



# Good Shepherd Charger News

**"Here I Stand"**

1 Corinthians 16:13

Seventeenth Edition

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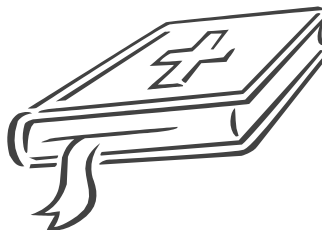
## Something to Consider:

**If you are faithless,  
He remains faithful,  
He cannot deny Himself.**

**2 Timothy 2:13**

God's faithfulness grows out of the unchanging perfection of His nature. Because He is infinite and perfect in His love, mercy, and kindness, you can trust Him to be perfectly faith-

ful in His care for you. Your friends may fail you; your own heart may fail you, but God never will. Divine faithfulness is just God being what He has always been and always will be. That is why it is foolishness to think for a moment that God's faithfulness to you is in any way dependent upon your performance. Even if you have been



faithless, turn your heart to the One who is ever faithful. He is always ready to take you in.

## Charger Headlines:

### Retirement For ECC Worker

Donna Kober has been with us for 5 years serving the students in the Early Childhood Center as an aide. We would like to thank her for her years of service to Good Shepherd. Mrs. Kober's last day is December 21st. Please take the opportunity to thank her for the care and compassion she has displayed to the children!

### Good Shepherd Church

We welcome you to join us for our Christmas Services.

-Preschool Singers Sunday,

December 17th 10:30am

-Children's Christmas Service

Saturday, Dec 23rd 5:30pm

-Christmas Eve Services Sun.,

Dec. 24 5:00pm & 11:00pm

-Christmas Day Service 9:00am

-Evening Prayer Wednesday,

December 27th 6:15pm

-New Year's Eve Sunday,

December 31 7:00pm

### GSLS Change Drive

Good Shepherd School's Annual change drive is scheduled for January 8-19. The proceeds will help continue providing a quality Christian education at GSLS.

### Preschool & Kindergarten "Open Houses" for 2018-19

Good Shepherd's first Open House for Preschool - is scheduled for January 16th at 7:00 p.m. We also have an Open House on January 30th at 7:00 p.m. for Kindergarteners, for the 2018-2019 school year.

These are great opportunities to meet teachers and see what your child will learn and experience in a Christian school. There are Early Childhood tours available by contacting the school office. We encourage you to share this information to families you may know that might be interested in a Christian education.

### Parking Lot Driving

It is very important that when driving in the parking lot:

1. please drive slowly when arriving and departing
2. please drive without talking on a cell phone.

It is important as a driver, be aware that children/parents are walking in the parking lot.

Questions are always welcome. Mr. Mayhew.

**NOTICE—No Lunch or Milk**  
No lunch or milk will be served on Thursday, December 21st.

Remember to pack a drink & lunch that day.

### Peer Tutoring Reminder

There is no Peer Tutoring next Thurs., Dec. 21st. Peer Tutoring will resume on Thurs., Jan. 11th.

### Box Tops & Labels Program

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Tuesday, December 19th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

## A Look Ahead

**Monday, Dec. 18**

-Girls A & Boys C Basketball  
Home vs. Holy Cross 6:30pm

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**

-Box Tops and Labels  
Collection Day  
-Christmas Concert Gr. 3-8  
7:00pm in the Church

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

-Advent Services 4:30 &  
7:00pm

**Thursday, December 21**

-Chapel 8:25am

-End of 2nd Quarter

-PreK- Gr. 8 Christmas  
Parties

**Friday, Dec. 22-January 3**

-NO SCHOOL - Christmas  
Break

**Tuesday, January 2**

-Mrs. Fuhrmann's Piano  
Recital at Meridian 6:30pm

**Thursday, Jan. 4**

-All Classes Resume  
-Chapel 8:25am



# Charger Headlines Continues...

## Charger Bucks - Scrip

Walk-up sales will be held after school on Mon. (18th), Tues. (19th) Wed. (20th), and Thurs., Dec. (21st) from 3:00-3:30pm and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. Plan ahead for gifts and entertaining.

Weekly orders will resume on January 8th, 22nd, & 29th; February 5th, 12th, & 26th. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays to be processed that week.

If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

## GSLS Jr. FLL

Our Jr. FLL league has two openings in their group which meets on Mondays at 3:30pm. If interested in joining, please call Mr. Gower at 618-344-2951.

## End of Year—Tax Credit

If you are looking for a way to give and also receive a tax credit for the 2017-year, please consider donating monies to purchase Chrome Books, iPads, or Scholarships for students at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Your donation will help students and teachers enhance the learning process!

## Items Needed

GSLS is collecting various items for the new Learning Center. This will be used for students and teachers to integrate STEM into classroom activities. Items needed include: stencils, craft sticks, seal-able sandwich bags, waxed paper, sewing trim, fabric scraps, sandpaper, wood scraps, Styrofoam, Christmas bows/ribbon, tissue paper, old game pieces, packaging materials, hardware items (nuts, bolts, washers), and scrap paper. We also need permanent and washable markers, liquid glue, glue sticks, and scissors. Items can be new or used. Collection bins are located in the ECC or school lobby. Items can be brought in throughout the school year. Please contact the school office with any questions. Thank you for supporting GSLS!

## Thank You – Donations

The following are donations given this school year. We appreciate your willingness to help through our "Education in Excellence" program.

Papa John's Pizza	\$237.60
Undesignated	\$7,710.43
Scholarship	\$19,772.00
Technology	\$1,000.00
Golf Tournament	\$3,225.96

LESA Grant	\$1,298.00
Library	\$2,420.00
BoxTops	\$1,492.40
Resale Shop	\$911.28
Band	\$3,898.25
ECC	\$1,000.00
Recycling	\$105.37
Electives	\$200.00
Charger 5K	\$2,301.86

## Box Top and Labels

The winning class for the Box Tops and Labels program contest for the month of November is Mrs. Krause's (K-1). Mrs. Krause's students collected 1,308 box tops and labels with an average of 73 per student.

We ended October with a total of 6,538 box tops and labels and added 1,540 more this month, for a total of 8,078 box tops and labels collected for the 2017-2018 school year so far. Keep up the great work – Way to Go Chargers!!

Just a quick reminder: December will be the last month we can collect the Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. Unfortunately, they are discontinuing the program. The next collection date for the Box Tops and Labels for Education will be Tuesday, December 19th. Please send in any you may have to the school office. Thank you!

## 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 Mr. Krueger's homeroom:

Addie L., Catrina L., Andrew M., Connor P., Ryder R., & Jesse S.

## Auction Up-dates

### 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 17th 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.

### 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 PK	Arts & Crafts for Kids
4 Yr. Old PK	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 Jr. H.	Spa Day
Mr. Rinker's Jr. H.	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...

## **New Enrollment Open House**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will have "Open House" on January 21st, February 25th, & March 18th for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a great opportunity to see what your child will learn and experience in a Christian school.

We encourage you to share this information to families you may know that might be interested in a Christian education.

## **Open Enrollment for 2018-19 Coming Soon!**

Preschool through 8th grade registration for the 2018-19 school year will open for all current AND new students on Monday, January 1, 2018. We encourage you to enroll through TADS as soon as possible.

Please note that you will have multiple options for payment of the non-refundable registration fee if you re-enroll in the month of January. If you have any questions or need assistance applying or re-enrolling, please contact TADS Customer Support at 1-800-477-8237.

Early enrollment is strongly advised to secure your student's priority status. Priority status for classroom placement is determined by the date your tuition agreement is submitted to TADS. If you are in need of scholarships, applications for financial aid will also be available on-line through TADS beginning January 1st. Please make sure to submit your financial aid application AND all required supporting documentation ASAP and no later than March 15th, 2018 to be eligible for the best possible opportunities for assistance.

## **Thank You Volunteers**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Gingerbread House a fun successful event for our students here at Good Shepherd.

## **Schnucks Bags 4 My Cause**

We have some very exciting news! Good Shepherd has been chosen by Schnucks located on Belt Line Rd., Collinsville, as the latest beneficiary of the Schnucks – Bags 4 My Cause program! During the entire month of January 2018, every time

the reusable Giving bag with the message "Giving is in the Bag" is purchased at the Schnucks on Belt Line Rd., GSLS will receive \$1!

This is truly a great opportunity for us to be chosen! Please go to the store, find the reusable bag rack and buy a few Giving bags in support of Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

And remember to spread the word – the more bags purchased, the bigger donation to GSLS. For more information about the Schnucks – Bags 4 My Cause program visit [schnucks.bags4mycause.com](http://schnucks.bags4mycause.com).

## **Coats, Hats, and Gloves**

As the weather is getting colder, remind your children to wear warm outerwear including gloves, hats scarves, and boots. Please note that hooded garments are for outdoors purpose only.

## **Box Tops and Labels**

The next turn in date for the Box Top and Label Program is Wednesday, December 19th. Please send your trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

## **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 a written excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

## **GSLS Resale Shop**

Mark your calendar for the GSLS Uniform Resale Shop that will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 9:00am to noon at GSLS. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event, donate standardized dress-clothing, and of course shoppers! Please contact Mrs. Rayburn at 618-520-9948 with questions or if you can volunteer to help.

## **Drive 4 UR School program**

Weber Ford and Good Shepherd K-8 are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of Washington D.C. Class Trip as part of Ford Motor Company's Drive 4 UR School program. Members of the Collinsville/Granite City area community will have the opportunity to raise money

for the Good Shepherd students by test-driving a Ford vehicle. For every person who test-drives a new Ford vehicle at this one-day event, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 up to \$6,000 to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. The funds being raised are going to help cover the expenses of the Annual Washington D.C. class trip.

This one-day event is scheduled for TOMORROW, Saturday, December 9th from 9 am to 1 pm at Weber Ford in Granite City, located at 3465 Progress Parkway, Granite City, IL (Near the Wal-Mart and Lowes on Route3).

Please keep in mind that each test-drive will last approximately 7 – 10 minutes.

## **Lost and Found**

Is your child missing a sweater, sweatshirt or even their lunchbox? Check the lost and found in the school office and gym to claim your missing items.

## **Schwan's Care's**

GSLS is offering the opportunity for you to sign up to purchase Schwan's products while helping the class of 2018 earn funds for their class trip. Questions, please call Mrs. Dixon, 618-578-8480.

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## SUPPORT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

During the entire month of **January 2018**, every time the reusable Giving bag with the message "Giving is in the Bag" is purchased at the Schnucks on Belt Line Rd., Collinsville, IL, GSLS will receive \$1! The more bags purchased, the bigger donation to GSLS.

THIS GREAT LOOKING BAG  
GENERATES A \$1  
DONATION TO US  
WHEN PURCHASED!

REALLY!



Thanks for all  
your support!