



# Good Shepherd Charger News

"Secure In His Arms" Psalm 27:1

All School Newsletter  
April 9, 2021

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, April 10

- Deadline for LESA Scholarship

#### Monday, April 12-Friday, April 23

- Apex Fun Run

#### Thursday, April 15

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

#### Friday, April 16

- Mid-Quarter

#### Saturday, April 17

- GSLS Track Meet @ CHS 9:00 a.m.

#### Monday, April 26

- Papa John's Night

#### Sunday, May 2

- 3s Preschool Program, 2:00 p.m.  
- 4s Preschool Program, 3:00 p.m.  
- 1st Grade Spring Concert, 3:45 p.m.  
- 2nd Grade Spring Concert, 4:45 p.m.  
- Kindergarten Graduation, 5:45 p.m.

For more information:  
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://gslcs.org/calendars)



### GSLS Solo Contest

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's music solo contest! We give thanks for your many talents!

### Face Covering

Parents please make sure your child is wearing a face covering prior to getting out of your vehicle in the morning. Thank you!



### Save the Dates

The GSLS Class of 2021 will be traveling to Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska in May. Since the largest fundraiser (Italian Fest) was cancelled, the class is seeking support to help fund the trip. There will be two opportunities to help. On Thursday, April 15, come out to Peel Pizza in Edwardsville anytime from 11AM-9PM. A portion of sales of dine-in, to-go, frozen pizzas, cheesecakes, and gift cards will support the class trip. You must show the flyer on your phone, paper copy or mention GSLS when ordering. (Flyer is attached.)



On Wednesday, April 24, come out to Firehouse Subs in Collinsville from 4-9PM and a portion of all sales will help fund the trip. If you have questions, please contact Debra Hartmann @ 618-406-4409. Thank you so much for your support!

### APEX Fun Run

**This Monday, April 12th** every student will be bringing home their pledge kits for the APEX Fun Run. The kit includes an access code to log in so your child may receive a free Fun Run t-shirt. You will be asked to indicate their size when you log in. The Fun Run will be held outside this year (weather permitting) on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21st and 22nd!

### Teacher Highlight

This week we are proud to highlight Mrs. Kathy Maske, our fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Maske graduated from Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Illinois. She has been teaching for nineteen years and has been at Good Shepherd for thirteen. In high school she knew teaching was an opportunity for her but really fell in love with the job when taking education courses in college. Fourth-Sixth graders are her favorite to teach because this is the age range where the students often become more independent and enjoy challenges. Watching students express their faith in class is one of her favorite parts of her job, "I want them to know that Jesus loves and cares for them!"



# Charger Headlines Continued...

## Pastor's Corner

Pastor Walther will lead our Men's Ministry Meeting tomorrow, Saturday, April 10th (8:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.). Our topic is "The Impact of the Equality Act." This pending legislation describes the marriage of a man and a woman as a "stereotype" that can cause discrimination. How can people with different sexual lifestyles live and work together while holding fast to their beliefs? We meet in the lower level of the church. Feel free to park by the playground. Join us for breakfast or for the discussion or both! - Pastor Walther



## New Faculty Member

We would like to welcome Anna Gain to our teaching staff for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Ms. Gain will be teaching 3rd grade and will be graduating in May from Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin.

## Housing for New Teachers

Our two new teachers for the 2021-22 school year are each looking for affordable housing. If you or some one you know has property available to rent for each of these single professionals, please contact Mr. Mayhew at gsls1@hotmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.



## Mandatory Sex Ed - Illinois House Bill 1736 (R.E.A.C.H. Act)

The Illinois House of Representatives has an egregious sex education bill out of committee. HB 1736 as it stands requires parochial and private schools to teach all contraception methods including abortion. House Bill 1736, the so called R.E.A.C.H. Act, could be called for a vote as early as Wednesday, April 14. Please prayerfully consider contacting your Illinois House Rep. and urge them to vote NO on Bill House 1736. To find your Illinois legislators' names, phone numbers and email addresses, enter your address here: [www.illinoispolicy.org/maps](http://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps)

## Something to Consider...

Some people have observed (tongue in cheek, of course) that for Lutherans, every day is Lent. Of course we know better. We are able to take ourselves lightly, knowing that we are new creations in Christ, who has conquered fear, death, and the devil on our behalf. The gift of laughter brings many benefits, including medical. Here are just a few:

- Laughter can lower blood pressure, increase muscle flexion and trigger endorphins – the brain chemicals that can bring on euphoria.
  - Laughter affects the immune system. Gamma-interferon, a disease-fighting protein, rises with laughter. So do B-cells, which produce disease-destroying antibodies, and T-cells, which orchestrate our body's immune response.
  - Laughter helps shut off the flow of stress hormones, which suppress the immune system, raise blood pressure and increase the number and stickiness of platelets in our blood, which can cause fatal artery blockages. Donald Demaray, author of *Laughter, Joy and Healing*, reminds us that "Laughter and joy can alter moods and even promote physical healing. If you laugh less than 15 minutes a day, including three belly laughs, you are under laughed."
- Studies have shown that the average child laughs hundreds of times a day. The average adult, only a dozen times. So, for the sake of health and hope, find that funny bone-and tickle it!

**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 Charlotte P., Kaelyn S., Caroline S., Adalie T., and Isaiah W. We also pray for Mr. Keith Rincker who will be having neck surgery next week. 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.**

## Spring Concerts and Programs

We are excited to announce plans to hold some of our annual spring concerts and programs in person this year with an adjusted format!

**ALL STUDENTS are expected to attend their program.** Please contact Mr. Stegman AND your child's teacher as soon as possible if your child must be absent for any reason.

### Preschool-2nd Grade

Preschool-2nd grade will participate in programs by grade. Each program will be approximately 20 minutes long. The Preschool-2nd grade programs will be held in the front parking lot with the students performing from the sidewalk near the school main entrance. Families may park in the front parking lot and bring lawn chairs to sit and listen to the program. Families will be responsible for making sure their seats are reasonably distanced from other families. Because this is an outdoor event where more than adequate distancing is possible, face coverings will be optional for audience members. Students should arrive with a face covering in place but may be allowed to remove them during the actual program if their class numbers allow for adequate distancing in the performance area. (If you prefer that your child does not remove his or her face covering even when well distanced, please discuss that with your child as it will be their responsibility to keep it in place. You may also notify your child's teacher and Mr. Stegman but it will ultimately be the child's responsibility.)

PLEASE arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to your child's program and leave promptly after your child's program so that the lot is clear for the next class! The preschool-2nd grade programs will be held on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021. If the programs are not possible due to rain, the rain date will be Sunday, May 16th, 2021 at the originally scheduled times.

Students may wear nice dress clothes of any color, school standardized dress, or school year theme t-shirts with dress pants or standardized dress pants/shorts/skirts/jumpers. Please do not wear denim or t-shirts other than the school year theme t-shirts.

### Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 Spring Programs

2:00 PM---3 year old preschool program (Hill and Jackson)

3:00 PM---4 year old preschool program (Klaas and Nobbe)

3:45 PM---1st grade program (Lingafelter and Robinson)

4:45 PM---2nd grade program (Batty and Rincker)

5:45 PM---Kindergarten program (Krause)

### 5th-8th Grade

5th-8th grade will present a concert with singing from the combined classes and a performance by the 5th-8th grade band members on the LOWER parking lot near the tracks door. Family members should bring a lawn chair to sit and listen to the program. Families will be responsible for making sure their seats are reasonably distanced from other families. Because this is an outdoor event where more than adequate distancing is possible, face coverings will be optional for audience members. Students should arrive with a face covering in place but may be allowed to remove them during the actual program when they are distanced in the performance area. Band members will be distanced from one another as they must remove face coverings to play instruments. The 5th-8th grade concert will take place on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 at 6:30 PM. If the concert is not possible due to rain, the rain date will be Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

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### 3rd-4th Grade Spring Musical

3rd and 4th graders have been practicing and recording the annual spring musical entitled "Life School Musical." We are anticipating a release of the full video as a private youtube link on Friday, April 16, 2021.

### Virtual Auction Success

Thank you so much to all of the donors, sponsors, bidders, and volunteers who helped to make the GSLS 2021 Virtual Auction a success! This type of event takes many people working together, and we appreciate your support. Over \$30,000 was raised for Good Shepherd Lutheran School, which will greatly benefit our students in the coming months!



### Scholarship Deadlines

Good Shepherd's scholarship application is available through FACTS. Financial Assistance information can be found [HERE](#). **The deadline to apply for a LESA scholarship is TOMORROW, Saturday, April 10.**

### Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School are once again holding the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive on Monday May 17, from 1:30-6:00P.M. The donor bus will be located in the front parking lot. They do ask that you make a reservation to comply with their restrictions. You can contact the Regional Blood Center or Peg Rincker (princker@gsllcs.org) to save a spot. Please consider donating to this need - and don't forget, the school can receive a grant for 20 units donated!!!!



### Charger Bucks-Scrip Gift Cards

**Do you use InstaCart? Gift cards to InstaCart are available on the app! Earn big bonuses starting tomorrow from Cold Stone, Hallmark, and Blimpie! Use the [Raise Right app](#) to shop gift cards 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.****

### LESA Virtual Auction

Save the date for LESA's fundraising for their Building Blocks Scholarships which directly benefit students at our school. The Cooking for Kids Tribute Dinner Auction will be virtual on Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 7:00-8:30 pm.

### 2021-2022 School Calendar

The Good Shepherd calendar for the 2021-2022 school year is attached to this newsletter.

### 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).

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



# **DINE <sup>2</sup>AND <sub>1</sub>DONATE**

**Outside/Indoor Seating, Delivery and Curbside with Peel  
Wood Fired Pizza on 4/15/2021 from 11a-9p.  
Gift cards, Frozen Pizzas & Cheesecakes, Packaged Sauces,  
To-Go Cocktails, Growlers & all Food Purchases count  
towards Fundraiser.**



*Please pull up this flyer on your phone or mention when  
you place your order. 20% of your proceeds will be  
counted. Edwardsville location.*



# Tonight Our Portions Are Even More Generous

Wednesday April 21st, 2021

From 4 PM to 9 PM

Firehouse Subs

100 Regency Center, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Help support and raise funds for

**Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 8th grade class.**

20% of proceeds will be donated.

Present this flyer at the event to be counted  
towards the fundraising efforts.

This ad cannot be distributed at the event.

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# Good Shepherd Lutheran School

## Fun Run fundraiser - April 12-23!

Hello Parents,

We're so excited to announce that our school is participating in the Apex Leadership Co program and fundraiser!

### The donations raised will help to fund:

- Student Enrichment
- Technology Upgrades

### What is the Apex Leadership Co program?

Apex is a 2-week interactive school leadership program that promotes leadership habits, good character and fitness, combined with a fitness focused fundraiser that also helps schools raise funds. Apex's leadership program takes students on an exciting journey as they learn what it takes to be a great leader! This year's lessons are:

- Mindful
- Integrity
- Grit
- Hero
- Think Ahead
- Your Turn

Thank you again for your continued support – we are so excited to begin this wonderful program!

Mr. Mayhew, Principal

## NEXT STEPS TO HELPING OUR AMAZING SCHOOL

### 1. REGISTER

Simply go to [www.MyApexEvent.com](http://www.MyApexEvent.com) and login using your child's access code found on the front of their Apex pledge kit.

### 2. DONATE

Make a flat donation or pledge a \$ amount per lap. Students will average between 26-36 laps with a cap of 36.

ALL donations should be made online at [www.MyApexEvent.com](http://www.MyApexEvent.com).

### SHARE

Share a link to your child's donation page with at least 10 family members and friends via email, text and social media.

Sponsors can donate from anywhere in the world!

### 3. DAILY LEADERSHIP LESSONS

Students will enjoy watching the daily leadership and character program lessons in class starting April 13.

### 4. EVENT DAY

**April 21 and 22:** Get ready to run! We'll host an exciting event for students outside where they will complete up to 36 laps.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** In order to avoid large social gatherings at our school, this will be a closed campus event.

# 2021-2022

## Good Shepherd Lutheran School

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Aug 18	Classes Begin Grades PS-Gr. 8
Sep 03	No School - School Improvement Day
Sep 06	No School - Labor Day
Oct 08	No School - CID/SID Teacher's Conference
Oct 11	No School - Columbus Day
Oct 28	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 29	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov 25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
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Dec 31	No School - Christmas Break
Jan 17	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 21	No School - President's Day
Mar 25	No School - School Improvement Day
Apr 11	No School - Easter Break
Apr 12	No School - Easter Break
Apr 13	No School - Easter Break
Apr 14	No School - Easter Break
Apr 15	No School - Easter Break
Apr 18	No School - Easter Break
May 27	Last Day of School
May 31	Summer Fun Begins
Jul 04	Summer Fun Closed - Observance of July 4
Quarter 1	Aug 18 - Oct 22 44 days
Quarter 2	Oct 25 - Dec 17 35 days
Quarter 3	Jan 3 - Mar 11 48 days
Quarter 4	Mar 14 - May 27 48 days



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### 3. Get and use your gift cards

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- Physical gift cards are mailed to your coordinator. Many are reloadable so you can keep earning with the ones you have.
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