



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Jesus has Overcome" - John 16:31-33

All School Newsletter
February 7, 2020

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 8

- Boys Pee Wee Basketball and Girls Pee Wee Cheerleading 8:00 a.m.
- Madison County Band at CMS
- Resale Shop 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Monday, February 10

- AC Girls Basketball Home vs Edwardsville 6:00 p.m., 8th Grade Night

Thursday, February 13

- Boys C Basketball vs. Holy Cross at Zion Staunton Shootout 6:00 pm
- Girls A Basketball at St. Charles Tournament TBA

Friday, February 14

- Girls A Basketball at St. Charles Tournament 6:30 p.m.
- Girls C Basketball vs. Mt. Olive at Zion Staunton Shootout 6:00 pm
- ECC - Grade 8 Valentine's Day Parties

Monday, February 17

- No School - President's Day

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



GSLCS Resale Shop - Saturday, February 8th

The GSLCS Uniform Resale Shop is **TOMORROW** - 9:00 to noon in the school cafeteria. Please contact Aimee-Michelle Gower by email - Scrapabee@hotmail.com or text - 618-971-3664 with any questions.

Family Ag Science Night (Grades preschool – fifth grade)

Join us on Friday, February 21 from 6-7:30 at the Main School Entrance. Family Science Night presented in cooperation with Madison County CAREE/Ag in the Classroom is a unique opportunity for you and your child to be involved together in an evening of science exploration! The topic this year is Earth Day. **The first 30 students that register and attend the event on the 21st will receive a free science activity kit (kits vary).** Registration forms were sent home with each student in grades preschool through fifth grade. You may also register by email by contacting Mrs. Sengele' (lsengele@gslcs.org). **All registrations are due by February 14th.** (See flyer attached.)

VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Winners

Congratulations to GSLCS' Junior High students, Harrison M., Kade S., Grace C., and Clara R.! Their essays were chosen as the top entries from participating area schools. Mr. Jim Conn, Collinsville VFW representative, presented their awards at the end of chapel on Thursday.

Variety Show

We need your talent for the Good Shepherd Variety Show. The show will be held on Tuesday, March 10th. All participants will need to have their act previewed on Thursday, February 27th. Forms are being sent home with your child and are available in the office. (See attachment.) Please return all entry forms to your child's teacher or the office by Friday, February 21st if you are planning to audition. Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Daniels or Mrs. Maske.

Re-Enrollment - FACTS

District Code: GS - IL If you have not received your email invitation to reenroll your child(ren) through FACTS, please contact Mrs. Schnicker in the office immediately 618-344-3153.

Good Shepherd and Building Blocks Scholarship Applications

Deadline March 30th. Applications available online through FACTS.

LESA Tuition Scholarships Available

See attached flyer for more information.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Good Shepherd Open House

Good Shepherd will host an open house on Sunday, February 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are invited to visit our dynamic school, tour our campus, meet our faculty, and get answers to questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-344-3153.

Coronavirus information

The Illinois State Board of Education has sent out information to schools regarding the new coronavirus. The teachers and office staff are aware and are taking precautions and recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health. There is an attachment for viewing, questions are welcomed.

School Benefit Auction - Saturday, March 28th

We are excited to invite you, our Good Shepherd family and friends, to celebrate and support Good Shepherd Lutheran School by attending our School Auction being held at the Columbus Plaza in Collinsville on Saturday, March 28th. Reservation forms are available on the school website <https://www.gslcs.org/support-our-school/auction/> and in the school office. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please make your reservation by Friday, March 13, 2020. We look forward to your joining us for a fun-filled evening.

School Absences - Flu Season

If your child will be absent, please call or email the school office each morning so both the office and the teacher are informed. If your child is sick, he/she needs to stay at home. As always and especially during this flu season, remember your child must be fever free WITHOUT the use of acetaminophen or ibuprofen for **24 hours** before returning to school. A doctor's written excuse is needed to return to school if your child was seen by a doctor. Please pick up your child's homework in T.R.A.C.K.S. (After School Care) after 3:30 p.m. to help/him her keep up with the class.

Change Drive

Thank you for your extraordinary support of our Annual Change Drive! We raised \$2,819.15 as a school, which is the highest in ten years. The 3 highest classes, 4th, 3rd, and 1st grades will receive a special "Free Dress Day" on Monday, February 10. The 4th grade won the change drive with \$21.76 per student.

Something to Consider...

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of Life set me free from the law of sin and death. – Romans 8:1-2

If you break your favorite vase, no amount of glue can return it to its original beauty. The cracks will always show. By choosing your own way over God's, breaks your relationship with Him. But, God offers something that will not only mend this relationship, but make it as good as new....His forgiveness.

All you need to do to receive God's forgiveness is ask for it. It sounds easy, but acknowledging your deep need for God means putting aside your pride. It means getting down on your knees physically or mentally and reaching up to the One who is reaching down to you. Take time to do that now. Do it as often as you need to. God's forgiveness knows no end and His love endure forever!

**Robert Mayhew
Principal**



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: Meghan M.; Ashlyn M.; Jake R.; Alyssa S.; Vivienne S.; Chance S.; and Noah W.

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.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Youth Free Throw Tournament



The Collinsville Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a youth free throw tournament. Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of 1/1/20) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition is free of charge and will be held **Saturday, February 8th** at 10:30 a.m. (doors open at 10:00 a.m.) at the Saints Peter & Paul Gym at 313 Vandalia Street in Collinsville. If you have any questions or need additional information, call Paul Proffitt at 618-616-1249.

Somalia Mission: Possible Project

During the month of February, GSLS will continue to support the mission project to provide a message of hope for people in Somalia. Every \$5.00 donation provides a book about the Lutheran faith and stories from the Bible in the Somali or Arabic language. These are given free of charge to Somali people living in Kenyan refugee camps or who have emigrated to other countries, including the U.S. Donations can be given to your child's teacher or to the school office. Your partnership is a blessing.

Charger Bucks-Scrip Program - Did You Know?

- 5% earnings are now available on gift cards to **MotoMart** (can be used at all locations).
- **Visa** gift cards can be used to pay bills or to pay at any vendor that accepts VISA.
- **Starbucks** Fans - Load your Scrip purchased gift cards into your Starbucks app and receive benefits from both!
- Pay your **Kohl's** charge with Scrip purchased gift cards.

Order dates in February are the 10th, 17th, and 24th. (Please have your order in the school office by 9:00 a.m.) Walk-up sales will be offered after school on Fridays in the school lobby and on Sunday mornings between services in the connecting hallway. **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.

Classroom Baskets for School's Benefit Auction

The following are the themes for items for the classroom auction baskets. Charger Bucks-Scrip makes it easy for you to order gift cards for your student's basket or use for yourself to purchase something to donate!

- Preschool 3's - Art Club (art and craft supplies)
- Preschool 4's - Friends of Animals (anything pet related)
- Kindergarten - Future Builders Club (building blocks, Legos, K'Nex, etc.)
- 1st Grade - Gamers Club (games, puzzles, cards)
- 2nd Grade - Science Club (anything science related; experiment kits, slime kits, books, etc.)
- 3rd Grade - Adventure Club (camping and outdoor equipment/supplies)
- 4th Grade - Drama Club (movies, entertainment items, movie gift cards, snacks)
- 5th Grade - Sports & Rec Club (sports equipment, stadium cushions, etc.)
- 6th Grade - Community Club (gift cards from local restaurants, locally made crafts or goods)
- Mrs. Hasamear - Home Ec Club (baking & cooking gear, recipe books, cooking utensils, etc.)
- Mr. Rincker - Gardening Club (gardening gloves, knee pads, pots, seeds, potting soil, etc.)



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

This year's variety show will review the many talents of individual students, groups of students, or family acts. (Parents are invited to participate with their child/ren.)

All students and faculty members are invited to participate.

The variety show will be **Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Auditions will be held **Thursday, February 27th from 3:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

ALL ACTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED JUST AS THEY WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE NIGHT OF THE VARIETY SHOW. IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO PERFORM YOUR ACT JUST AS IT WILL BE PERFORMED ON THE NIGHT OF THE VARIETY SHOW, PLEASE SAVE YOUR ACT AND AUDITION NEXT YEAR.

GUIDELINES:

- There will be a 4-minute time limit for each performance. (Some performances may, by their very nature, be much shorter than a full 4-minute slot.)
- **All acts must exemplify the standards of Good Shepherd Lutheran School. (This includes musical selection and manner of dress.)**
- Each act will be required to audition. Bring sheet music, CD, and a copy of the lyrics. (The Internet provides sites for hard-to-find lyrics.)
- Each person auditioning must turn in a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian.

There will be a dress rehearsal on **Monday, March 9th**, beginning at 3:15 P.M.

Please complete the following information as it should appear in the program and return the bottom portion of this slip to your homeroom teacher by Friday, February 21st.

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

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 INDIVIDUAL GROUP (Please list all participants): _____

Name _____ Phone # _____ Grade _____

Dance Voice Musical Instrument _____ Other (juggling, mime, etc.) _____

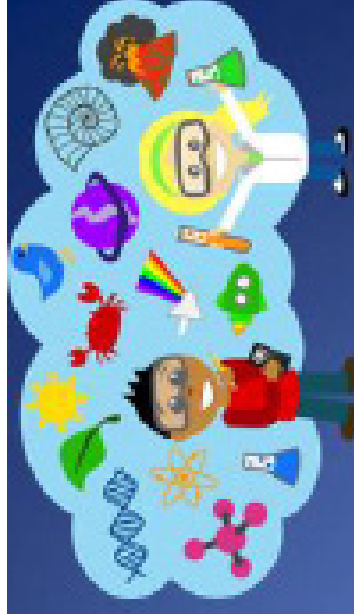
Musical Selection (Title and Composer/Artist)

Permission to perform:

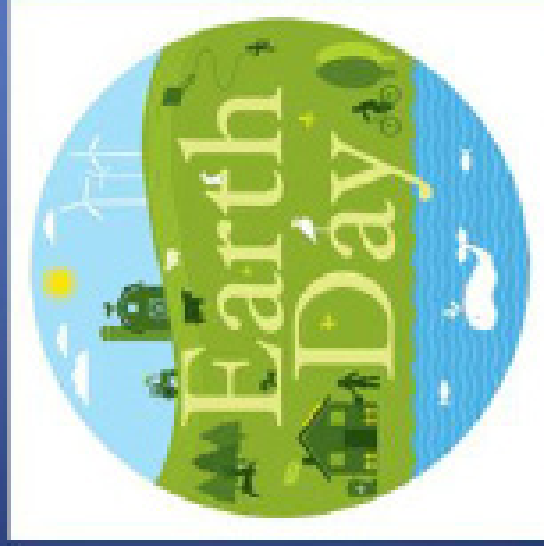
I am aware of my child's intentions to perform in the GSLS Variety Show 2020 and will help my child prepare for his/her performance **according to the guidelines outlined above. I understand that the Variety Show Committee reserves the right to refuse my child's act.**

Signature _____ Relationship to the child _____ Phone # _____

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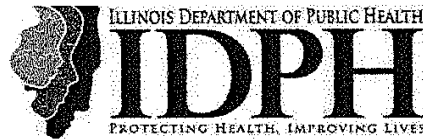
Family Night



- For PRESCHOOL – FIFTH GRADE Students, Friends, and Parents
 - FRIDAY, February 21, 2020
 - 6:00-7:30pm
- Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Main Entrance

Every day is Earth Day on a farm. Come join us for an evening of earth related activities. The first 30 students to register and attend the event will receive a science activity kit.

Questions? Contact Lynn (lsengele@gslcs.org)



FAQs: Schools

What are the symptoms that 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), can cause?

Patients with 2019-nCoV have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. The 2019 novel coronavirus is concerning because it can cause lung infection (pneumonia).

How does the virus spread?

It's too soon to know where exactly 2019-nCoV came from or how easily it spreads. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so.

What if a student is sick with fever and respiratory symptoms?

At this time, residents of Illinois are at low risk of becoming infected with 2019-nCoV, unless they have recently traveled to Wuhan or have come in close contact with someone who was ill who recently traveled in that area. Even if an ill student has traveled to Wuhan, or has had contact with an ill person who has traveled there, respiratory illness may be due to a variety of other more common causes, including influenza and other common viruses.

One of our students is an exchange student from China. Can they return home?

CDC recommends that travelers avoid non-essential travel to China. The [CDC's Travelers' Health webpage](#) should be consulted for current information.

What if we think a student may be infected with 2019-nCoV?

If a student has recently traveled or been exposed to someone who traveled to or from Wuhan, China and is experiencing fever, cough or difficulty breathing, contact your local health department. Call ahead before taking the child to a doctor's office or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

If we have a student who has been ill at school and is now a person under investigation (PUI), what do we tell parents?

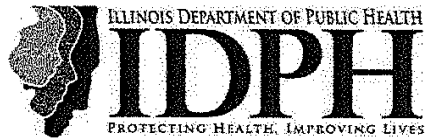
In general, continue to follow your usual procedures for notification of parents/guardians whose children are ill at school. The local health department will follow up with schools who need more specific guidance.

Should we be concerned about classroom pets or other animals and 2019-nCoV?

CDC recommends that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus.

How can our school prevent infections with 2019-nCoV and other respiratory diseases?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. However, there are vaccines to prevent other common respiratory viruses such as seasonal influenza. Additional information on vaccines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html>.



The best way to prevent infection is to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus, which are similar to the precautions you would take to avoid the flu. IDPH always recommends everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Additional information on 2019-nCoV outbreak is frequently updated on the [CDC website](#).



Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete Application online at FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG82>
- One application per family (Includes Lutheran high schools) (divorce families must complete separate applications if both parents are paying tuition)

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$35)

Step 3: Submit 2019 tax documents - by **April 1, 2020**

- Applicant and co-applicant must submit tax docs
- ***Tax documents do not have to be filed; but must be prepared and submitted to your application
- FACTS representatives will email or call if documentation is missing, please respond to the FACTS representatives if they contact you
- Documents can be uploaded to your application on FACTS using a mobile phone or a scanner
- Contact LESA or your school with questions about the application or documents

Deadline: April 1, 2020

Have Questions???

FACTS customer service: 1.866.412.4637

Monday—Thursday 7:30-7pm; Friday 7:30-5pm

LESA office: 314.200.0790

lesastl.org



Do I qualify?

Most families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if at least 10% of adjusted gross income from 2019 is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 net tuition.



Required Documentation

Submit by April 1, 2020

2019 Tax Documents

- 1) 1040 form
- 2) W-2's
- 3) Income docs
 - ⇒ Food stamps, welfare, child support, worker's comp, Schedule C / business docs, etc.
- 4) Corporate, Partnership, and trust tax forms (if applicable)
- 5) Other docs may be required
 - ⇒ Household bills, daycare, etc