



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Secure In His Arms” Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter
March 12, 2021

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 13-March 27
- Virtual Auction bidding is open

March 16-24
- Achievement Testing

Wednesday, March 17
- Midweek Lenten Service - 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18
- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2

Friday, March 19
- No School -
Professional Development Day

Sunday, March 21
- Open House 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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

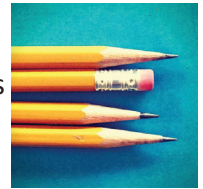
Friday, March 26
- Easter Parties Preschool-Gr. 8

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



Young Author Books

Thank you to all the students who turned in a Young Author book. We have so many great writers at GSLS! Congratulations to the following students who will represent Good Shepherd for the Madison County Young Authors: Andi H. (2nd), Violet M. (3rd), Robert A. (4th), Andrew L. (6th), and Dean H. (6th). Congratulations to Alyssa B. (7th) and Kate M. (7th) who are the State Young Author representatives.



Virtual Auction

Good Shepherd Lutheran School’s 2021 Virtual Auction opens for bidding on Saturday, March 13th at Noon and ends on Saturday, March 27th at 8:00 p.m. Please register now at <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/good-shepherd-school-auction-2021> to view the 125 items/packages/baskets available.

What can you do to help make our school’s auction a success?
-Bid often and generously. This greatly benefits the students at GSLS!
-Please share information about our auction and the link with family/friends and on your social media pages. We want to spread the word about our auction as much as possible!

Please contact Jennifer & Rob Pickerell with questions at jpickerell@charter.net
Thanks for your support!

VFW Americanism Award

Congratulations to our Essay Contest Winners who received awards from the 12th District VFW Auxiliary for their essays on What Does Freedom Mean?
4th Grade Students, Colton S., 2nd Place and Owen T., 3rd Place
5th Grade Student Grace P., 2nd Place. Thank you for using your God-given talents to share your thoughts in your essays. We are proud of you.



Teacher Highlight

In the upcoming weeks we are excited to highlight members of our exceptional teaching staff. We begin with our Early Childhood Director, Mrs. Nobbe.

Mrs. Rebecca Nobbe is also a Pre-K teacher and has been teaching at Good Shepherd for three years. She graduated from Murray State University in Kentucky and has always had a drive and passion for teaching children. Rebecca was influenced by her own kindergarten and second-grade teachers. Following her passion to teach younger children, she enjoys seeing them learn and flourish during her time with them. “I want them to know to always try their best and that wherever they go God is always with them,” she explained.



Charger Headlines Continued...

Pastor's Corner

Many people are concerned that the world is making a sharp turn away from God's word. When will it cancel the Bible and those who believe what it teaches? What should be our response? Trust in God who made us alive in Jesus, and do the good works that He has prepared for us to do. More about this on Sunday! - Pastor Walther



Achievement Testing

Achievement tests will be given March 16-24 for all students in Kindergarten through grade eight.

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).

Report Cards

Third quarter report cards were e-mailed last Tuesday, please contact the teacher if you have any questions. As we begin the 4th quarter, it is important to stay focused. Please continue to work together with your child's teacher. Warmer weather and outside activities can become distractions. Let's finish strong!

Something to Consider...

Getting The Strength To Carry On

Steve was hiking through the mountains when a blinding storm enveloped the area in a thick covering of snow. His hands and feet grew numb as he wandered through the storm in search of shelter.

Just then he came upon a man who had collapsed in a snowbank. "Hey, are you okay?" asked Steve.

"I'm so cold, and so tired," stammered the man. "My legs are numb and I don't think I have the strength to make it any further."

"Let me help you," Steve said. He removed his gloves and began rubbing the man's arms and legs. After several minutes, the man felt strong enough to stand on his feet. The two men supported each other and made their way through the storm.

Once they reached shelter, Steve thanked the man for all his help.

"Thank me?" said the man. "Son, I never would've made it out of there if it wasn't for you. I owe you my life."

"No, you don't understand," Steve countered. "I was tired, cold, and ready to give up. Helping you gave me the strength and determination to carry on. I owe you everything."

May we also look to help one another as we continue our walk with our Savior and King Jesus Christ.

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 Kristina M., Jeremy M., Kate M., Brindy R., Neal R., Nolan R., and Nancy C., whose husband Mike who is recovering from surgery. 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...



Third Quarter Honor Roll 2020-21

High Honor Roll with Distinction

8th Grade: Dani C., Joey F., Emma H., Kate J., Jacob K., Addie L., Andrew M., Jack P., Ryder R.

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

High Honor Roll

8th Grade: Rebe D., Carter H., Evan K., Addie L., Timmy R., Luke R., Collin S., Evan W.

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

6th Grade: Dean H.

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

Honor Roll

8th Grade: Drake P., Ryan S., Madelyn Z.

7th Grade: Benji B.

6th Grade: James A., Isaak B., Bradley D., Grayson G., Emily K., Grace P., Kaitlyn Pe., Kaitlyn Pi., Alex R., Connor S., Natalie T.

5th Grade: Amelia H., Dylan L., Josh M., Ryan P., Abram S., Colton S.

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 them by paper through the school on Mondays with delivery on Fridays with your student. Forms are available in the school office or on the school website. **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.

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.



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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

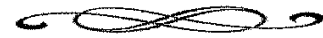
LESA office: 314.200.0790

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