



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Secure In His Arms” Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
February 26, 2021

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 28

- Open House 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3

- Midweek Lenten Service - 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 4

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

Friday, March 5

- End of 3rd Quarter
- Theme T-shirt Day “Secure in His Arms” Psalm 27:1

Wednesday, March 10

- Midweek Lenten Service - 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 11

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

March 16-24

- Achievement Testing

Friday, March 19

- No School - Professional Development

For more information:

gslcs.org/calendars



LESA Scholarships

LESA is offering a Virtual Scholarship Application Event on March 29 from 12 – 8 pm to assist families with the LESA Scholarship Application. Contact Maureen Gersman at the LESA office, 314-200-0790, or mgersman@lesastl.org to schedule a Zoom appointment. During your appointment time, Maureen will answer your application questions, questions about required documents, and assist with submitting your documents. The ability to share your computer screen is also provided.



Resale Shop = Blessings

Thank you to all who donated, helped, and bought clothes at the resale shop! A very sincere thank you to Stacey Swalley and family for everything they did to make the sale a success. \$466.00 was raised and many families were blessed.

Open House

Let your friends and neighbors know Good Shepherd is having an Open House this Sunday, February 28th from 1-3 for students in Preschool through Grade 8. The Early Childhood director, Mrs. Nobbe and Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Krause, will be making presentations about daily routines, curriculums and other helpful information. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and hear about our Christ-centered school. It’s a great day to be a Charger! Please call the school office to reserve your spot 618-344-3153



New Teacher Called for 2021-22 School Year

We welcome Mr. Caleb Betts who accepted the call to join our faculty and begin teaching at Good Shepherd in the fall. We extend our gratitude and best wishes to Mr. Voss who will be retiring this year. His teaching ministry has blessed hundreds of students and we are grateful for his service to our school and families.

Virtual Auction

We need YOUR assistance in making this year’s virtual auction successful! The GSLS auction is our school’s largest fundraiser and directly impacts the students in a positive way. Are YOU willing to donate an item, basket of items, experience, or service, and/or know of businesses you can ask to donate? We are also still looking for sponsors who will be featured on the auction site for two weeks! All donations must be received no later than Friday, March 5th. Please contact Jennifer Pickerell for more information at jpickerell@charter.net. Thank you! (See Sponsorship Flyer and Donor Request forms attached for more details.)

Sponsor Opportunities

Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

If you would like to know what we teach about God and the Bible at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, check out our seventy-five minute [video](#) "Summary of the Lutheran Faith." It is also available on our [Website](#) (I'm New) and on our App (About Us). - Pastor Walther



Coming Soon - Teacher Spotlight

Each week we will be highlighting a member of our fantastic teaching staff. Be on the lookout for this fun, informative spot.

Achievement Testing

Achievement tests will be given March 16-24 for all students in Kindergarten through grade eight. Synchronous learners are welcome to join their class for testing **in-person only**.

GSLS Solo Contest

This year, Good Shepherd Lutheran School will host an in-person music solo contest similar to last year's contest. The contest will take place in the church on Thursday and Friday, March 25th and 26th, after school. The solo contest will be open to 5th-8th grade band students, 5th-8th grade students interested in singing a solo, and any GSLS student wishing to play a piano solo or string solo. Students who are not in band should contact Mr. Stegman to sign up. Only the student's immediate family will be allowed to enter the church and listen. Face coverings are required except for students while they are playing or singing. Please contact Mr. Stegman for more information.



Re-Enrollment

If you have not yet done so, NOW is the time to re-enroll your child(ren). You have easy access to re-enroll through the parent portal in FACTS or use this [link](#) to re-enroll through the school website. (Our District Code is GS-IL).

Something to Consider...

Love and.....Building the Future
When Silas Purnell looks into the faces of children, he sees the future. And for many children living in impoverished Chicago neighborhoods, that future would be bleak if not for Purnell.

"These kids, nobody placed any value on them. It was understood they'd grow up and be nothing," Purnell said. "I knew it didn't have to be that way."

So for over 30 years, Purnell has made it his mission to steer more than 50,000 disadvantaged, minority high-school students through the doors of higher education and toward a productive adult life. He shamelessly asked for donations everywhere he went and searched for little-known grants and scholarships. He counseled teenagers on education as well as personal dreams and dilemmas, offering them bus fare and eyeglasses as well as an ear. He had faith in their potential and spent a great deal of time persuading campus administrators across the country that these kids were worth the gamble.

And it's paid off... for the kids and for the communities they now reside in. Most stuck it through, with Purnell's ever-vigilant encouragement, to receive their bachelor's degrees; many others went further to obtain their doctorates. To his credit, Purnell can boast launching the careers of numerous doctors, lawyers, educators, and engineers.

"I owe a debt that I could never repay," said Purnell "alum" Quincy Moore, now dean of undergraduate studies at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

As Purnell says, "People got to learn to take kids the way they are, not the way they want em to be....Quit finding out what's wrong with them...find out what's right with them.

Purnell is a great example for us of showing love and concern and the potential each individual possesses. May we too, use his example and use their gifts from God.

Robert Mayhew, Principal



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. This week we will be lifting up Kaleb B., Rebe D., Carter H., Kate J., Jacob K., Louis M., Tannan N., Connor P., Tim R., Luke R., Ryan S., and Maddie Z. Please remember these and others in your prayers.

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...

Class Basket - Deadline to Donate Friday, March 5

It's not too late to donate to the class baskets! Send yours with your child, arrange for a drop off, or a pickup - 344-3153.

3-yr olds - Art Club (arts and crafts)

4-yr olds - 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 (books, experiment kits, slime kit, etc.)

3rd Grade - Adventure Club (camping equipment, hiking supplies, etc.)

4th Grade - Drama Club (think movie lovers: snacks, movies, gift cards, etc.)

5th Grade - Sports and Rec Club (Balls, jump ropes, sporting goods, weights, bleacher cushions, rackets, etc.)

6th Grade - Community Club (gift cards to favorite local restaurants, shops, local goods, etc.)

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

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



Charger Bucks-Scrip Gift Cards

Use the [Raise Right app](#) to shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands —right from your phone. Whether you're at home or at the store you can quickly upload them to your phone. See the how-to video on the school's [website](#). You can also choose physical cards and have them sent to the school to be sent home with your student on Fridays.

If you prefer, you can still order using the green and pink paper forms. Orders need to be in the office on Monday mornings and will be delivered on Fridays with your student.

50% of your credits earned go towards the reduction of your tuition or you may donate your credits toward Good Shepherd Lutheran School's General Fund. A great way to save tuition dollars and support the school! Call the office with any questions.



Scholarships

Good Shepherd's scholarship application is available through FACTS. Financial Assistance information can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.



**Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Collinsville, IL
2021 Virtual Auction
Saturday, March 13 to Saturday, March 27**

Sponsorship Levels

PREMIER PARTNER - \$1,000

- Featured on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of almost 1,500 connections) during the auction.
- Featured in one of the weekly school newsletters.
- Listed as Premier Partner on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

SUPPORTER - \$250

- Listed as Supporter on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

Sponsorship questions? Please contact Jennifer Pickerell, auction volunteer, at jpickerell@charter.net or 618.830.8121. Deadline to submit sponsor information is Monday, March 8, 2021.

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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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School

Church: (618) 344-3151
Fax: (618) 344-3378

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School: (618) 344-3153
Fax: (618) 344-3156



Dear Business Representative:

It has been said, "A good beginning has no end." It is the goal of Good Shepherd Lutheran School to provide that vital, "good beginning" to hundreds of Metro-east young people, age three through those in grade eight.

As a successful business person, I am sure you understand the importance of a good education - one which refines the spirit as it challenges the mind.

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- John 10:11

I invite you to support our cause and the children we serve by contributing toward the Good Shepherd School Auction. This entertaining Virtual fund-raising event will be held Saturday, March 14 through March 27, 2021.

May we ask for your help in making this a successful event?

Pastor:
Michael Walther
618-44-3151

- You or your company is invited to help us by:
- Donating items or services to the auction.
 - Donating cash for the cause

Pastor:
Scott Adle
618-344-3151

Past auctions have included such items as trips (short and long), tickets to sporting and theatrical events, products manufactured in the area and much, much more. Of course, the value of your donation is tax-deductible. My office can provide a receipt at your request.

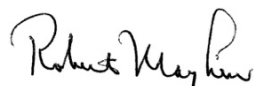
Principal:
Robert Mayhew
618-344-3153

While items will be accepted through the day of the auction, to have heard from you by Monday, March 8 would allow us to effectively advertise your items.

The best way to support our students is to attend the auction virtually, enjoy the evening and take advantage of the opportunities available. It is an enjoyable experience. This is our second virtual auction for our school.

Please respond to our volunteer representative or contact my office if you feel led to support the Good Shepherd School Auction.

Sincerely,



Robert Mayhew
Principal

Please visit us! I invite you to contact me at our main campus at 1300 Belt Line Road in Collinsville. You can call the number given above. It would be my pleasure to share with you the school's special mission and provide a guided tour of our facility.

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Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 Option 3.

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Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete Application online at FACTS

- <https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG82>
- One application per family (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 2019 tax documents - by **April 1, 2020**

- 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
- Documents can be uploaded to your application on FACTS using a mobile phone or a scanner
- Contact LESA or your school with questions about the application or documents

Deadline: April 1, 2020

Have Questions???

FACTS customer service: 1.866.412.4637

Monday—Thursday 7:30-7pm; Friday 7:30-5pm

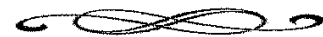
LESA office: 314.200.0790

lesastl.org



Do I qualify?

Most families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if at least 10% of adjusted gross income from 2019 is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 net tuition.



Required

Documentation

Submit by April 1, 2020

2019 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