



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Secure In His Arms" Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
January 22, 2021

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 23

- Science Fair Project Judging

Sunday, January 24

- National Lutheran Schools Week
- GSLS Open House, Pre-Grade 8 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25

- Dress Up: "Class Choice" Day
- Move-Up Monday 2:45-3:00.
- Papa John's Night

Tuesday, January 26

- Dress Up: "Career Day"

Wednesday, January 27

- Dress Up: "Favorite Team Day"

Thursday, January 28

- Dress Up: "Other Countries or Places in the United States"
- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2
- Speaker - Missionary Sue
- Grade Level Spelling Bees

Friday, January 29

- Dress up: "Comfy Clothes Day"
- Classroom Movie Day

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Good Shepherd Night at Papa John's in Collinsville



Order from Papa John's on **Monday, January 25th** and up to 25% of your order will be donated back to our school! Offer valid only at the 501 Beltline location. Call or order online at PAPAJOHNS.COM.

Enter our promo code online, SSG005, or mention Good Shepherd when ordering. (See flyer for coupons.)

Open House

To kickoff Lutheran Schools Week, we will be holding an Open House on Sunday, January 24th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school and find out more about Good Shepherd and all it has to offer. (Safety guidelines will be followed.)

National Lutheran Schools Week Service Project

is based on Matthew 20:28 - "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." This year for our service project, we are supporting Missionary Sue and the work of translating the Bible in countries around the world. **We are asking each student to bring in an additional \$1.00 to support this global ministry.**



Spring Pictures

Lifetouch will be at our school taking Spring pictures of all our students on the following dates: Preschool will be on Thursday, February 4th. Preschool - Grade 8 will be on Friday, February 5th. Synchronous learners are encouraged to come on Friday, entering through the side door. Call the office when you arrive for a temperature check at the door - 344-3153.



Scholarships

Empower Illinois Scholarship Application is a two-part process. See attached Step-by-Step Instructions or click [here](#). **Applications completed before January 25th will have the best chance at receiving a scholarship.**

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd are available through FACTS. (See flyer for info on LESA's scholarship requirements.) Deadline to apply for these scholarships is April 10, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. There is no extra cost. You can participate from the Amazon App by going into its Settings and click AmazonSmile. You can also download the AmazonSmile App. You will need to select Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Collinsville, IL. Thank you for supporting our school. (See flyer for details.)



Charger Headlines Continued...

Lutheran Schools Week - January 23-January 29, 2021

- Theme: "Sent to Serve"

Saturday, January 23

Science Fair Project Judging

Sunday, January 24

G.S.L.S. Open House 1-3 pm for families interested in enrolling their children

Monday, January 25—Theme: Jesus – Sent to Serve

John 13:1-17 (Washing of Disciples' Feet)

Dress Up: "Class Choice" Day

Assembly: Move-Up Monday 2:45-3:00. Meet your teacher for next year.

Tuesday, January 26—Theme: Pastors and Teachers – Sent to Serve

Ephesians 4:11-16 (Equipping Workers)

Dress Up: "Career Day"

Wednesday, January 27—Theme: Serving Together on God's Team

1 Cor. 12:27 (One Body in Christ)

Dress Up: "Favorite Team Day"

Thursday, January 28—Theme: Sent to Serve the World

Ps. 72:3-14, 18-19 (All Nations Serve)

Dress Up: "Other Countries or Places in the United States"

Chapel – Missionary Sue

Grade Level Spelling Bees

Friday, January 29—Theme: Serving in Home and Community

Luke 12:35-40 (Keep Your Lamps Burning)

Dress up: "Comfy Clothes Day"

Classroom Movie Day

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



Google Review



3rd Grade Parents, please be looking for a link from Mr. Mayhew this weekend to create a simple review of GSLS on Google. Please use this link to share your thoughts and opportunities experienced at our school. Thank you!



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. This week we will be lifting up Hayes O. Madilyn S. Hailey S. Treyson T. Vanessa V. Mia W. Lily W. and Riley Y. Please remember these and others in your prayers.

Something to Consider...

When We're Afraid
When bad things happen, it's understandable that we might feel afraid. In fact, it's good to be afraid if our fears keep us from behaving foolishly. When our troubles or the world's troubles leave us fearful, we should discuss our concerns with the people who love and care for us. Parents and grandparents can help us understand our fears, and they can help us feel better. That's why we need to talk with them.

We should also discuss our worries with our Heavenly Father. God is always ready to hear our prayers, and He can give us comfort when we feel afraid. Whenever we're uncertain about what lies ahead, we can share our concerns with God and we should.

It's okay to be afraid, all of us are fearful from time to time. And it's good to know that we can talk about our fears with loved ones and with God. When we do, we'll discover that fear lasts for a little while, but love lasts forever.

Don't be afraid, because the Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go. – Joshua 1:9

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...

2021 Auction is All Virtual

Dates are March 13-27. All parents and friends of GSLS are welcome to bid and solicit donations. A **solicitation form** can be found with this newsletter and are available from the school office.

Basket suggestions: Coffee Assortment, mugs, flavored creamers, biscotti, gift card; Candle assortment, plates/stands, lighter, snuffer; Cheese Selection, cheese, cheese cutter, knife and board, etc.; Toolbox, hammer, nails, screwdriver, pliers, picture hangers, stud finder, etc. (See attachment.)



GSLS Job Openings



- Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center is looking for teacher helpers for 1-2 mornings a week 8:15-11:30 a.m. For more information please call 618-344-3513 and ask for Rebecca Nobbe, or email rnobbe@gscls.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. Contact the school office for more info. 344-3153

- We would like to add to our substitute teacher list. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Hites, ahites@gscls.org or call the school office.

Charger Bucks-Scrip Program - Check this Out!



- 5% earnings are now available on gift cards to MotoMart (can be used at all locations).
- Visa gift cards can be used to pay bills or to pay at any vendor that accepts VISA.
- Starbucks Fans - Load your Scrip purchased gift cards into your Starbucks app and receive benefits from both!
- Pay your Kohl's charge with Scrip purchased gift cards.

Last date to order in January will be on the 25th. February orders will be on the 1st, 8th, and 22nd. Thank you for using the app and continuing to place orders. **Save tuition dollars** and earn money for the school!

GSLS Change Drive

Thank you for your strong participation in the change drive! Go Chargers!

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](#)



Possible Additional Program for 2021-22

We are considering the possibility of offering Latin as an after school program for the 2021-22 school year. Before proceeding we would like to gauge the interest in doing so. If you are interested in this for your child(ren), please contact the school office - 344-3153 or email ncluck@gscls.org.

*Celebrating **37** Years of Christian Education*



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

► The application is a two-part process:



A reservation form, which will timestamp your application, open **January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** and submit at **7 p.m.**



The complete application, which requires household documents, available **January 15, 2021.**

If you need assistance, call (800) 616-7606 or email scholars@empowerillinois.org.

I. RESERVATION

- On Wednesday, **January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** applicant families can visit EmpowerIllinois.org to access the reservation forms and begin your application. You cannot submit your reservation form until 7 p.m.
- On the first page of the reservation, you will be asked to provide your name, phone number, home address, email address, and all your students' names. On the second page of the reservation, you will be asked to confirm this information. Your **timestamp will be recorded after you submit the second page of the reservation.** Your timestamp matters and may impact your chances of receiving a scholarship.
- Please note: **the order in which you list your students on the reservation is the order in which your family's scholarships will be awarded.**
- Only one reservation is required per family, even if you are applying for several students. Be sure, however, to list all students you are applying for on your reservation. If you forget a child, you will need to make a separate reservation for that child.
- After completing your reservation, you will receive instructions by email about accessing your student portal.
- Beginning Friday, January 15, 2021, you can use your student portal to complete part two of the application. You can complete part two whenever you are able, but Empower Illinois **encourage you to submit your application before January 25, 2021, to have the best chance at receiving a scholarship.**

II. APPLICATION

- Through your student portal, you can now begin part **two** of the application process. Part two consists of **six steps.** Part two may take some time to complete. If you cannot complete it at one time, you can pick up where you left off the next time you log in to the student portal. When you have answered all the questions for each step, remember to click on "save and continue."
- Until your full application has been completed, your portal status will show as "Application Incomplete." Remember, you can pick up where you left off, provided you clicked "save and continue" before exiting the application.
- You will need to upload required documents. Check page 3 for a list of required documents. These documents include providing financial information.
- If you complete the application in English, scholarship updates will be sent to you in English. If you complete the application in Spanish, scholarship updates will be sent to you in Spanish.

STEP 01

Eligibility Check

- Step 1 will determine your eligibility. You will be asked to provide your address, income information, and some household details. You will also need to provide information about **each** child who would like to apply for a scholarship.
- If a student is **not** eligible, you will receive a notice explaining why.
- If a student **is** eligible, you will receive a “thumbs up.” Please click “continue” to complete the entire application.

STEP 02

Parent/Custodian Information

- Step 2 requests information about parents or custodians. You will need to provide your name, date of birth, address, relationship to applicant(s), and your work status.
- You must provide this information for both parents or guardians, if there is more than one.

STEP 03

Household Financial Information

- Step 3 requests household financial information. You will need to answer questions about your tax status including:
 - » Did your household file your federal taxes in 2019 or 2020?
 - » If you do not have a Form 1040, did you or any adult members of your household receive a Form 1099? If so, please total the amounts that appear on your Form 1099s.
 - » Do you have a Form 1040 or 1099? If not, please total the amount from the most recent paystub or W-2 from all employers for all adult members of your household.

STEP 04

Student Information

- Step 4 requests information about the student applicants. It is very important to provide information for **every student** who wishes to apply for a scholarship.
- You will be asked to provide basic information about the student’s education and learning abilities.
- You must also select your choice of schools, in order of preference. Scholarships are awarded when funds at your school become available. Empower Illinois will make every effort to match students with their first-choice school. If you only have one school that you are interested in attending, please only list that school on your application.

STEP 05

Required Documentation

- Step 5 requests documents to verify your income and your address. Empower Illinois will accept a PDF or clear photo of these documents.
- **Before you begin this step, you must have ALL verification documents ready.** You will need to upload them electronically, with your application.

- You will need to provide your family's most recent tax return for 2019 or 2020. If that is not available, you will need to provide one of the following:
 - » W-2 forms
 - » Form 1099s
 - » Year-end pay stubs
 - » A letter on letterhead from your employer indicating cash wages paid
- You may need a document to prove you currently live in Illinois. If your current address matches the address on the Form 1040, W-2, or paystubs as uploaded above, no other address documentation is required. If not, you must upload **one** of the following:
 - » A current driver's license
 - » An Illinois ID card
 - » A current utility bill or residential lease
 - » State of benefits from WIC or SNAP
 - » A W-2 form
 - » A 1099
- If your student has a current Individualized Education Plan, or IEP, you must also upload the IEP form.
- If your student is a foster child, you must also upload a copy of your student's state issued medical card.
- If you received a tax credit scholarship last year from an SGO other than Empower Illinois and you do not meet the other criteria to be in [Category 1](#), you may need to upload a letter from the school where the scholarship was awarded.

STEP 06

Review

- Step 6 is the final step in the application process. You will be asked to verify all submitted information and answer a few remaining questions.
- After completing this page and submitting your application, you will have completed the process.
- You will receive a notice that your application has been submitted. It includes your Application ID number. Please print this page so you have a copy of your ID number. If you are on a public computer, please log out of your EmpowerXChange portal.

Next Steps

- Within 48 hours of submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email.
- Your portal will provide real-time access to your application status. You will receive email notification when there has been a change to your status at any of the schools you have selected.
- Empower Illinois will begin making awards by January 29, 2021.
- Login to your [EmpowerXChange](#) portal to check your application status. Prior to your application being processed, you can make edits by clicking "Edit Application."
- Remember, scholarships are awarded to students whose selected school has available funds, and in the order of the time stamped reservation.

Questions? Call our Scholars Helpline at (800) 616-7606 or email scholars@empowerillinois.org.



Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete Application online at FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG8Z>
- 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




SUPPORT YOUR

SCHOOL

ORDER FROM PAPA JOHN'S ON

Monday, Jan 25

AND UP TO 25% OF YOUR ORDER WILL BE DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL.



Good Shepherd Lutheran School

YOUR SCHOOL'S
PROMO CODE **SSG005**

501 Belt Line Rd • 618-345-4444

DONATION PERCENTAGES	SALES AMOUNT	DONATION %
	0 to \$300	15%
	\$301 to \$1,200	20%
	\$1,201 & up	25%

*Must Use School Promo Code when ordering on the app, by phone or online for school to receive credit.
*Achieve \$150 in sales and your school will be awarded a class PIZZA PARTY.

MORE SPECIAL OFFERS AVAILABLE AT PAPAJOHNS.COM

LARGE SPECIALTY
(or up to 4 toppings)
\$24⁰⁰
& **LARGE 2-TOPPING**
PROMO CODE: 2452T

STUFFED CRUST
1 TOPPING
PIZZA
\$12⁰⁰
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE SPECIALS PAGE.



Do you shop a lot on Amazon? Do you know that just by shopping via amazon smile you can contribute to our school?

- AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice.
- All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.

Don't worry about AmazonSmile. It's the same Amazon!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Using AmazonSmile is easy!

Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, then select the option to Change your Amazon Smile charity, and search "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School". Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.

Can I use Amazon Smile with the Amazon App on smartphones?

You can use Amazon Smile with the Amazon App on a smartphone. In the Amazon App, you will need to go to Settings and then click on Amazon Smile. You can also use the Amazon Smile App. In either App you will need to enter Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Collinsville, IL.

Thank you very much for supporting Good Shepherd Lutheran School!



**Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 37th Annual Virtual Auction
March 13-27, 2021**

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

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.)

7th Grade = Home-Ec Club (baking and cooking gear, recipe books, cooking utensils, etc.)

8th Grade = Gardening Club (gardening gloves, knee pads, pots, seeds, garden decor, etc.)