



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Not Ashamed” Romans 1:16

All School Newsletter
December 3, 2021

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday & Saturday, December 3rd and 4th

- Boys Basketball A Team Green Park, St. Louis, MO Tournament
- Girls Basketball A Team Edwardsville Tournament

Monday, December 6

- Girls Basketball AC vs Trinity Edwardsville 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7

- Boys Basketball AC Home vs Holy Cross Collinsville 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8

- GSLC Advent Services, 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 9

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2
- Boys Basketball AC @ St. Boniface, Edwardsville 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball AC Home vs Bethalto 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

- Children’s Christmas Concerts
ECC - 2:00 p.m.. Kdg. 3:00 p.m.
Gr. 1-4, 4:00 p.m., Gr. 5-8 6:00 p.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



HAT, SCARF, AND MITTEN TREES

Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Trees are in the school lobby and ECC hallway through Friday, December 17. We are collecting new, warm mittens, scarves, and hats to be distributed to local children through Collinsville Head Start and the Collinsville Food Pantry. (Think about snow mittens and gloves, too.) Let’s fill the trees!



PEE-WEE BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Boys in grades 2-4 are eligible to participate in the Pee-Wee program. Please see the attached letter for more information. The goals of the program are to teach introductory skills, the importance of being a team player and sharing. Please return the attached letter to Mr. Rincker by Tuesday, December 14th. Practices to begin on Saturday, January 8th.



1ST AND 2ND GRADE CHOIR

The first and second grade choir will sing for the GSLC Older Adult Christmas Dinner at 12:30 on Friday, December 10th! Thank you for sharing your music and the Word of God to bring joy to their day!



ILMEA ALL DISTRICT MUSIC STUDENTS



Congratulations to the following students who were selected and participated in the Illinois Music Education Association All District Ensembles on Saturday, November 6th and Saturday, November 20th!

All District Junior Vocal Jazz Ensemble

James A., Kylie B., Claire G., Grayson G., Dean H., Elise K., Emily K., Grace P., Kaitlyn P., Kaitlyn P., Alex R., and Owen T.

All District Elementary Chorus

Maria A., Brayden B., Liam D., Caroline F., Reeve M., Aaron R., Owen T., Lily W., Cali W., and Teagan W.

All District Junior Chorus

Kylie B., Grayson G., Emily K., Alex R., Grace P., Kaitlyn P., and Kaitlyn P.

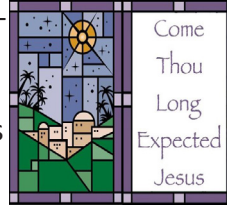
All District Junior Band

James A. and Dean H.

Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER - Advent Midweek Services and Suppers

In addition to our weekend services, we also have mid-week services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. (Dec 8, 15, & 22). From 5:30-6:30 we have Advent Suppers in the Lower Level (Dec 8 & 15). These are free-will offering suppers which support different ministry projects.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

On Thursday, December 16th, Chef Lisa will be providing a Christmas lunch to include chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, apple pie and more!

CHARGER BUCKS-SCRIP PROGRAM

Now is the time to purchase gift cards through the Scrip/Charger Bucks program! Earn rewards for your family and for GSLS. Whether you buy gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, you immediately earn on every order! There is no additional cost to you for using the Charger Bucks/Scrip program!

Gift cards will be available for purchase in the connector hallway before and after Sunday School on the following dates: December 5, 12, and 19. If you need more information, see the flyer attached, contact Gail Mayhew (chargerbucks@gslcs.org) or click this link-[Scrip](#)

STUDENT CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

Please look in your child's classroom newsletter to see how they will be conducting their student gift exchange this year.

2022-2023 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration begins January 3, 2022! Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance, Good Shepherd, and Empower Illinois will also be available January 3rd through FACTS.



ONLINE BOOK FAIR

Feel free to return to the website anytime to do your last minute shopping and 15% of your purchase will support our school. Go to <https://www.childrensbookstore.com/welcome/?ref=zho6wkl> to shop!



In Our Prayers

This week we prayed for Ava G., Dean H., Emily K., Austin K., Andrew L., Grace P., and Kaitlyn Pe. and their families. On Monday, we will be lifting up Wyatt K., AJ F., Josh M., Henrik G., Ryan P., Mason K., and Lily W.

Something to Consider...

God's Word in Our Lives

God has always been and will always be true to His word. The following passages from the Bible enables us to look past our human limitations and look to God's word and His help during stressful times in our lives. Through it all, He is there to offer His forgiveness even for those times we have failed to trust in Him.

You say: "It's impossible." God says: What is impossible with men is possible with God. (Luke 18:27)

***You say: "I'm really tired." God says: I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)**

***You say: "I don't think I can go on." God says: My grace is sufficient for you. (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

***You say: "Nobody really loves me." God says: I loved you enough to send my only son. (John 3:16)**

***You say: "I can't figure things out." God says: Trust in me and do not lean on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

***You say: "I'm worried." God says: Cast your anxiety on me, for I care for you. (1 Peter 5:7)**

***You say: "I can't forgive myself." God says: I forgive you. (1 John 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.

2021 SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

In keeping with our school policies, face coverings should be in place for all students and adults at all times inside the building. **Students should complete the daily home screening.**



2:00 PM Preschool -

Doors open at 1:35, students arrive by 1:45. Enter through the church doors, meet in the school cafeteria. Dress-nice dress clothes of any color.

3:00 PM Kindergarten -

Doors open at 2:35, students arrive by 2:45. Enter through the church doors, meet in the school cafeteria. Dress-nice dress clothes of any color.

4:00 PM 1st-4th Grade Choirs and Band

Doors open at 3:35, students arrive by 3:45. Enter through the church doors, meet in the school cafeteria. Dress-nice dress clothes of any color.

6:00 PM 5th-8th Grade Choirs and Band

Doors open at 5:35, students arrive by 5:45. Enter through the church doors, meet in the school cafeteria. Dress-white tops, black bottoms, or all black/all white dress etc. Ties of any color are optional.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Please remember to bring your Chapel offering on Thursdays in December to benefit the efforts of the International Student Ministry where Dr. Sue is working as a Ministry Catalyst. More information can be found on the GSLS Website under the About tab, Chapel or clicking [here](#).



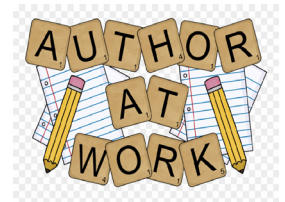
A CHRISTMAS HOUR WITH DONNA SNOW

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to a Christmas Hour with Donna Snow on Saturday, December 11, from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Donna, a well-known CPH and LWML author and Bible Study leader, will share One Extraordinary Night (based on Luke 2:8-14): Take a walk on a starry night to a field near Bethlehem where the shepherds were privileged to witness the miraculous event that God orchestrated to change the world forever. There is No Registration or Cost (\$0.00). An opportunity to make a donation or free will offering toward future events will be available. Only bottled water will be provided. Following the one-hour program, Donna's books will be available for purchase and signing. www.goodshepherdcollinsville.org

YOUNG AUTHORS

Christmas break may be a good time to create a submission for Young Authors. Consider a short story, poem, or rewriting a story. (See attachment for further details and suggestions.)



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Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Boys Pee-Wee Basketball 2021-2022

Dear Parents,

The time for Pee-Wee registration is here. Our Boys Pee-Wee program will run during the winter months again this year. We will start Saturday, January 8th. Boys in grades 2-4 are eligible to participate in this program. The goals of the Pee-Wee Program are as follows:

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| 1) Introduce the boys to the game of basketball | 2) Teach introductory skills |
| 3) Teach the importance of sharing and team play | 4) Enjoy a GREAT game. |

Parents are a large reason for the growth of the program over the past few years. When you register your child, please consider assisting at practice on any of the dates. A basic knowledge of the game and love for children are the requirements. We will use team play to teach the children, which means I am in need of parents who could take charge of a team and make most of the practices. If you are not available for all of the practices, I will still use you on the days you are able to help.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to Mr. Rincker by Tuesday, December 14th. It is important to meet this deadline in order for the necessary planning to begin. Please contact me at krincker@gslds.org with any questions or concerns.

The practice times may change depending on the number of boys that sign up.

Due to my recent surgery, I need a parent or two to be the person in charge at the Saturday practices. I will make sure things are ready but I will not be able to be there. Please consider this request and let me know as soon as possible.

See you on the COURT!

‘Not Ashamed’, Mr. Keith Rincker

Jan. 8	(Gr. 4) 8:00-9:00	(Gr. 2 & 3) 9:15-10:15
Jan. 15	(Gr. 4) 8:00-9:00	(Gr. 2 & 3) 9:15-10:15
Jan. 22	NO PRACTICE- GSLS Science Fair	
Jan. 29	(Gr. 4) 8:00-9:00	(Gr. 2 & 3) 9:15-10:15
Feb. 5	(Gr. 4) 8:00-9:00	(Gr. 2 & 3) 9:15-10:15
Feb. 12	NO PRACTICE- Lincolns’ Birthday	
Feb. 19	(Gr. 4) 8:00-9:00	(Gr. 2 & 3) 9:15-10:15
Feb. 22	GAME NIGHT	6:30 and 7:15 (times may change)



My child, _____ (Grade: _____), has my permission to participate in the Boys Pee Wee Basketball Program this winter.

I am available to assist at the following practices.

1/8 _____ 1/15 _____ 1/29 _____ 2/5 _____ 2/19 _____

Parent Name (Print) _____
Date

E-mail: _____

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 21, 2022 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.*

