



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Secure In His Arms” Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
December 4, 2020

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 5

- Youth Group Childcare Fundraiser

Wednesday, December 9

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

Thursday, December 10

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

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 10 is \$10.00 payable by check to LESA or cash. Each box contains 10 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/>

Q1 Honor Roll 2020-21

High Honor Roll with Distinction

8th Grade: Dani C., Joey F., Emma H., Kate J., Jacob K., Andrew M., Jack P., Collin S.

7th Grade: Alyssa B., Kylie B., Claire G., Kate M.

High Honor Roll

8th Grade: Addie L., Timmy R., Ryder R., Evan W.

7th Grade: Andrew B., Natalia B., Ava I., Lizzie J., Sierrah K., Brindy R., Nolan R.

6th Grade: James A., Bradley D., Grayson G., Dean H, Brynn N., Grace P., Kaitlyn Pe., Kaitlyn Pi., Alex R., Connor S., Hayden S., Natalie T.

5th Grade: Marion H., Mason K., Lauren K., Ryan P., Jonah S., Calista S., Owen T., Lily W., Bradley W., Teagan W., Josie W.

Honor Roll

8th Grade: Rebe D., Carter H., Evan K., Luke R., Madelyn Z.

7th Grade: Elise K., Kristina M., Jeremy M., Cooper T.

6th Grade: Emily K., Andrew L., Xander M., Aidan P., Jacob S.

5th Grade: Henrik G., Amelia H., Josh M.

Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree

Don’t forget to pick up some new warm mittens, scarves, and hats to give to those less fortunate in our area. Donations will be received until Monday, December 14th!



Online Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the online book fair! Thank you Rachel Cross for coordinating the sale. We appreciate all who helped purchase books for our libraries.

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Look for more information coming soon about registering in January for the next school year! Scholarship applications for LESA’s Building Blocks Assistance, Good Shepherd, and Empower Illinois will be available January 1.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Charger Headlines Continued...

Christmas Concert Recording

As you have heard from the newsletter and from your students, next week, Preschool-8th grade classrooms will be recording songs to compile into a Christmas Concert recording distributed as an unlisted youtube video link.

In past years, Kindergarten-4th grade students were allowed to dress up nicely for the Christmas Concert. In order to provide that opportunity, we are asking you to take a picture of your student in the clothes they normally would have worn to the concert (school standardized dress or nicer dress clothes, perhaps next to your Christmas tree etc.), and send it to zstegman@gslcs.org. In the video, we will hear each grade singing as their Christmas pictures go through a slideshow. Please also let Mr. Stegman know if you do NOT want your child's picture in the slideshow due to media release issues. Kindergarten-4th grade pictures are due Friday, December 11th. Preschool and 5th-8th grade have received separate messages about their recording, please contact me with any questions! (preschool families should send their photo to Mrs. Nobbe rnobbe@gslcs.org and 5th-8th singing will be video recorded, no pictures needed).

- Mr Stegman

It's That Time! Emergency Closing

If school must be closed due to the weather, parents will be notified by text - (Parent Alert).

In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for: *Good Shepherd, Collinsville*. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed. **Please do not call the school or teachers and other workers at their homes.**

Watch local TV Stations - **KMOV (4), KSDK (5) or FOX 2)**

Listen to Radio Stations - **KMOX (1120), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080)**

Good Shepherd Collinsville **DOES NOT** follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for late starts or closings. If school is in session, Good Shepherd will start at the regular time.

Should parents decide to pick their child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. This week we will be lifting up Brynn N., Grace P., Aidan P., Kaitlyn P., Kaitlyn P., Serena P., Alex R., Connor S., Hayden S., Jacob S., Natalie T., and Autumn W. Please remember these and others in your prayers.

Something to Consider...

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." This is the focus of the entire season, the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ. Advent is a season of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, and longing. It is hope that God brings to the world a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God.

The Advent wreath is a popular Advent tradition. The Lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. A simple wreath made of evergreen is adorned with four candles equidistant from each other. These candles may be of any color: they are sometimes all white but can correspond to the liturgical colors of the four Sundays of Advent (three purple and one pink). The wreath symbolizes the crown-like character, to remind us of Jesus. The circular shape reminds us "fulfillment of time" that both Comings bring about.

Take the opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas using and discussing the Advent candles with your family.

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...

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 and we need the most people working on it. All parents and friends of GSLs are welcome to solicit donations.

We also need volunteers for the following positions:

Prior to event, we need people 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)
- set up items in the virtual system or square depending on which one is used.

Day before/of we need people to:

- take baskets to 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.
- tear down/ clean up/ returning things to school

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.

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!

Charger Bucks-Scrip Program

An easy way to order and **receive extra bonus offers and higher percentage returns** is to download Scrip's new app - RaiseRight - from the App Store or Google Play. Enrollment Code for Good Shepherd families is F8CLL9AF2577.

This is a great way to **provide a tuition reduction** for you and also pick up some **awesome gift cards for Christmas**.

GSLs Job Openings

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking for subs for teaching and preschool aides. These are part-time positions, for more details please contact Mr. Mayhew at 344-3153.

Young Authors

Christmas break may be a good time to create a submission for Young Authors. Consider a short story, poem, or rewriting a story. (See attachment for further details and suggestions.)

Celebrating **37** *Years of Christian Education*
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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.)

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.*

