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Our wonderful, dedicated and loving staff at GSLS for the
2021-2022 school year!

Front Row: Our Early Childhood Teachers- PreK-3's: Mrs. Mary Hill & Mrs. Lisa Jackson, PreK- 4's: Mrs. Meghan Klaas & Mrs. Rebecca Nobbe,
Kindergarten: Mrs. Kris Krause & Mrs. Lynn Sengele

Seated: 1st Grade: Mrs. Suzie Robinson, 2nd Grade: Mrs. Peg Rincker, 3rd Grade: Ms. Anna Gain & Mrs. Emily Pritchard, 4th Grade: Mrs. Jennifer Batty & Mrs. Kathy Maske, Resource Teacher: Mrs. Beth Italiano,
School Counselor: Mrs. Diana Cuddeback

Back Row: 5th Grade: Mr. Mike Krueger, 6th Grade: Mr. Caleb Betts,
7th Grade: Mrs. Melissa Hasamear, 8th Grade: Mr. Keith Rincker, Development Director: Mrs. Nancy Stallard, Principal: Mr. Bob Mayhew, Scrip: Mrs. Gail Mayhew, Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Andrea Hites,
Secretary: Mrs. Nancy Cluck, Director of Music: Mr. Zach Stegman

Click here [Welcome Back Video](#) for a fun
"Welcome Back Video Greeting" from all of our staff!
We are SO GLAD you are here this Fall!

Our First Day of School was August 18, 2021.
Look at all these smiles!!!



[Click here for the "First Day of School" video.](#)

[First Day of School Video](#)

We have 311 students in 16 classes this year. Click below to enjoy each class saying what makes them special!

[Click for Video: Class Greetings Video](#)



4th Grade:
Mrs. Jennifer Batty
8-26-21



8th Grade:
Mr. Keith Rincker..8/25/21



Chapel is a very important part of our week where students get to worship God, pray and learn from God's Word.



We are proud of these four fine young men, who practice hard to play their brass

instruments with Mr. Stegman for our chapel services.



Mr. Zach Stegman is our amazing music director who leads our music for chapel and directs our band and choirs.



James Adle on Trumpet



Dean Hemmer on Trombone



Owen Trackwell on Baritone and Grayson Gorney on Trumpet

Our curriculum is top-of-the-line, and our 8th graders go on to do exceptionally well in high school. Our staff makes learning fun and exciting while keeping Christ the center of all they do.



Our Pre K classes learn counting, letters, colors and the calendar.



We introduce computers in our kindergarten classes.



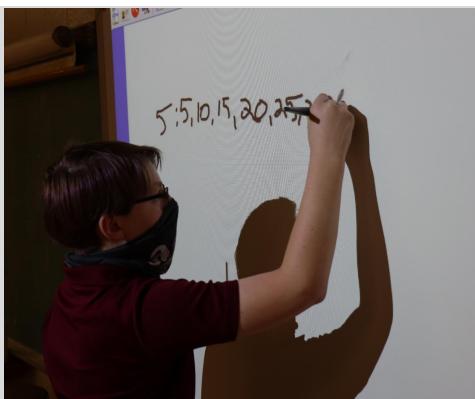
Our teachers encourage questions.



A History Project



Students do group projects, and here they are peer reviewing a writing assignment.



Students participate in every class.



Band students play in chapel, church and march in community parades.



Seventh Graders Doing a Science Experiment



THREE CHEERS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!



We love our volunteers! Two volunteer opportunities that we currently have are that Mrs. Nancy Stallard (our new Development Director) is looking for people to do data entry, and she is also looking for people who would enjoy calling on our alumni families to gather information. If you would like to do either of these, please contact her at 618-344-3153 or

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Donors make the DIFFERENCE!!!



Mr. John. Ashcraft (who graduated in the 1st Class of 1985) HANDMADE a cross out of quartzite and granite for each teacher and staff member! What a great way to start our year as we can keep these on our desks to remember the LOVE of our Savior.



We are grateful for ALL our donors that support us through prayers, financial gifts, and FUN things like gifting us with these cool crosses!!!

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STAFF Spotlight



For our first Staff Spotlight, I thought we'd start with the man who makes this school fun, impactful and run smoothly--Mr. Bob Mayhew!! He started at Good Shepherd on July 1, 1984, and worked with the first 8th grade class to pick the school colors.



Later in the school year, he worked with the student body to choose the school mascot (Rambo the Charger), and then he collaborated with Phyllis Wallace to write the school song. He remembers thinking, "It can't get any better than this!"

He had many responsibilities that first year; he was a teacher for 4th

Christian leaders by making a difference in the world. He says, "Education is important, but at the very end of your life, knowing Jesus and what He has done for all is paramount!"

One thing our principal loves is when Alumni come back to visit or send their own children to Good Shepherd. He commented, "That makes me smile and makes me realize there is nothing I would rather be doing!" We are all so thankful that he keeps leading this amazing school!!



He is the first smiling face the students see in the morning as he directs traffic for student drop off, and he enjoys walking the halls to interact with the students during the day.



He has been married to Gail for 35 years, and they have two grown children: Brooke (who recently married Dom Zavaglia) and Caleb Mayhew.

and 5th grade, taught PE for 4th-8th grade, and started the athletic program as the athletic director. In addition, he coached softball, basketball, and track that first year.

In June of 2000, Mr. Mayhew became the principal and has loved having an impact on the lives of students, staff, and families here. He feels that Good Shepherd is important to this community because it provides families with the choice of a Christian school with rigorous educational and spiritual values--a place to call home!

Mr. Mayhew believes the biggest impact GSLS has on students is being able to tell them that Jesus loves them and wants them to be



His favorite Bible verse is the 23rd Psalm, and his two favorite phrases are ones these students hear on daily basis:

"It's a Great Day to be a Charger" and
"What can you do with God's help to make this day special for everyone?"

We are so grateful Mr. Mayhew came to GSLS in 1984. What an impact he has made here!

**Watch his video by clicking here:
[Mr. Mayhew Staff Spotlight Video](#)**



For our first featured Charger Alumni, I thought we should go back--WAY back--to 1985 and that first 8th grade class. In the front row, on the far right next to Mr. Cochran, is **Curtis Wudtke**, and here are his memories of being at GSLS.



"Being part of that first 8th grade class, there were so many new things to consider. Making the move to Good Shepherd after being at Holy Cross for eight years (K-7) was a big change and still exciting. We had Mr. Cochran as a teacher at Holy Cross, and of course he was our teacher and principal at Good Shepherd. My mom had also taught kindergarten at Good Shepherd for a number of years so that made the transition easier. Mr. Cochran, Mr. Mayhew and others had to be creative in how they managed things since we started all eight grades at the same time.

"My most memorable moment was the class trip to Chicago-- it was awesome! Being in the portable classroom during a significant hail storm was memorable, and Confirmation was a highlight.

"Being at Good Shepherd for 8th grade was a great opportunity to strengthen my academic life and leadership skills. We had the opportunity to take the lead of this new endeavor in many ways. Learning from Mr. Cochran was intense, yet very rewarding. Heading to Metro East Lutheran High School after being at Good Shepherd was easy and a natural flow in my Lutheran education. Mr. Cochran, Pastor Kastens, and others were incredible role models of faith. They set the standard high for Biblical knowledge and understanding, and were motivating through confirmation and my daily life.

"I attended Concordia University Wisconsin and earned my BA in Secondary Education and Music in 1993 and then my MA in Educational Administration. I currently am the Dean of Programs and Facilities at Rockford Lutheran School in Rockford, IL, and I love how God uses me to impact students. I get to give back in the same way that Mr. Cochran, Mr. Mayhew, Pastor Kastens and others gave to me at GSLS.



"I have been married to Jenny for 28 years. We have two children: Samantha who is 16 and Bohdan who is 13, and we enjoy taking trips together. I am thankful to my parents for providing me with the opportunity to go to Lutheran schools for my entire educational journey. Good Shepherd was a highlight in that journey, equipping me with skills and relationships that led to future success in education and beyond."

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.

Thank you for your support!!!!



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