



Good Shepherd Charger News

"Not Ashamed" Romans 1:16

All School Newsletter
March 24, 2022

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 25

- NO SCHOOL - Professional Development

Thursday, March 31

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

Friday, April 1

- Variety Show 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

- Jazz Festival @ Good Shepherd

Thursday, April 7

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

Saturday, April 9

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

Sunday, April 10

- Last day to submit LESA Scholarship Application

Monday, April 11-Monday, April 18

- NO SCHOOL - Easter break

Tuesday, April 19-Friday, April 29

- Apex Fun Run

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



7th and 8th GRADE YOUTH NIGHT

Please plan to come this Sunday, March 27th from 4:00-6:00 p.m for some food and fun. Drop off and pick up at the TRACKS door. If you have a Nerf gun (or two) and ammunition please bring for an activity.

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

Enjoy the 3-day weekend as school is not in session tomorrow, Friday, March 25th. Teachers will be participating in a professional development day. We thank them for their commitment to excellence.



VIRTUAL AUCTION SUCCESS

The 2022 GSLS Benefit Auction was a great success! This type of large event takes sponsors, donors, volunteers, bidders, and others all coming together, so thank you to everyone who contributed in some way. It really does make an impact. **Over \$32,000** was raised for GSLS in this year's auction!

We want to again recognize our **sponsors** for their support:

PREMIUM PARTNERS

-Albers Heating & Air Conditioning
-Nathan Spudich, Edward Jones

SUPPORTERS

-Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103
-IBEW Local 309
-Kellerman Dental



Please join us in thanking Rob and Jennifer Pickerell, Auction Co-Chairs for their extraordinary commitment of time and energy given to this year's Auction. We cannot put into words our deep appreciation for their leadership.

ILLINOIS STATE TAX CREDIT

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program offers a **75% income tax credit** to individuals that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), e.g. Empower Illinois. Empower Illinois in turn provides scholarships to our school families who apply and meet the income requirements. An excellent win-win opportunity! (See the flyer after the newsletter for more details.) Mr. Mayhew would be happy to answer any additional questions you might have.



Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

Join us for our Friday Youtube Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. This week's topic will be "Talking to Muslims About Jesus" with Dr. Sue Hasselbring. To find the video, search for "Friday Bible Study Pastor Walther."

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Next year's Good Shepherd School Calendar may be found by clicking Calendars at the top page of our [website](#) or by using this [link](#).

SHEPHERD'S STAFF

Check out the recent edition of the Shepherd's Staff that was written, edited and published by our Journalism 101 class, which is composed of seventh and eighth grade students. During this class, students analyzed many local and national news articles. They learned the key components of a news story, the importance of a good lead, and the value of citizen interviews. Students were involved in every step of producing and publishing this newspaper. In addition to writing the stories, they also determined its layout and the arrangement of the articles. The newspaper can be found in Current News on the first page of our [GS website](#).



2022-2023 SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for **LESA's Building Blocks Assistance** and **Good Shepherd** is available through FACTS. Info for LESA's scholarship requirements follow.

Deadline to apply for these scholarships is April 10, 2022. [Empower Illinois](#) also offers scholarships. Information to apply can be found [here](#). Any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Metro-East Lutheran High School's 33rd Annual Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament will be held April 23 at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City. The cost of the outing is \$80 per person, which includes a meal, green fee for 18 holes, skins game, mulligans and golf cart. The **deadline to register is April 8**. For more information, call the MELHS office at 618-656-0043.

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 will be praying for our students and their families. On Monday we will lift up our fourth grade students and pray for peace in our world.

We invite you to 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.

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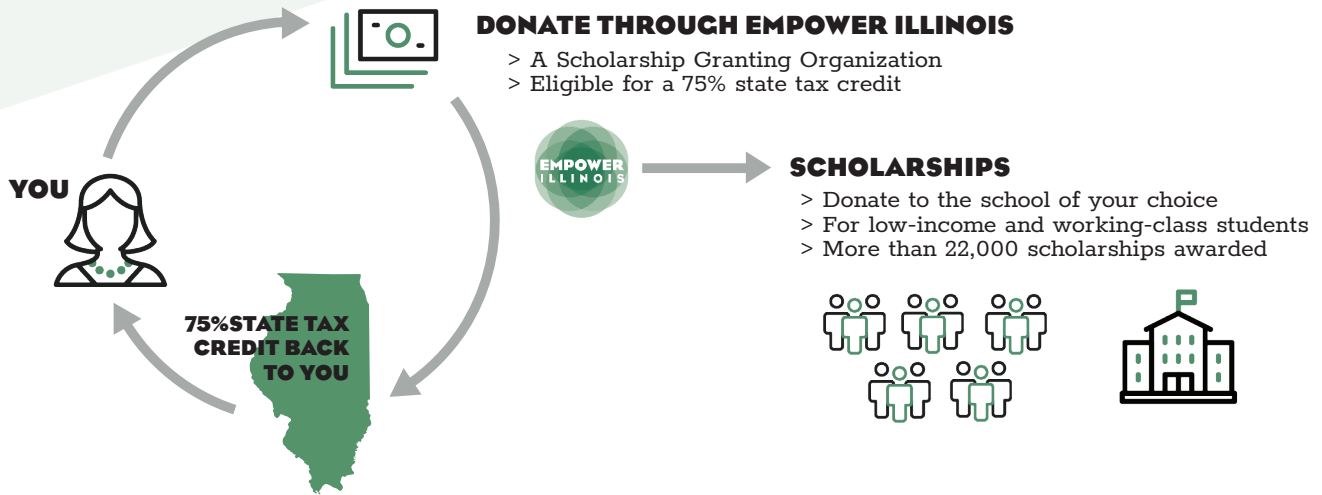
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KIDS ONLY GET ONE CHANCE AT A QUALITY EDUCATION

Empower Illinois expands quality education options for low-income and working-class families of Illinois by granting scholarships to students attending private schools.

Empower Illinois is the state's largest and most comprehensive Scholarship Granting Organization. To date, Empower Illinois has raised more than \$100M and awarded more than 22,000 scholarships. You can make a charitable investment in kids through Illinois' Tax Credit Scholarship Program.



Who Your Donation Helps

- > Low-income and working-class kids across Illinois
- > Provide K-12 scholarships to quality, private schools
- > More than 22,000 scholarships awarded
- > 20,000+ kids on the waitlist who need your help

How It Works

- > Donate through Empower Illinois, the state's leading Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)
- > By donating through an SGO, such as Empower Illinois, you earn a **75% STATE TAX CREDIT**

Why Donate Through EI

- > You can direct your donation to the school of your choice
- > EI partners with more than 600 schools
- > Increase your impact through a larger donation, as you receive a 75% tax credit to offset your tax liability

What's Next

- > Contact Empower Illinois' Donor Helpline at 800-616-7606 or donors@empowerillinois.org
- > Visit the Empower Illinois website: www.empowerillinois.org/donate



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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 household
 - * 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 **ALL** 2021 tax documents - by **April 10, 2022**

- 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
- **CHECK EMAIL.** FACTS representatives will email 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 via PDF or picture taken with your mobile device
***Tips on uploading a document can be found at lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2022

Have Questions???

FACTS customer service: 1.866.315.9262

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

LESA office: 314.200.0790

lesastl.org

Do I qualify?

Many families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if **at least 10% of income** from 2021 is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 **net tuition**.



Required Documentation

Submit by April 10, 2022

2021 Tax Documents

- 1) 1040 form (page 1 & 2)
- 2) W-2s
- 3) Income docs
 - > Schedule 1 – 5, C, E, K, etc.
- 4) Non-taxable docs
 - > Child support, SNAP, Welfare, Social Security
- 5) Corporate, Partnership, &/or trust tax forms
- 6) Other docs may be required
 - > Household bills, daycare, etc