the key to safe arrival and departure. Share this with your child's

driver.

Always...Be careful when backing your car some students are not very tall.

Drive slowly – when arriving and departing. (Remind your teenage driver).

Drive according to the direction of parking spaces. Use the crosswalks and never walk between cars.

Please do not...Never, ever pass a car.

This is VERY dangerous.

Do not park along the front of the building – even for a short period of time.

During dismissal you may park before the entrance to the church, but not after.

Before School...Please do not park or have a prolonged stop in the drop off lane (Yellow curb). Pull into a parking spot instead.

Drop off along the front of school and the J curve only.

Children can walk the length of the sidewalk to the front door of the school. You do not have to pull directly in front of the school for drop off. This will help so we do not have long lines.

The front doors will open at 7:45 a.m.

After School...

It is best to park and wait for your child to come to your car or park and walk to the school entrance to meet your child.

Please do not honk your horn and remember to be patient!

Please do not park in front of the church as you wait to pick up someone.

Tardy Slips

All 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, they 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.

Visitors

All parents picking up or dropping off their child during school hours will need to stop in the office and sign out your child. Security for the children is important to us. All visitors who come into the school building during the school hours will be identified by wearing a visitor's badge. When an individual signs in the school office, they will

be issued a badge.

Communication

Partnering to benefit your child's education and your journey here at Good Shepherd is important to us. Please refer to the handbook regarding communication located on our website. God's Blessings on the 2017-2018 school year!

GSLS Charger Challenge

2017 Charger Challenge 5k & 5k Relay will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran School on Saturday, August 26th

Volunteer Opportunities:

Let us know how you will help the event be a success by signing up on SignUp.com at:

<http://signup.com/go/MJpAXXO>

***Pre-Race Set-Up:**

Friday, 8/25th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 8/26th 6:00 – 6:45 a.m.

***Registration Table:**

Saturday 8/26th 6:45 – 7:45 a.m.

***Photographers/Videographers:**

Saturday 8/26th 6:45 – 9:30 a.m.

***5K Course Workers**, Finish Line Chute, Relay Lap Counter, Relay Course Workers, Water Stations:

Saturday 8/26th 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

***Post-Race Refreshment Table:**

Saturday 8/26th 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

***Clean-Up & Tear-Down:**

Saturday 8/26th 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

***Donations** of food items are also needed. Please donate in quantities of 1 dozen or more. All items need to be in/on disposable trays/containers. Please label accordingly with a description of your food item.

10 dozen cookies

10 dozen brownies

10 dozen Rice Krispy treats

10 dozen muffins

For more information:

Visit: <http://www.gslcs.org/run/volunteers>

*Email: ChargerChallenge@gmail.com

***FaceBook:**

Charger Challenge 5k and 5k Relay.

"Here I Stand" T-shirts

It is not too late to order a "Here I Stand" t-shirt. Friday, August 25th will be the last day to order a t-shirt.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are for sale for \$30 and are available through the 8th grade students, Mr. Rincker or any 8th grade student. Proceeds will go towards the 2018 class trip.

Standardized Dress

The dress code and visual pictures are available on the website with frequently asked questions with answers. Please help us maintain this by viewing and supporting the dress code.

Piano Lessons

There are piano lesson spots open in Mrs. Jarabak's and Mrs. Fuhrmann's schedule. Please contact us at 593-2259 or 402-3098 for more information.

Strings

We are going to resume strings lessons at Good Shepherd next week. If you have any students who are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Tinge at 18-972-8772, Tingestudios@gmail.com.

Backpack Blessings

Take an opportunity to say a little prayer each morning for your child. Place your hands on the backpack and have your children do the same, then have them repeat this prayer and blessing.

Heavenly Father, bless this backpack and all it contains. Let this pack represent the coming school year and all that it entails. Lord watch over me as I travel to school and back home. Bless me with courage as I enter ___ grade. Fill me with a love of learning and a passion for school. Bless my teachers with wisdom and compassion. Guide my choices and keep me mindful of my actions. Give me your Holy Spirit that my faith might grow and that I might love you more. I dedicate this backpack and this school year to you Lord, may my time at school bring you joy. May my thoughts and actions bring glory to your name.

In Jesus' Holy Name—Amen

* Add some Bible verses inside to guide your child's day.

Classroom Newsletters

Classrooms are again providing a newsletter online designed for their classroom. This will provide communication from the

teacher to the families in each room. Our hope is this will enhance our partnership with each family in education.

Summer Challenge

Don't forget the Box Top and Labels Summer Challenge will be ending soon. The class that has collected the most box tops and labels over the summer and turns them in by this due date will win a free dress day in September. Please turn in these trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, August 31st. Thank you to Lynn C. for heading this year's Boxtops and Labels program.

Celebrate Collinsville Community

The C3 Back to School Event features fun activities, great giveaways, and valuable services for Collinsville Students. Students in grades 5-12 can enter a drawing to win a Day in the Life of City employees or career field of their choice. The event is at Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Dr., Collinsville, IL on August 23rd from 5:00-7:00pm.

Important Lunch Program Updates

Lunch prices will be \$2.75. Milk is \$.50. Please note new pre-payment policy through TADS.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Please stop by the school office if you have not filled out a form for the possibility of free or reduced lunches for 2017-18 school year. Please see below the form for the income guidelines.

Latin Lessons

Good Shepherd is looking to proceed with offering Latin lessons to our students. Please call the school office to confirm if your child(ren) are interested. Through these paid lessons, you are provided a way to learn another language.

Charger Wear

Charger wear, including jackets, sweat-shirts, t-shirts, hats, etc... is available for purchase/ordering in the school office. Please submit your order forms and payment to the school office no later than September 1st.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Dear Parent/Guardian: Children need healthy meals to learn. **Good Shepherd Lutheran School** offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs **\$2.75**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.40** for lunch. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Household Eligibility Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018)

Reduced-Price Meals (185% Federal Poverty Guideline)

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional family member, add	7,733	645	323	298	149