

# **Good Shepherd Charger News**

"Secure In His Arms" Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter November 24, 2020

#### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Tuesday, November 24**

- NO Afternoon TRACKS, gr 1-8
- Mid-Quarter
- Thanksgiving Parties Pre-Grade 8
- Eckert's Pie Order Pickup

## Wednesday, November 25 - Sunday, November 29

- No School, Thanksgiving Break

#### Monday, November 30

Last day to order Usbourne Books
 More from Virtual Book Fair

#### Wednesday, December 2

- Mid-week Advent Services 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 3

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2

#### Friday, December 4

- Theme T-Shirt Day

# For more information: gslcs.org/calendars



## Charger Headlines...

#### **Thanksgiving Break**

The faculty and staff wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are blessed by our school families and thank God for each of you. This year we are especially thankful to be able to continue to offer in-school learning. We pray your celebration will be blessed with good health and joy.

#### Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree

Look for the Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree in the school lobby beginning Monday, November 30 through Monday, December 14. We are collecting new, warm mittens, scarves, and hats to be distributed to local children through Collinsville Head Start, Collinsville Food Pantry, and Lutheran Child and Family Services. Let's fill the tree!

#### **Mid-Quarter Reports**

Please review your student's mid-quarter report. This offers another great opportunity to communicate with teachers and get helpful insight.

#### **Virtual Book Fair**

Our Book Fair with Usborne Books & More is happening **now through Monday, November 30!** View books, receive recommendations, and purchase books for your favorite readers <u>here</u>. Your purchase helps directly support our school library and benefits our students. Please see attached flyer for information regarding rewards and goals our students can reach as a school!

#### **Google Review**

To improve our school's online search results, we are inviting parents to kindly create a review of our school on Google. 8th grade parents should have received a link in an email from Mr. Mayhew which directly connects the user to the the review form. Parents of 7th grade students will receive a link early in December. Thank you in advance for taking the time to support the school in this effort.

#### **Young Authors**

Information is attached for any student interested in writing a Young Authors book. Students in 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade are required to participate. All other Kindergarten through 8th grade students are invited to write a book. Books are due by January 22, 2021, unless otherwise stated by your child's teacher. Any questions may be directed to your child's teacher. Happy writing!

#### **Daily Health Screening**

- Please complete the health check form every morning for your child(ren) even if they are not attending school that day. It can be found <u>HERE</u>
- 2. If you answer yes to any question, notify the school office 344-3153.



# Usborne Books & More Virtual Book Fair

#### Dates:

November 16, 2020-November 30, 2020

Go to Charger's Friends and Family on Facebook to follow along as we reach our goals!

(If you're not on Facebook, email Rachel Cross at rachelsubam@gmail.com to stay updated via email!)

# School Goals and Prizes!!

\$250- FREE Bookmark \$500-Crazy Socks Day \$1000-Hat Day \$1500-Free Dress Day

**\$2000**-Mr Mayhew has to wear either Cardinals, Packers, or Mizzou gear for a whole day (voted on by the students).



Shopping Link: https://d9965.myubam.com/1913850

Share with friends and family!

### Young Authors

Good Shepherd students will have the opportunity to participate in the district and state Young Authors Conference this spring. The purpose of these conferences is to support the classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' writing and reading abilities. The conferences are different from the science and history fairs because the manuscripts are not judged at either level. The children get to enjoy the writings of others and get to meet "real" authors. The number of students allowed to attend the conferences is limited. A committee will select five representatives to attend the district conference and up to two students to attend the state conference. We would like to involve as many students as possible with the writing of their own creative stories. All submitted manuscripts will be displayed and student recognition will be given during chapel.

In order for the children to have successful experiences, it is important to have parent cooperation. As parents, you can encourage your children to write. How do you do that? You help them brainstorm ideas from their experiential background. You can help them (especially the younger children) to express their ideas in writing. Helping them think of ideas for illustrations, story content, and book jackets is another way for you to be involved. You can especially help them by being enthusiastic!

What can be written by children? They can write creative short stories or a collection of original poetry. They can rewrite stories or "polish" stories they've written earlier in school, either as assignments or for their journals.

Some teachers will use a period of in-class time to introduce the students to this idea and get them started. Some grades may be required to do more independent work than others.

The manuscript is due January 22, 2021 to your child's teacher unless otherwise stated by the teacher.

In order to maintain some uniformity, books should have the following:

- A jacket of substantial quality with the pages securely attached. The
  jacket should have an illustration, a title, and the author's name.
- A fitle page including the fitle of the book, the author, a fictitious publishing company, and a copyright date.
- A dedication page, dedicating the book to someone special.
- Three or more illustrations done by the child. (optional for grades 5-8)
- Dictated books may be typed or hand written by an adult, but must be in the student's own language
- OPTIONAL—the child can write an author's page, telling about him/herself.



