



Charger
E-Newsletter
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ROMANS 1:16



Here are our wonderful and energetic **Early Childhood Teachers** for this school year. I am always amazed by the way they make teaching these little ones look so easy, and how much FUN they bring into learning the basics. Read why they LOVE their job!

From left to right:

Mrs. Lynn Sengele' - Kindergarten: "I love watching the students' faces light up when they are excited about learning something new and when I have the opportunity to teach brothers and sisters of former students. We have great families here at Good Shepherd, and they are so supportive of the work we do here."

Mrs. Meghan Klaas - Pre K-4: "My favorite part of teaching here is being able to share the love of Jesus with all of my students and watching them grow in their faith."

Mrs. Mary Hill - Pre K-3: "What I love about working at GSLS is how the faculty and staff help and support each other!"

Mrs. Lisa Jackson - Pre K-3: "I love teaching early childhood students because they are so open and willing to learn new things. Their minds are little sponges. Getting and giving hugs are also a bonus!"

Mrs. Kris Krause- Kindergarten: "What stands out the most to me is the amazing families I work for! I love sharing the love of Jesus each day and seeing my little ones grow and learn so much--like little sponges! Our facilities are amazing, so developmentally appropriate and beautiful! The people I work with are awesome, super-dedicated and talented! Praise God!"

Mrs. Rebecca Nobbe - Pre K-4: "I love watching our students grow in their faith and working with the amazing families we have at GSLS."

Click here [GSLS Promo Video 2021](#) for the GSLS Promo Video! This highlights our school and all God is doing here. Please pass this link along to prospective families

who are looking for an AMAZING school!



To honor the 13 men and women in the US military who gave their lives during the evacuation mission in Afghanistan, Mrs. Rincker and her 2nd grade class put up 13 flags in front of our school. Let's continue to pray for these families and that God would keep ALL our military personnel safe.



Click here to play the video and hear them sing "God Bless America!":
[13 Flags for US Military VIDEOS Military](#)

The Italian Fest is always a lot of fun. We had 8th graders and their families parking cars and serving chicken sandwiches to raise money for their class trip. The Charger Marching Band marched and played in the parade.



Mrs. and Mr. Rincker parking cars



8th graders eagerly flagging more customers into the lot



8th grade chicken sandwich booth



8th grade parents selling sandwiches



Grilling some of the 1,000 chicken breasts to sell!

The Charger Marching Band is comprised of 5th-8th grade students under the direction of Mr. Zach Stegman. The band remained strong through the heat and finished the 1 mile Italian Fest Parade in downtown Collinsville. They are looking forward to auditioning for the ILMEA All District Band next week, and then participating in the Collinsville VFW Veterans' Day parade in uptown Collinsville at 10 AM on November 11th.



Click here for the "Marching Band" video:
[Chargers Marching Band](#)

We have many students participating in our fall sports this year.

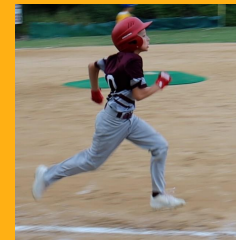
Charger Baseball

Our baseball team had a great season! Their record was 11-5-1.

They won the regular season conference title and placed 2nd in the Conference Tournament.



Coaches: Nathan Spudich,
Mark Robinson,
Joel Italiano,
Curt Forcha, Pat Adle
Missing: Clint Phelps



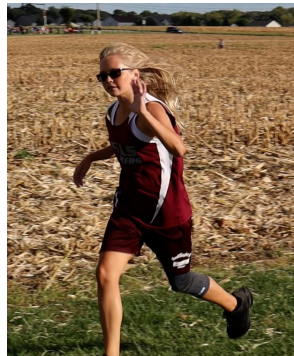
Girls Volleyball

Our girls volleyball team is coached by Matt Parker and Graig Peterson. They play great together and are having a super season!!!



Girls and Boys Cross Country

Our girls and boys cross country team is coached by Mr. Krueger, our 5th grade teacher. The G.S.L.S. Cross Country team is composed of: **Grade 8**--Claire Garkie, Lizzie Jennings, and Gavin Rodgers. **Grade 7**- Dean Hemmer. **Grade 6**- Marion Hemmer. They have done an amazing job this season so far. Cross country runners are over-comers! Many challenges affect their training and competitions and these runners made the best of every situation. Their hard work and team chemistry has made them a pleasure to work with! They have competed in six cross country meets as of October 2. Gavin Rodgers place 1st in the CMS Dual Meet, 3rd out of 87 runners at O'Fallon and was 6th at the SIJHSAA Pre-State Meet at Centralia



Chapel is a very important part of our week. Our students have the opportunity to worship God, pray, and learn from God's Word.

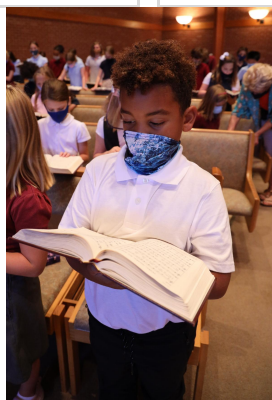




Pastor Michael Walther teaching our students about God's love



We were blessed to have Rev. Timothy Scharr, the SID President, come to Good Shepherd and lead chapel for us.



Mr. Zach Stegman teaches music to our students. Even the 3 and 4 year-olds are learning the words and hand actions to songs!
Click here to see Pre K4 Music Time:

[Pre K4- Music Class](#)



Mr. Zach Stegman teaching music

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 as the center of all they do.



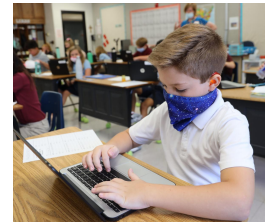
2nd grade health



An art project



Sometimes "Wonder Woman" shows up to teach the "Super Kids" program in 1st grade.



4th grade computer class



Pre K students learn through play.



Students participate in every class.



Band



Testing for the 50 yard dash



Kindergarteners doing a science experiment



Celebrating Mexico's National Day in Spanish class

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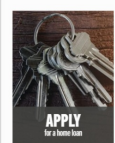
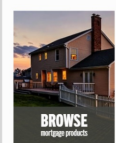
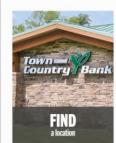
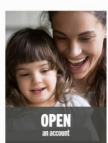
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Mr. Cochran, the FIRST Principal when GSLS began in 1984, came over and spoke to Mrs. Batty's 4th grade class about the school's history. (These 4th graders were born in 2011!) They loved the old pictures, especially the one of the "young" Mr. Mayhew and Rambo, the Charger. Four of their parents or relatives were also students at GSLS, and Mr. Cochran still remembers those students! God has done AMAZING things here over the past 37 years. It was great to have Mr. Cochran here for the morning to share his memories.

1984



Back then in 1984.....

2021



and now in 2021!



How it all began...



Learning GSLS History



Mrs. Batty's 4th grade class with Mr. Cochran



THREE CHEERS for our VOLUNTEERS!



We love our volunteers! We currently have **FOUR** volunteer opportunities. Mrs. Nancy Stallard (our new Development Director) is looking for people who will do:

- Data entry
- Calling on our alumni families to gather information
- Hand-addressing envelopes for our Charger Challenge Campaign mailing
- Stuffing envelopes

If you would like to use your skills for any of these jobs, please contact her at 618-344-3153 ext 223 or email her at nstallard@gslcs.org.


Our school relies on its wonderful volunteers! Do you have a special talent? Can you stuff envelopes? WE NEED YOU! We are grateful for these volunteers pictured and for EVERYONE who has helped so far this school year to make life GREAT for our students!



Mr. Pat Adle grading the field



There are so many ways to support our school!





Good Shepherd Lutheran School
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Quality, Christ-Centered Education- Grades PK3 to 8th Grade

Student success is a top-priority at Good Shepherd. Our staff genuinely cares about each student and works hard to ensure every student receives a quality education, builds life skills, and matures spiritually. However, to maintain this level of excellence in education, we need outside assistance. Every school needs donations to help it run efficiently, and every business benefits from advertising. Sign up for one of our "Win-Win" options, and you will get a tax-deductible receipt for your donation, along with valuable advertising for your company.

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[Business Sponsor Flyer](#)

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This is the **easiest** program we have. These gift cards are the same price as buying them directly from the vendors themselves, so there is no additional cost to you for using the Scrip/Charger Bucks program!

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Sales end October 12th and pizzas will be delivered to the school on November 8th.

Click here for [BoBo's Order Form](#)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Fundrasier

We are pleased to kick-off our Fall fundraiser and partner up with BoBo's Fundraising. We will be offering BoBo's "Just the Good Stuff" Brochure. Which features BoBo's St. Louis-Brand Pizzas, **Ohio Spunkycake** cookie dough, desserts, and chocolates to choose from. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to directly benefit the students at Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

3 Easy Steps to Online Ordering


Step 1: Scan the Register Now QR code with your smart phone or mobile device.

Step 2: Complete the simple registration process by entering the parent's and participant's information.

Step 3: Share your unique link with family, friends, and neighbors via email, text, or social media!

If you are using a computer, you may go to bohofundraising.com on your web browser and click the **Register** tab. Then, a new webpage will open for you to enter your School ID, *Good Shepherd*. Next, complete the above Steps 2 & 3.

Register Now!



All brochures and online orders will be delivered together to your school on the delivery date below.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your online store, please call us at 616-619-0355.

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Please collect payments as you take orders.
(Please make all checks payable to: [Good Shepherd Lutheran](#))

FUNDRAISER ENDS:
Tuesday, October 12th

DELIVERY:
Monday, November 8th

To make the pickup contactless, we will be doing a drive thru style pick up. Before picking up your order please place your child's name on a sheet of paper and place on your dashboard. We will then read the name, grab your order, and place it in your vehicle.

All prices are cumulative. The more you sell the more you win!



APPRECIATION PRIZES!

- Sell 2 items = Stunt Bug
- 6 items = Foam Finger Rocket
- 15 items = Pizza Party
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- 35 items = Money Machine
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- 75 items = BoBo's Family Pack
- 100 items = \$100 Cash



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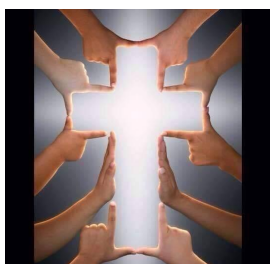


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**WHY we do
 WHAT we do!**
*Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a
 child in the way he should go:
 and when he is old,*



STOP AND PRAY!

Our Early Childhood Center Director, Mrs. Nobbe, had a child in her class ask her what the sign meant. Mrs. Nobbe said that it is in the shape of a stop sign, but on ours it says "pray" so that we can remember to stop and pray for others. A little while later, she noticed this child circling around the track again but this time stopping to PRAY as she passed the sign. What a precious moment!



This is why we do what we do here at GSLS: Praying before and after sports games...



being humble when we win... because character and spiritual growth matter.

STAFF
Spotlight

Mrs. Melissa Hasamear
7th Grade

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Mr. Keith Rincker
8th Grade



Mrs. Melissa Hasamear graduated from SIUE in 2003 with a Bachelors of Science in Education, and later completed the Colloquy Program through Concordia University Chicago.

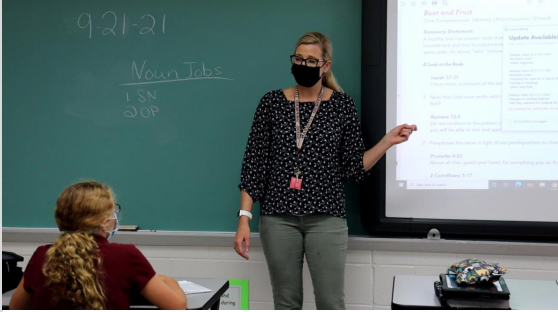
She has been teaching for 19 years, and this is her 9th year at GSLS. She is our 7th grade homeroom teacher and teaches English to 6th - 8th graders, and guides the journalism class. She enjoys teaching at GSLS because she has the opportunity to teach a very rigorous curriculum that challenges students and helps them develop and master skills they never believed they were capable of mastering. She LOVES seeing the progress these students achieve during their middle school years.

An absolute favorite time for her is when these students come back to visit after graduating from GSLS and share how prepared they were for high school as result of the education they received here.



Keith Rincker earned his Bachelors of Science in Education degree from Concordia Teachers College, and receive his Masters of Science in Education from Southern Illinois University. He has been a teacher for 40 years, with 32 of those being here at GSLS. He is our 8th grade homeroom teacher and teaches Science and Art to 7th and 8th graders, Reading to 6th and 8th graders, and Algebra, PE, and Health to 8th graders.

What he loves most about teaching here is the joy of seeing the children come to school and enter the room with a smile, which makes his problems seem very small. He also enjoys seeing students from past years come back to visit their former teachers. Occasionally, he will still see many former students at school functions and in the community.



She shares that she teaches at *GSLs* because she has the privilege of sharing her faith with her students. There is not a day that goes by that she doesn't recognize how blessed she is to teach here. She begins each day by sharing God's Word with her students, as they read a devotion together and then spend time praying. Additionally, there are opportunities during the week to worship in chapel and serve the community together. Her students get to see daily that loving Jesus isn't just going to church on Sunday--it's a way of life.

Most recently, her class is working on a project to create care packages for the Afghan refugee children who have been brought to our country and have nothing.



She believes that this school is important to the community because *GS* continues, year after year, to develop productive young citizens, who are ambitious and hard-



He feels *GSLs* is important to this community because we have a strong reputation for providing a quality Christian education. The families who attend *GSLs* learn about Jesus, their personal Savior.

The curriculum we use gives students what they need to succeed in high school and college.

He knows donors are important to this school and says, "We have been blessed with a variety of donations." He is grateful for all the donors we have, and knows that students, parents, and church members understand the commitment that the staff puts in at school to spread the Gospel.



He values the time he has each day to share God's message of salvation with his students.

His favorite Bible verse is his confirmation verse: Psalm 55.22 which says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall."

working. They are also compassionate, service-minded, and truly care about their community. She believes we need young people with these values, as they are the future leaders of our community.

Mrs. Hasamear enjoys spending time with her family doing many activities, including snorkeling. We are so blessed to have her teaching English and sharing her faith in Jesus here!



Click here to view her video:

[Mrs. Hasamear's Staff Spotlight Video](#)

He enjoys spending time with his wife Peg (our 2nd grade teacher) and their family.



We are so grateful that our students here at GSLS get to spend their final year under this wonderful godly teacher. He is wise and has a huge servant's heart that models Jesus to our students.

Click here to view his video:

[Mr. Rincker's Staff Spotlight Video](#)



Charger
Chronicles



We are blessed to hear from ANOTHER 8th grade graduate from that very first Good Shepherd Class of 1985:

Mr. John Ashcraft!

Here are his memories of being at GSLS:

"Leaving Holy Cross my 8th Grade year to attend Good Shepherd meant leaving behind several friends and the security of a familiar place. I was in a portable trailer classroom with three grades and one teacher. It was new, different, and stressful. One of my most memorable moments was being in the trailer when we had a storm producing golf ball-sized hail. Giant hail on a metal roof makes a whole lot of noise!

I believe adjusting to the changes of attending Good Shepherd helped prepare me for navigating the high school experience at Metro East Lutheran High School. Holy Cross and Good Shepherd both provided a good education and prepared me well for high school. That's saying a lot, as some of my freshman

classes at Concordia Seward were easy, compared to attending Metro East Lutheran High School. Being daily in the Word in the classroom gave me the peace and strength of Christ throughout my education. It taught me to seek my fulfillment in God, which is the only way to find contentment in this life and the next!



Mr. Ashcraft as an Acolyte at
Good Shepherd Church



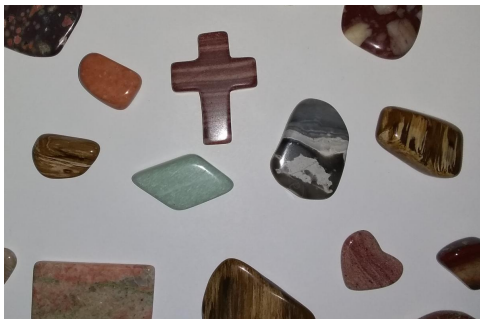
Excited to be in that 1st
Graduating Class of 1985!

I graduated from Concordia River Forest in 1994, with a degree in Elementary Education and taught 4th grade for one year. That year, God called me to an insolvent school where I found the joy of saving a child's life. For many years I enjoyed serving the elderly through my property maintenance business, and for the past 14 years I have worked as a Construction Laborer. The great variety of tasks keeps this work interesting. There is always something new to learn. In fact, I was able to obtain an Associates Degree in Construction Labor during my apprenticeship.

I have operated heavy equipment, melted through steel reinforced concrete with a lancing rod, and hand-dug ditches. On the days when I use my pick and shovel, I call myself a "Double-Degreed Ditch Digger". God has lead my life down a path that I would not have chosen to travel, but through His wisdom, He has provide for me both faithfully and abundantly.

I have remained single and live with my parents. My mother describes the way we help one another as "Mutual Assisted Living". My hobbies include rock tumbling, catfishing and wood carving.

"I am thankful for my 8th grade year because it eventually lead me to become a GSLs preschool volunteer. The students and staff have made me feel like I am part of their family. What can be more rewarding?"



Some of Mr. Ashcraft's
rock creations



He caught this 5 foot 1 inch Spoonbill !

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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