



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Secure In His Arms" Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
December 11, 2020

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 14

- Last day to bring in donations for Hat, Scarf and Mitten Tree

Tuesday, December 15

- Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday, December 16

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

Thursday, December 17

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

Friday, December 18

- Free Dress Day ECC-Grade 8

Wednesday, December 23

- End of 2nd Quarter
- ECC-Grade 8 Christmas Parties
- Mid-week Advent Services 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24-Sunday, January 3

- Merry Christmas! No School Christmas and New Year Break

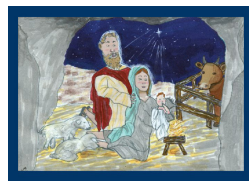
For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



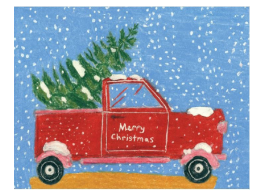
Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree

Monday, December 14th is the LAST DAY to bring in hats, scarves and mittens/gloves for those children in our area needing warm clothes. Please be generous in helping take care of others.

Student Designed Christmas Cards for Sale



Two of our talented students' individual artwork has been chosen by LESA for their annual Christmas Card Fundraiser. We thank Claire G. and Joey F. for sharing their God-given gifts. Get yours today through



the school office. The cost of a box of ten is \$10.00, payable by check to LESA or cash. Each box contains ten of the same print. They are available in the school office-344-3153. All four designs can be found on the LESA website, <https://lesastl.org/>

Fall Book Fair Results

Thank you families for helping to raise \$262.64 for our school libraries! All students will receive the following rewards next week so plan ahead!

Monday- Free Bookmark for each student

Tuesday-Crazy socks day (Wear your craziest socks)

Wednesday-Hat Day (Wear your favorite hat)

Friday-Free Dress Day



Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Registration begins January 1, 2021! Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance, Good Shepherd, and Empower Illinois will also be available January 1 through FACTS. (Details on LESA's scholarship requirements is attached.)

GSLs Job Openings

- Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking for preschool aides and helpers in our after school care programs. Individuals who enjoy talking, caring and modeling a positive attitude would be a great fit. Please contact Rebecca Nobbe for more info. 344-3153 or rnobbe@gslcs.org

- Our TRACKS program (after school care) for 1st-8th grade is also looking for workers for 3:00-6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, starting in the New Year. Please contact the school office for more information. 344-3153

- Substitute Teachers are needed for preschool through 8th grade. Please contact Andrea Hites at ahites@gslcs.org if interested.

Charger Headlines Continued...

Charger Bucks-Scrip Program

Easy way to get last minute gifts or stocking stuffers! Check out the attached flyer for great ideas and ways to save tuition dollars! Download Scrip's new app - RaiseRight - from the App Store or Google Play. Enrollment Code for Good Shepherd families is F8CLL9AF2577. This is an easy way to provide a tuition reduction for you and finish your Christmas shopping.

Google Review

7th Grade Parents, it's your turn to share the good news online about you and your child's experiences at GSLS. Mr. Mayhew has sent you a link for you to create a simple review on Google. Please do so at your earliest convenience. Any questions, contact the office. Thank you!

GSLS 37th Benefit Auction - March 13, 2021

Many volunteers are needed to help with the auction in March. At this point we are planning an in-person Auction with a virtual component. **Please consider either individually or with others to help lead this year's 37th Benefit Auction.** For more details, please contact the school office. 344-3153 (Rob Pickerell will be heading up the virtual side of the auction.)

Solicitation for items is the biggest job and we need the most people working on it. All parents and friends of GSLS are welcome to solicit donations.

A list of class auction baskets is attached. Please consider picking things up while doing your Christmas shopping. Scrip/Charger Bucks are fantastic additions to class baskets!



Student Christmas Gift Exchange

Please look in your child's classroom newsletter to see how they will be conducting their student gift exchange this year.



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. This week we will be lifting up Mason K., Dylan L., Ryan P., Jonah S., Calista S., and Ceaira T. Please remember these and others in your prayers.

Something to Consider...

The Advent Candle

The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting.

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolize preparation for the coming king.

The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. This candle is colored pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing.

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This color is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.

The (optional) fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day. This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.

Robert Mayhew, Principal

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.

GSLs 37th BENEFIT AUCTION CLASS BASKET LIST

3 year old Preschool = Art Club (arts and crafts)

4 year old Preschool = Friends of Animals Club (anything pet related)

Kindergarten = Future Builders Club (building blocks, Legos, Magnatiles, etc.)

1st Grade = Gamers Club (games and puzzles)

2nd Grade = Science Club (anything science related: books, experiment kits, slime kit, etc.)

3rd Grade = Adventure Club (camping equipment, hiking supplies, etc.)

4th Grade = Drama Club (anything for movie lovers; snacks, movies, gift cards, etc.)

5th Grade = Sports and Rec Club (anything sports related: footballs, basketballs, jump ropes, sporting goods, bleacher seat cushions, etc.)

6th Grade = Community Club (gift cards to your favorite local restaurants, shops, local goods, etc.)

Mrs. Hasamear's Homeroom = Home-Ec Club (baking and cooking gear, recipe books, cooking utensils, etc.)

Mr. Rinker's Homeroom = Gardening Club (gardening gloves, knee pads, pots, seeds, garden decor, etc.)



**DONATE
AUCTION
ITEMS**



Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete Application online at FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG82>
- One application per household
 - * 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 2020 tax documents -

by **April 10, 2021**

- 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 and check your junk folder for any FACTS emails.
- Documents can be uploaded to your application on FACTS using a mobile phone or a scanner

Deadline: April 10, 2021

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?

Many families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if **at least 10% of income** from 2020 is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 **net tuition**.



Required Documentation

Submit by April 10, 2021

2020 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

Charger Bucks - Scrip Program

Are you ready for the Christmas season?!

Gifts, decorating, dining at home, repairs, clothing...lots of ways to earn tuition credits for your family!

Invite your family, friends, co-workers, boss and neighbors to purchase gift cards - over 700 vendors!

--Use your Kohl's credit card and pay your bill in the store using gift cards

--Amazon gift cards may be loaded to your Prime account

--Use a Walmart gift card to pay at the pump for gas and automatically get 3 cents off per gallon of gas

Please note:

We have one order date left before Christmas break

Monday, December 14th

Sign up online with Presto Pay and download the Raise Right app.

www.shopwithscrip.com Enrollment code: F8CLL9AF2577

Customer Service: 1-800-727-4715

Make your list and get your orders ready!!