



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Secure In His Arms” Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
January 8, 2021

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 11-Friday, January 22

- Change Drive

Thursday, January 14

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

Monday, January 18

- No School - MLK Holiday

Friday, January 22

- Deadline for Young Authors Book Entry

Monday, January 25

- Papa John’s Night

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Registration is now open! **Please don’t wait to register as we need to plan for staffing!**

Scholarships

Scholarship applications for LESA’s Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd is available through FACTS. Info for LESA’s scholarship requirements is attached. Deadline to apply for these scholarships is April 10, 2021.

Empower Illinois Scholarship Application is a two-part process. **Reservations are required prior to applying and will be available on January 13th at 6:30 p.m.** See attached Step-by-Step Instructions or click [here](#). **Don’t wait to get your reservation to apply.** Applications completed before January 25th will have the best chance at receiving a scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

GSLC 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.)



Prospective Student Open House

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will hold 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 the opportunities at Good Shepherd to receive an excellent Christ-centered education.

PeeWee Basketball Canceled

After further consideration, there will be no PeeWee Basketball this season. We apologize for the late notice and appreciate your understanding and support.

No School



On Monday, January 18th, we will be observing the MLK holiday. Take time to pray for our country and peace in the world. Have a safe, long weekend.

Thank you

The faculty and staff sincerely thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and continued support. We feel very blessed and appreciated by our Good Shepherd families. We pray for good health and peace for you in this New Year.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



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](#)

Reminder

In our continued efforts to keep everyone safe and in school, if you answer yes to any of the health screening questions and you have more than one child in our school, please keep all children home until you are sure it is safe for them to return. Thank you for your assistance.

Charger Bucks-Scrip

Weekly orders will be placed on January 11th and 25th, with delivery on Friday. Thank you for using the app and continuing to place orders. Saving tuition dollars and earning money for the school is a win-win!

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

Used Uniform

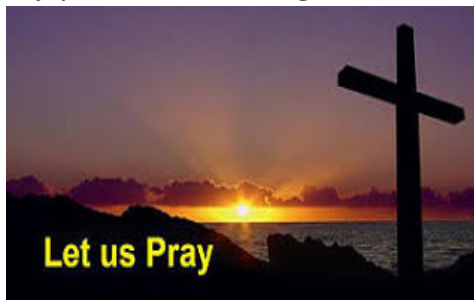


Google Review

4th and 5th Grade Parents, please be looking for an email from Mr. Mayhew with a link to create a simple review of GSLS on Google. Please use this link to share your positive thoughts and opportunities experienced at our school. Any questions, contact the office. Thank you!

Lutheran High School

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for the 21/22 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at Lutheran High School please go to the school website at www.melhs.org and download the admission and enrollment packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, or email him at jay.krause@melhs.org.



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. This week we will be lifting up Elise L, Brayden P., Ethan P., Nathan P., and Rylin R. Please remember these and others in your prayers.

Something to Consider...

New Year's Prayer
by Lolita Pinney

A whole new year is mine today... May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!

I'd strengthen friendships, old and true, And learn to cherish new ones, too; To keep on learning and to grow A little better as I go.

To cast aside each grudge and grief, And hold fast to a firm belief That life is joyous, gracious, good, When lived in terms of brotherhood!

To welcome fun, and play a while, To lighten work with happy smile! To thank the Lord and every day Remember Him, and kneel to pray In gratitude for strength and health And blessings which are all my wealth!

This year's a gift from God to me To spend, or use, or set me free... A whole new year is mine today... May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!

May this new Year bring you closer to God, our Father in your faith walk!

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 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@gslcs.org.

- Our TRACKS program for 1st-8th grade students has openings 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.

Metro-East Lutheran High School

MELHS will host an open house on Sunday, January 31, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All are invited to visit our dynamic school, get a tour of our campus, meet our faculty and get answers to your questions about everything from academics and extracurriculars to tuition and financial aid. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email admissions@melhs.org.



Cardiac Screening for 12-22 Year-Olds

Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund will provide screenings which include an ECG and limited Echo test performed by registered cardiac sonographers. The screenings will take place on Monday, February 15, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Parish Cafeteria, 1420 9th Street in Highland, IL. The cost is only \$34.00. Each test is approximately 10-12 minutes. Click here to [sign up](#). (See attached flyer for more details.)

Chapel Offerings

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

Young Authors

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

Auction Info

Now's the time to start requesting items for our auction. All parents and friends of GSLC are welcome to solicit donations. A **solicitation form** can be found at the end of this newsletter and are available from the school office. Suggestions: One time service: A lesson in golf, dance, riding, tennis, music, cooking, art, etc. Donation of Accounting, Fitness Training, Yoga, Manicure/Pedicure, Interior Design, Landscape Design, Computer Consulting, Floral Arrangement, House Painting, Plumbing, A Simple Will, Handyman, Housecleaning, Babysitting, Gift Wrapping, Weeding, Dinner prepared and delivered, etc. (See attachment for more ideas.)

We are still **looking for a Chair person**, contact Mr. Mayhew.

Have any baskets you are willing to part with? Drop them off at school and we will put them to use!

LESA Christmas Cards

Last chance to get our student-designed Christmas cards is Wednesday, January 27th. \$10 for 10 cards of the same design. Cash or check made payable to LESA. Please call the office to arrange pickup at the school - 344-3153.

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

Do I qualify?

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

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.

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



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

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



MCORE FOUNDATION CARDIAC SCREENING OPPORTUNITY

Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund to provide cardiac screenings and education to area youth ages 12-22 years.

WHEN: Monday, February 15, 2021 from 8AM – 4PM

COST: \$34 (Each screening is \$79, but due to generous donations from the Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund, the cost to participants is only \$34 – Greg's baseball jersey number)

SCREENING LOCATION: St. Paul Parish Cafeteria, 1420 9th St. Highland, IL 62249

ALL MCORE FOUNDATION SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

- An ECG and limited Echo test performed by registered cardiac sonographers
- Results read by our team of pediatric and general cardiologists
- Images stored within your secured account for future access or to send to your medical provider

Each test is approximately 10-12 minutes and you may use your healthcare spending account or flex care spending account for payment.

To learn more about the MCORE Foundation or get involved with our mission please visit or donate at: mcorefoundation.org

TO RESERVE YOUR SCREENING PLEASE CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND SIGN UP TODAY



Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life-threatening emergency that occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating. SCA is not a heart attack.



SCA strikes people of all ages who may seem to be healthy, even children and teens.



SCA is preventable. The purpose of our preventative screening programs is to detect underlying heart abnormalities.



Like, tweet, and follow us

If you have questions or need help scheduling: 866-382-2319
mcorefoundation.org



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



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.)

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.)

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.*

