



# Good Shepherd Charger News

**"Here I Stand"**

1 Corinthians 16:13

Eighteenth Edition

December 21, 2017

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## Something to Consider:

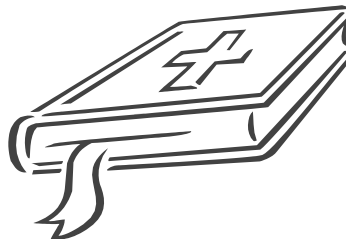
**Choose life that both you and  
your descendants may live.**

**Deuteronomy 30:19**

Some choices are easy...Paper or plastic? Regular or unleaded? For here or to go? Others take a lot more wisdom: Which job should I take? Where should I live? Whom should I marry? How can I be a better parent? What is a wise use of my finances?

Every day is filled with choices, both big and small. And God wants to help you make them wisely. He's already given you what you need: the wisdom and understanding included in the Bible—through precept and example—God's whisper in your heart, and the acquired wisdom of family and friends.

Make those easy choices yourself, but when you need some help



with tough decisions, God is ready and willing to point you down the right path.

## Charger Headlines:

### **GSLS Change Drive**

The Good Shepherd Lutheran School Change Drive will be held Monday, January 8th through Friday, January 19th. Please consider donating your loose change to this cause. The money collected will benefit our school auction.

Collection containers for grades preschool - grade 1 will be in the Early Childhood Center lobby. Grades 2-8 containers will be located in the school lobby. Students will be receiving special dress days for each level their grade reaches.

### **Game Cancelled**

The Boys AD Basketball game with Maryville Christian on Fri., January 19th has been cancelled.

### **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).

### **Tax Credits For Non-public Schools**

The State of Illinois passed a comprehensive education funding bill this past August 2017 that was signed into law. The law includes a provision for tax credit scholarships—a 75% in

come tax credit to individuals and businesses—supporting non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice.

\* Donors must apply for the credit via an application process that opens at midnight January 2, 2018; credits are issued on a first come, first served basis.  
\* Individual donors can designate that their donation be used to support scholarships at a specific school.

We encourage you to begin the process starting January 2, 2018. If you know of a corporation which may be interested, please notify your school.

See the attached flier for more information.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMmD4YPO-wghIgbNDF1C\\_dFk\\_MB0xGiZwKiFRFyEE8X0jmQ/formResponse](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMmD4YPO-wghIgbNDF1C_dFk_MB0xGiZwKiFRFyEE8X0jmQ/formResponse)

### **A Look Ahead**

**Friday, December 22**

-NO SCHOOL Through  
Wednesday, January 3rd

**Monday, January 1**

-Pre-Registration Opens for  
2018-2019 School Year

**Tuesday, January 2**

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

**Thursday, January 4**

-Chapel 8:25am

-All Classes Resume  
PK—Gr. 8

**Friday, January 5**

"Here I Stand" Spirit Shirt  
Day

**Saturday, January 6**

-Boys Pee Wee Basketball

**Monday, January 8**

-GSLS Change Drive  
Through Friday, Jan. 19th

-Board Meeting 7:00pm

**Tuesday, January 9**

-Boys AD Basketball Home  
vs Unity 6:00pm; Alumni  
Night

**Thursday, January 11**

-Chapel 8:25am

-Boys BD Basketball Home  
vs St. Boniface 6:00pm



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# Charger Headlines Continues...

## **Charger Bucks - Scrip**

Weekly orders will be 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.

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!

## **Young Authors**

Reminder, Young Author books are due Fri., Jan. 26th. Please feel free to ask for additional help from your child's teacher.

## **Piano Recital**

Mrs. Fuhrmann's students will perform at the piano recital on Tuesday, January 2nd at Meridian 6:30pm.

## **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.

## **Box Tops Program**

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Tuesday, January 30th.

Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

Just a quick reminder: December was the last month we can collect the Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. Unfortunately,

they are discontinuing the program.

## **Recycling Bins**

As a reminder, cardboard is not accepted in our recycling bins. Please continue to recycle your newspapers, aluminum and magazines. Thank you to those who have been participating in this program.

## **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.

## **Emergency Closing**

If school must be closed due to the weather, parents will be notified. In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for:

Good Shepherd, Collinsville. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed.

Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.

Listen to radio stations: KMOX (1120), KXOX (630), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080), & WIBV (1260). TV stations KMOV (4) or KSDK (5).

Good Shepherd Collinsville does NOT follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for the late start or closings. At Good Shepherd, if school is in session it will start at the regular time.

Should parents decide to pick their child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

# 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

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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...

## 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 Kindergarten, 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.

## 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, sealable 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!





## Southern Illinois District—LCMS

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<http://sidlcms.org>

*Rev. Timothy J. Scharr, President*

*Rev. Dr. Alvin Kollmann, President Emeritus*

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*Mr. Jeffrey Fick, Schools and General Executive*

LCMS Lutheran Schools in Illinois have the greatest opportunity in our time to plan and act in alignment with God's calling to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the children and families in our communities!

### **Tax Credits for Donations to Non-Public Schools**

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The basics of the program are as follows:

- Beginning in 2018, Illinois donor residents and corporations are eligible for a tax credit equal to 75% of donations made to a qualifying Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), up to \$1 million.
- Donors must apply for the credit via an application process that opens at midnight on January 2, 2018; credits are issued on a first come, first served basis.
- Individual donors can designate that their donation be used to support scholarships at a specific school.
- Once approved for a tax credit, the donor must make their donation to the SGO within 60 days of their application date.

### **How Do I Make My Donation and Get My Credit?**

Empower Illinois, a statewide Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) was created in 2017 to serve Illinois children through the state's tax credit scholarship program. Empower Illinois connects Tax Credit Scholarship Donations to Illinois students whose education opportunities may be limited by household income.

1. Begin the process by registering/activating your account with [www.mytax.illinois.gov](http://www.mytax.illinois.gov).
2. An ID letter will arrive in the mail (can take up to 10 business days). Sign-up/activate your [www.mytax.illinois.gov](http://www.mytax.illinois.gov) account.
3. Reserve your tax credit beginning January 2, 2018. The opportunity will be on a first-come, first served basis. You are encouraged to reserve yours as soon as possible.
4. Once credit has been reserved, you have 60 days to make your donation Empower Illinois at [www.EmpowerIllinois.org](http://www.EmpowerIllinois.org). Do not send your donation directly to the school.
5. Claim your tax credit when you file your 2018 Illinois State Taxes.

We encourage you to begin the process as soon as possible as donations can first be made starting January 2, 2018. If you know of a corporation which may be interested in this program, please notify your school leader. To learn more about how the State Tax Credit program works, please talk with your school leader or speak with Mr. Jeffrey Fick at the Southern Illinois District Office - LCMS. 618-234-4767 or email: [sidlcmsmessage@gmail.org](mailto:sidlcmsmessage@gmail.org).



## SUPPORT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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THIS GREAT LOOKING BAG  
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DONATION TO US  
WHEN PURCHASED!

REALLY!



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## Participant Guide

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How to join as a Fundraiser:

1. Visit Schwans-Cares.com
2. Enter our Campaign ID: **34014** into the search box located in the upper right hand corner then click to open campaign.
3. Select the "Team Members" tab towards the top of the page and then click "Become a Team Member".
4. Click "Join Fundraising Team". If you already have an account, log in. Otherwise, create an account by entering your information (Choose team if applicable).
5. Complete your account by selecting "Sign Up" and then click "Continue" on the next page to finish.

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Fundraiser Dates

November 1, 2017  
thru  
March 16, 2018

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