



# Good Shepherd Charger News

“Secure In His Arms” Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter  
December 18, 2020

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Wednesday, December 23

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

#### Thursday, December 24-Sunday, January 3

- Merry Christmas! No School - Christmas and New Year Break

#### Monday, January 4

- Welcome Back, Classes resume

#### Wednesday, January 6

- 2nd Quarter report cards emailed

#### Thursday, January 7

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

#### Friday, January 8

- Theme T-Shirt Day “Secure in His Arms”

For more information:  
[gslcs.org/calendars](http://gslcs.org/calendars)



### Report Cards

2nd Quarter report cards will be emailed by the teachers on January 6, 2021.

### 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.)

### Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree



So many warm hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves were received! Children and adults in our community are blessed this Christmas by your generosity! The teachers from Head Start were genuinely thrilled to receive them for their kids. The Collinsville Food Pantry is having their annual giveaway this weekend, so they were excited to be able to include your donation with the food! On behalf of each of them, sincerest thanks!



### GSLs Change Drive

The Good Shepherd Lutheran School Change Drive will be held Monday, January 11 through Friday, January 22. Please consider donating your change to this cause. The money collected will benefit our school auction. Collection containers for Preschool and Kindergarten will be in the Early Childhood Center lobby. Grades 1-8 containers will be located in the school lobby. Students will be receiving special dress days for each level their grade reaches. (See attached flyer for details.)

### GSLs Logo Fleece

We have a new shipment of warm GSLs Fleecewear for sale in the school office. They come in youth and adult sizes in both gray and maroon! Also, beanies for \$10.00. Call the office to get yours today! 344-3153



### GSLs Christmas Concert

Thank you to all who sent in Christmas pictures! Please look forward to a link being sent out by text message and email on Sunday afternoon. The link can be forwarded to family and friends so they can view the concert as well. The link is to an unlisted youtube video. Anyone with the link will be able to view or send to a friend, but you will not be able to find it by a general search online.

## Charger Headlines Continued...

### GSLs 37th Benefit Auction - March 16, 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. Below are possible ways to help.

**Please consider either individually or with others to help lead this year's 37th Benefit Auction.** For more details, please **contact the school office.** (Rob Pickerell will be heading up the virtual side of the auction.)



Solicitation for items is the biggest job so many volunteers are needed. All parents and friends of GSLs are welcome to solicit donations.

We also need volunteers to plan and work on decorations, put the booklet together, organize live items and design the program (if the auction is in-person), assemble baskets (2-4 volunteers) and set up items in the virtual system or square depending on which one is used.

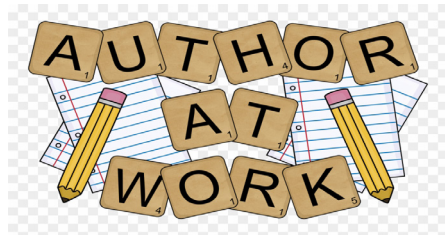
Also needed are people to take baskets to the venue and set-up/decorate the night before (See Class Basket List Attached), work the auction by watching tables, "raffle", checking people in, entering bids during the live portion, checking people out, etc. We could have fewer people doing this if we use the virtual system we used this past spring. Finally, help to tear down/ clean up/ return things to school.

### Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be placed in January on the 4th, 11th, and 25th, with delivery on the Friday of each week. Thank you for using the app and continuing to place orders. Save tuition dollars and earn money for the school. Win-win!

### Young Authors

Information is attached for any student interested in writing a Young Authors book. Deadline for entry is January 22, 2021. Happy writing!



### In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. This week we will be lifting up Brodie F., Kaleb G., Cooper I., Elle J., Prabhgun K., Sydney L., Meghan M., Caleb M., and Reeve M. Please remember these and others in your prayers.

### Something to Consider...

#### The Advent Calendar

While many outside the Christian tradition enjoy their yearly countdown calendar (and its hidden treats), the meaning behind the Advent calendar remains steeped in religious themes. More than just a countdown, marking the days of Advent serves as a time of spiritual reflection and preparation. Advent is a season of waiting, calling to mind the longing and anticipation of God's people who, for centuries, awaited the coming Messiah.

Counting down the days of Advent can help us consider what it must have been like waiting for the promised Messiah, generation after generation. It gives us an opportunity to lament the reason we needed a savior to come in the first place—our sin—and also to remember God's past faithfulness to us. On this side of the cross, we know that Israel's long season of expectation culminated in the birth of Jesus Christ. Likewise, our yearly season of Advent culminates in the celebration of Christmas; but first we walk through a season in which we prepare for the feast.

**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.**

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Daily Health Screening



Please complete the health check form every morning for your child(ren) **even if they are not attending school that day.** We need your help to keep our kids in school. Thank you for your support. The form can be found [HERE](#)

## Google Review

7th Grade Parents, it's your turn to share the good news about you and your child's experiences at GSLS online. 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 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](mailto: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

## Standardized Dress Resale Weekend

Mark your calendar to pick up some gently used standardized clothes in all sizes. Sale will be in the lobby of the school.

Friday, February 19th: Set up after school

Saturday, February 20th, 9am - 12pm

Sunday, February 21st, 10:30am - 1pm



# 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](http://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





# Auction Change Drive



## To benefit the education at Good Shepherd

Dear families:

Please start collecting all your loose change for our annual change drive. We will be collecting the change from January 11-22.

The grade who raises the highest dollar amount, overall, will receive a pizza and ice cream party. There will also be special dress days as the grades reach each goal level.

Thank you for supporting our children!



1<sup>st</sup> level

Free bottoms  
w/standardized shirt

2<sup>nd</sup> level

Pajama day

3<sup>rd</sup> level

Free dress/Hat day

## **GSLs 37<sup>th</sup> 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.)

1<sup>st</sup> Grade = Gamers Club (games and puzzles)

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade = Adventure Club (camping equipment, hiking supplies, etc.)

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> 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.)

# 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:*

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

