



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Secure In His Arms" Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
December 23, 2020

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 23

- 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"

Saturday, January 9

- PeeWee Basketball Workouts

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Christmas/New Year Break

The faculty and staff wish you and your family a healthy and safe Christmas and New Year! We are thankful you have chosen to be a part of our school family and thank God for each of you. May your celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ be blessed with joy and peace.



Christmas Classroom Service Projects

Thank you for your participation in the classroom service projects. The donations of canned goods, hats, gloves, scarves, baby sleepers and Christmas card creations blessed many in our area. You certainly took to heart God's word, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year



Registration Information

Registration begins January 1, 2021! **Please don't wait to register as we need to plan for staffing!** 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 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 will be in the classrooms. Students will be receiving special dress days for each level their grade reaches. (See attached flyer for details.)



GSLs 37th Benefit Auction - March 13, 2021



Volunteers will be very active after the first of the year. Please be open to helping in any way you can.

If you have any baskets you would like to donate for the committee to use to display donations, please bring them to school at your earliest convenience.

Solicitation for items is the biggest job and many volunteers are needed. All parents and friends of GSLs are welcome to solicit donations. (See attachments for solicitations, basket starter ideas, and classroom baskets.)

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](#)

Report Cards

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

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!

Standardized Dress Resale Weekend

Mark your calendar to pick up some gently used standardized clothes in all sizes.

Friday, February 19th: Set up after school

Saturday, February 20th, 9am - 12pm

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



Chapel Offerings

The chapel offerings in January will be given to Miss Sue Hasselbring's Mission Ministry.

Google Review

6th 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!



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. The first week of the New Year we will be lifting up Jacob K., Sephora L., Parker L., Anthony M., Natalie M., and Violet 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...

GSLC 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 for 1st-8th grade is also looking for workers for both the morning and afternoon. Morning hours are 6:00-7:45 a.m. and afternoons are 3:00-6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Please contact the school office for more information. 344-3153

- We also have need for substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Hites, ahites@gslcs.org or call the school office.



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

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Pee-Wee Basketball Workouts
SPECIAL NOTICE AS OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

Dear Parents,

The time for Pee-Wee registration is here. Our Pee-Wee program will run during the winter months again this year. Due to the COVID Pandemic there are changes in the program.

The workouts will be 45 minutes long, there will be no scrimmaging and no game will be played at the end of the program. All participants are required to wear masks at all times and will not be allowed to go their classroom to get shoes to wear. Parents will not be allowed in the gym with their children during the workouts. I will be taking temperatures prior to the workouts just like the requirements for school. Participants will enter the gym using the south entrance and will exit using the front doors of the school.

I will need a few parents to assist at each workout. I will contact you about the dates you are needed.

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Mr. Rincker

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the number of students that have signed up, the scheduled times for the practices has changed. I am sorry if this affects other activities, just come on the Saturdays that you can. All participants must enter the gym on the south side and they will leave using the front door. You will not be allowed to go to your classrooms, so please do not forget to bring your gym shoes!



SCHEDULE: The workout times have changed!

Date:	Grade: 2	Grade: 3 & 4	Grade: 5 & 6
Jan. 9	8:00-8:45	9:00-9:45	10:00-10:45
Jan. 16	8:00-8:45	9:00-9:45	10:00-10:45
Jan. 23	Science Fair- No Workouts		
Jan. 30	8:00-8:45	9:00-9:45	10:00-10:45
Feb. 6	8:00-8:45	9:00-9:45	10:00-10:45
Feb. 13	8:00-8:45	9:00-9:45	10:00-10:45
Feb. 20	8:00-8:45	9:00-9:45	10:00-10:45



Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 37th Annual Auction
Collinsville Knights of Columbus
Saturday, March 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business/Donor: _____

Contact person (if other than above) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

DONATION

Item description/Cash donation: _____

Expiration date: _____

_____ Item/Gift certificate included

_____ I will send/deliver my donation to Good Shepherd by Monday, March 8, 2021

_____ Please arrange to pick-up my item/gift certificate

ADVERTISING

What size ad?

_____ Full page \$100

_____ Half page \$60

_____ 1/4 page \$35

_____ Business card size \$25

Would you like to add a message?

RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR DONATION TO: Good Shepherd Lutheran School

ATTN: GSLS Auction

1300 Belt Line Rd

Collinsville, IL 62234

DEADLINE: Monday, March 8, 2021

Donation questions? Contact the school office. 344-3153

TAX ID: 37-0841452

AUCTION BASKET STARTER IDEAS



**DONATE
AUCTION
ITEMS**

- *Backyard BBQ Basket
- *Storytime Basket
- *Bundle of Joy Basket
- *Cookie Lovers Basket
- *Movie Night Basket
- *Snack Attack Basket
- *Date Night Basket
- *Ice Cream Basket
- *Slow Cooker Basket
- *Family Game Basket
- *Baking Basket
- *Wine Basket
- *Prayer Basket
- *Easter Basket
- *Baking Basket
- *Dining Local Basket

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.)



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!



1st level

Free bottoms
w/standardized shirt

2nd level

Pajama day

3rd level

Free dress/Hat day

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.*

