



Charger  
E-Newsletter  
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11-3-21

NOT  
ASHAMED  
ROMANS 1:16



Here are our hardworking and creative elementary teachers (1st to 4th grade.) The amount of information they teach our students each week is just amazing... and they make it so much fun!

Read why they LOVE their job! From left to right:

**Mrs. Jennifer Batty- 4th Grade** "I love teaching 4th grade and watching them take in what they are learning from the Bible or another curriculum and making a life connection with it."

**Mrs. Kathy Maske-4th Grade:** "I love that I get to share Jesus with my students and their families at GSLS!"

**Mrs. Suzie Robinson-1st Grade** "I love Jesus time because the first graders and I love to read the exciting Bible stories and act them out. The Bible has the best stories!"

**Mrs. Peg Rincker-2nd Grade** "I love teaching 2nd grade and watching them as they grow and absorb so much throughout the school year!"

**Ms. Anna Gain--3rd Grade** "I love teaching 3rd grade because my students have a great sense of humor. We have lots of fun making connections as we learn!"

**Mrs. Emily Pritchard-3rd Grade** "What I love about teaching third grade is that they have such enthusiasm for learning."

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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!

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The 4's Pre K classes are talking about Community Helpers. We had 3 parents come to share about their jobs. We thank them all for their service and for coming to teach our students about safety and Community Helpers!!!



Police Officer Sam Luna surprised the students by arriving in his squad car to tell the students about how he helps to keep us safe.



He is Penny's father.



Sargent Sebastian zoomed with us from Texas. He is in the Army and is training military members how to get medical help when they are injured.



He is Elliana's father.





Mr. Philip Bassett is a Firefighter for the Collinsville Fire Department. He taught our students about fire safety at home and school and gave them each a red fire helmet to wear.



He is Oliver's father.

We enjoy FUN days at GSLS like "Casual Days" (here with Mrs. Hasamear's 7th grade class) and "Blue Jean Friday" for our teachers (which you can see they LOVE!!!) These were bought as "gifts" at our Auction. Just something to keep in mind for our Spring Auction March 19, 2022! Mark the date down and plan to come and create some FUN for your child's class or our wonderful teachers!!



First grade celebrating "Stuffed Animal Day"



5th grade bringing in canned goods for our Food Pantry

The Charger Marching Band marched in the Italian Fest Parade in downtown Collinsville. Next they will march in The Veterans' Day



Parade in uptown  
Collinsville at 10 AM  
on November 11th.



Click here for the time lapse video of the whole mile long parade!!  
[Charger Band Time Lapse in Parade](#)

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

### Charger Baseball

Click for their Video  
[Charger Baseball Video](#)

They had a great season!  
Their record was 11-5-1.

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



### Girls Volleyball

Our girls volleyball team was  
coached by Matt Parker and Graig  
Peterson. The girls played great  
together and had a super season!!!

CLICK here to see their video:  
[Lady Chargers Volleyball Video](#)

### Girls and Boys Cross Country

Click here for video  
[Cross Country Team Video](#)

Enjoy a GSLS Cross Country Team  
Race!! They had an awesome season!  
Thanks to Mr. Krueger for coaching





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



We enjoyed a chapel message from Dr. Sue, who serves as Ministry Catalyst with International Student Ministry, (ISM) Inc. which encourages and equips God's people in over 80 cities for intentional gospel ministry among international students on university campuses. You may support ISM Inc. by giving online through [www.isminc.org/give](http://www.isminc.org/give)



We had the pleasure of hosting author D'Marie, who spoke about writing and developing good stories.

She is the author of the Journey series. She got our minds thinking about the writing process.

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

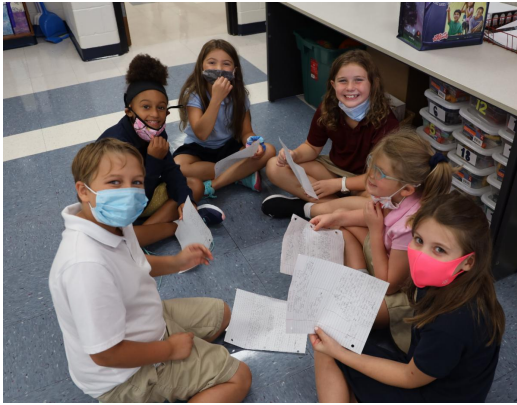
exciting, while keeping Christ as the center of all they do.



Creative ways to learn math



8th grade art projects



Learning the value of teamwork



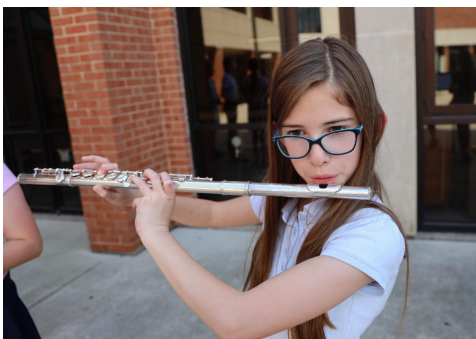
Every grade has art class



Fun environment for learning



The Luther seal made of rice



Band student getting ready for the next parade



Doing the shuttle run in gym class





We are mailing out letters for our first **Annual Charger Challenge Campaign!** You can click and read the letter here, **Charger Challenge Campaign Letter** or contact us if you want a letter and return envelope mailed to you. We appreciate your support of our school! God is doing **AMAZING** things here... thanks for partnering along with us!!




November 2021



**NOT ASHAMED**  
ROMANS 1:16

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd!

I have been enjoying my time here as the GSLS Development Director—seeing all the GREAT things God is doing through this school! The teachers and staff members are an amazing, hard-working group of Christians, and the students are simply FANTABULOUS! They are so polite, study hard, work well with each other, care for and respect one another, and shine Jesus' light brightly! It's wonderful to see them in action every day.

Good Shepherd has a rich history, led by the hand of God. It was established on August 27, 1984 for the community and our Good Shepherd Church family. We had a small building and two portable units to accommodate students that year. In 1987, we had our second building project to add more classrooms, a science lab, kitchen, and gymnasium. That year, we were blessed with 245 students! Our first principal was Mr. Bill Cochran, and he was faithful to lead this school until he was called to another position in 1992. Mr. Paul Brandt continued to lead the school until he took another call in 2000. Our current principal, Mr. Bob Mayhew, was the first male teacher hired back in 1984, and he became our principal in 2000. He is the only original staff member still on board here and does a wonderful job leading our students and staff. Now 33 years later, we have 311 students, have graduated hundreds of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have gone on to do VERY well in high school and college, and are blessed with a dynamic and dedicated staff!

1984



School in 1987




Mr. Mayhew & Mr. Cochran



GSLS Staff September 2021

Our theme this year is "Not Ashamed" from Romans 1:16—"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." Through weekly chapel services, daily prayer, and devotional time in each classroom, our students are learning about God's love for them. They are also being challenged to NOT be ashamed and exploring how to share that Good News with those around them!

One thing I just LOVE here is that every morning over the announcements, every chapel service, and other times throughout the day, our Principal Mayhew says two things: "It's a great



day to be a Charger!" to remind students that every day it is a privilege to be here, and he asks them, "What can you do today... with God's help, to make this day special for everyone?"

This reminds the students that they can, with God's help, make a difference for those around them EVERY DAY! Isn't that AWESOME??

Bradley, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, says, "I KNOW Good Shepherd will prepare me well for my future. I hope to be an orthodontist." James, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, says, "Besides learning math and science, I'm learning honesty, selflessness, how to be a good friend, and how to serve." Kyle, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, shares, "Having a strong faith developed here will definitely help build my Christian faith throughout my life... throughout high school, college, and when I get a job!"

Parents repeatedly comment on how amazing, caring, and dedicated the GSLS teachers are, that their child feels welcomed, gets the academic help he/she needs to excel, and how much they love the Christian faith that is woven into every class. I also hear, and get to see often, what great friendships are formed here and how students really learn to care and include everyone. We all know how important it is for children to have solid friendships with students who share the same Christian values.


That is why we are doing our first annual **Charger Challenge Campaign**. We want to be able to continue providing an excellent education and spiritual growth for these students and their families. Covid has hit some families very hard, and inflation makes operating this school more difficult every year. The entire school phone system needs to be replaced, which will cost \$55,000. Our goal is to raise **\$175,000 for this year**, to cover the new phone system, update some music and sports equipment, keep teachers updated with classroom needs, offer scholarships for families who are struggling recently, and to keep the tuition from increasing so much each year. *Will you please consider a financial gift to help us achieve this goal?*

One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 11:25 "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." God will refresh us for our service to Him. I always like to tell people, "GO BE A REFRESHER!" By donating to Good Shepherd, you are doing just that—refreshing our students by allowing them to continue attending this school and providing scholarships for our students. You are refreshing our staff by keeping our bills paid so that we can put our full efforts into teaching and administration. By refreshing us, God will refresh you! You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible gift!

If you would like to make a financial gift, please make your check payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran School" and use the enclosed envelope to mail your check. You can also give online by going to our website [www.gsls.org](http://www.gsls.org). Click on the "Donate" button in the upper right corner. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or by email as shown below:

Thanks for being a "Refresher!"

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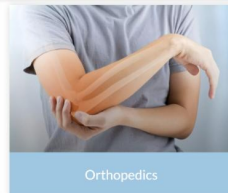
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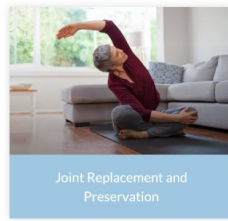
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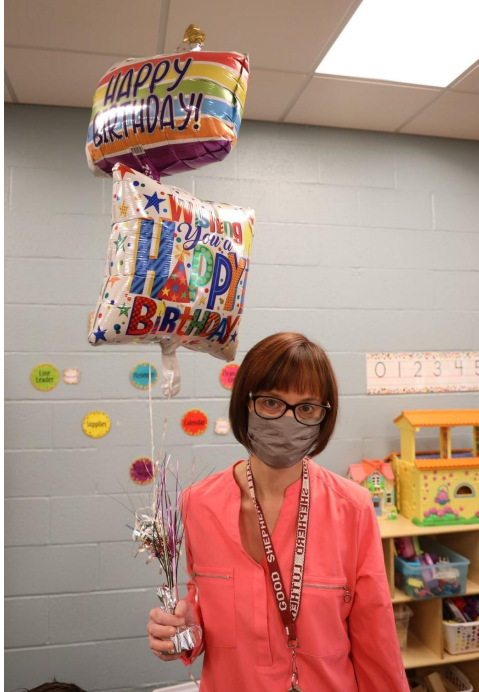
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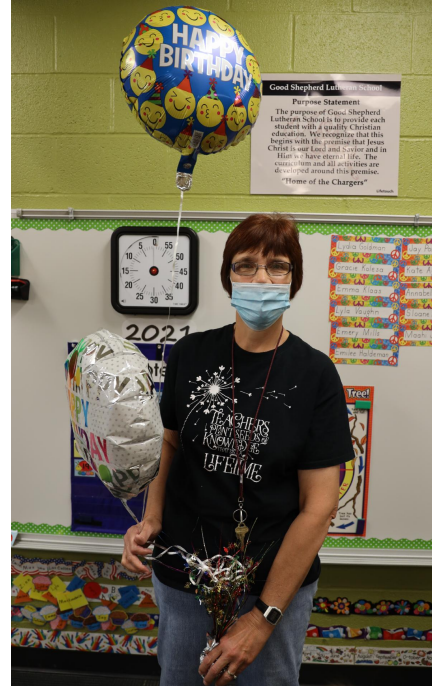
Our students sang and  
wished our September  
Birthday Teachers a very  
**BLESSED** year ahead!!





The Pre K-4 students wished Mrs. Klaas a very Happy Birthday!!

[Click for Mrs. Klaas's Birthday Video](#)



The Pre K-3 students sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Hill!!!

[Click for Mrs. Hill's Birthday Video](#)



## THREE CHEERS for our VOLUNTEERS!



We love our volunteers! We currently have **TWO** 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

If you would like to bless us with your time, please contact her at 618-344-3153 ext 223 or email her at [nstallard@gslcs.org](mailto:nstallard@gslcs.org).

So grateful for volunteers like Kay Jones who has been helping me by calling lists of GSLS alumni to be in touch with our wonderful past students!



We thank Cherlyn Fuhrmann, Beth Schaeuble and the faithful Wednesday Woman Bible Class ladies for handwriting over 300 envelopes for us!



We are also grateful for Jean Etter, Marie Wudtke and the second group of Wednesday Woman volunteers who helped fold and stuff the envelopes!



These ladies hand addressed over 300 envelopes! Front row: Karen Adle, Martha Streuter, & Beth Schaeuble. Back row is Nancy Stallard, Bev Ruger & Jean Etter





Wednesday Woman Bible Class "Stuffers" are (front row) Jean Etter and Marie Wudtke and (back row) Martha Streuter, Nancy Stallard, Angie Schack and Cheryl Clessa ... we appreciate you ladies!!

Our school relies on its wonderful volunteers! Do you have a special talent? Let us know! 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! THANK YOU!



### Learning through Science!!!

At GSLS we LOVE Science! Our teachers, even in Pre K Classes, do hands on experiments that teach our students about plants, color, friction, motion and more!



Mrs. Krause's Kindergarten Class studied seeds and their needs this fall. They soaked seeds in a baggie with a cotton ball soaked with water. Next they planted



seeds making sure they had sun, soil, water, and space. It sure has been fun watching the plants grow!



Mrs. Robinson's First Grade Class did an experiment with colors using the 3 primary colors of icing and



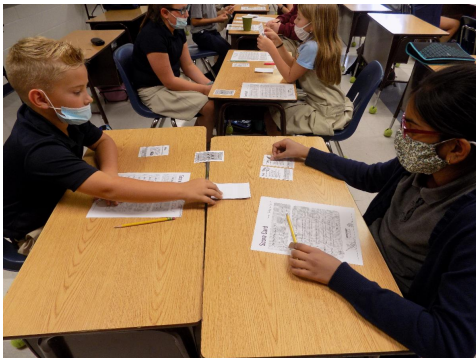
mixing them together! Then they spread the icing on graham crackers... YUMMY SCIENCE!!!



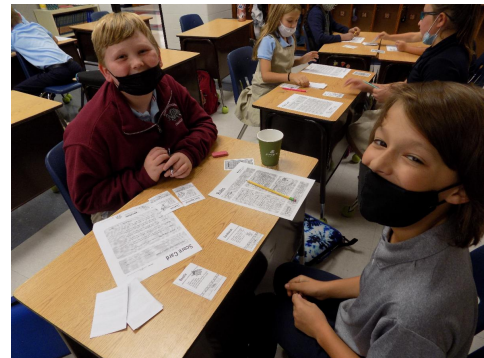
Mrs. Maske's 4th graders did an Erosion Science Experiment! They took sugar cubes, colored the edges with marker, then shook them in Tupperware with other



cubes to simulate what might happen to rocks as weathering and erosion takes place. They discovered that sharp rocks become more rounded in the process.



Mr. Krueger's 5th graders conducted a MYSTERY SCIENCE activity by playing a card game to create food chains. The longer the



food chain, the more points they earned. They had to know "What does this organism eat?" and "What eats this organism?"







Mr. Rincker's 7th graders did a "Did you blink?" experiment in Science Class. They had a variety

of small objects, threw them at their partner's googles and recorded how many times they BLINKED!!



Mr. Rincker's 8th graders did a Friction Experiment to see how much more force was put on



the object being pulled depending on the type of surface it was dragged over.



Mr. Rincker's 8th graders also did a Centripetal Force Experiment using string, beads and a spool to



simulate spin and the force of Earth's gravity on the Moon.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**  
**All Veterans** are invited to a special "Thank You" assembly on **November 11** at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym. The students at Good Shepherd would like to say **"Thank you" for your service.** We will be using the following protocols to make it as safe as possible for our Veterans to attend:  
 \*Masks are required.  
 \*Temperature checked at the door.  
 \*Chairs will be spaced.  
 Please RSVP to the school 618-344-3153 or to Mrs. Rincker by email at: [princker@gslcs.org](mailto:princker@gslcs.org)  
 We are looking forward to a special afternoon!




## Donors make the DIFFERENCE!!




A big shout out to "All Pro Tee's" for donating some extra GSLS T-shirts, long sleeve shirts and sweat shirts! We are so grateful for this donation and their web site is [All Pro Tees Web Site](#)  
 Be sure to check out the clothing rack in the office for some new GSLS Spirit Wear to buy for you student!

## There are so many ways to support our school!




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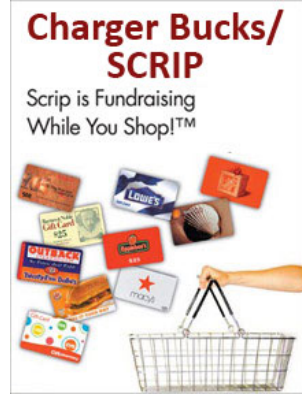
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**WHY we do  
WHAT we do!**

*Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a*



*child in the way he should go:  
and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it."*



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. Mary Hill  
Pre K-3



Mrs. Mary Hill received her Bachelor's of Early Childhood at SIUE. She has been teaching for 35 years and this is her 3rd year here at Good Shepherd! She teaches the

## STAFF Spotlight

Mrs. Suzie Robinson  
1st Grade



Mrs. Suzie Robinson attended Eastern Illinois University and has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Administration. She then



"young three's class" and just loves those students! For many of them, her class is the first time they have been in a class or away from home. She is so patient with them as they learn the basics of sharing, sitting quietly, walking in a line and following basic instructions.



Mary says she looks forward to when the "Light Bulb" goes on for a child, and she enjoys hearing them talk about what she has taught them. She uses playtime as learning time, interacting with students and asking them "How many blocks do you have?" as a way to get math and reading into play time. She loves to use her puppets to engage the children to learn.



She believes that GSLS brings value to the community because we can reach the community for Christ. Mary is very grateful for the donors

earned her Colloquy from Concordia Nebraska. She has been teaching for 21 years, and has been at GSLS 15 years. She teaches religion, and all the core subjects to our first graders. She enjoys using the "Super Kids" curriculum, and often wears her Wonder Woman shirt and cape during that time to encourage her students to read.



She says she just loves "Jesus Time" the most because she loves reading the Bible stories and watching the stories come to life as the students act them out.



Suzie feels this school is so important to the community because in a day and age when God is getting taken out of everything, people need a reminder that God is the most important thing in their life. God wants a personal relationship with you! Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 119:105. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my

who help support us financially for new programs and supplies.

Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

We are so grateful for Mrs. Hill getting our youngest students off to a great start in life!

Click here for Video:

[Mrs. Hill's Pre K-3 Video](#)



path."

She loves to tell jokes, and puts a joke on her door every day and the students look forward to reading it. She also loves her family, and dog Sandy.

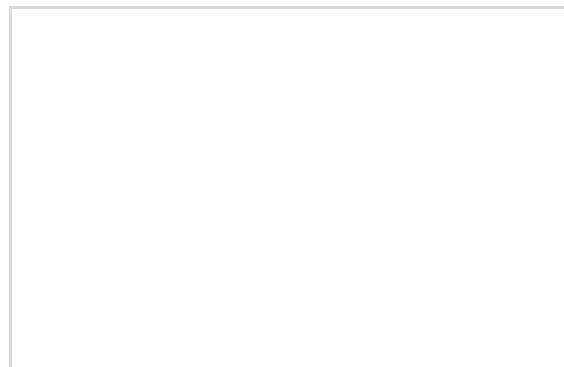
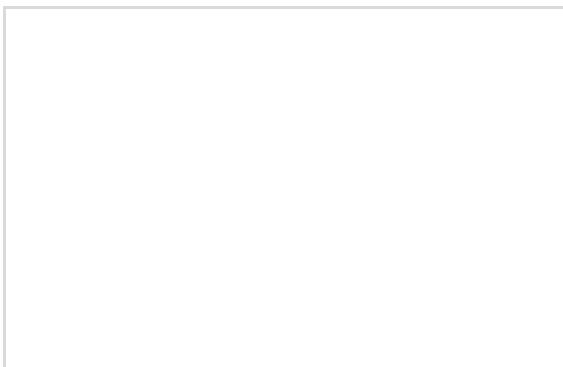
[Mrs. Robinson's 1st Grade Video](#)



Charger  
Chronicles



This month we are blessed to hear from TWO YOUNG Alumni who are sisters!  
**Ashlee Robinson Class of 2013 and Kristina Robinson Class of 2015**  
Here are their memories of being at GSLS:







## Ashlee Robinson Class of 2013

"My most memorable 8<sup>th</sup> grade moment was playing basketball with my best friends. Basketball practices were always so much fun. I really enjoyed science because we got to dissect a lot of interesting things. I was involved in the National Honor Society, played flute in band, and played basketball and volleyball. I loved going to the school where my mother taught because we got to hangout in her room every day after school. When I was younger my friends and I would go play dress up in her kindergarten classroom. Watching my mom be an amazing teacher is what inspired me to be a teacher. Good Shepherd prepared me for high school and college by teaching me study skills and how to write a paper. "Good Shepherd also gave me an amazing Christian education to strengthen my faith to live a faithful life by having religion classes, learning verses by heart, and chapel. I now am highly involved in my campus ministry at college and have been a leader there for the last three years.



## Kristina Robinson Class of 2015



"My most memorable moment from 8<sup>th</sup> grade was the class trip to DC! It was such a great experience. My favorite subject in school was Spanish, because I love the thought of being able to communicate with twice the amount of people and also gain an appreciation for another culture. I feel the challenging coursework at Good Shepherd left me prepared, and not surprised, by the high school and college workload. I appreciate all the ways God and the Bible was taught to us, because it strengthened my faith and taught me that I can't always be in control of everything, and I have to look to God for guidance. While at GSLS, I was in NHS, basketball, and volleyball.



"Having Christian friends at Good Shepherd helped me grow in my faith because we pushed each other in our walks with Christ. It was great to have friends with the same beliefs because we could have deep conversations about our faith. I still talk to some friends from Good Shepherd and it is great to have those deep conversations.



"I attended MELHS and then EIU (Eastern Illinois University) and will graduate in 2023 with a degree in CDS (speech pathology) and Spanish. I know I will love that job because I love giving back to my school and I love working with kids. Currently I work part time as a desk assistant, nanny, and mentor for college students with autism.



"After graduating from MELHS, I attended Eastern Illinois University and graduated in 2021 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I am currently a graduate assistant in the education department at Eastern Illinois University. I will love being a teacher because I enjoy working with kids and seeing their excitement for learning. It is amazing when they have a lightbulb



"I loved the Christian friends I had there all those years. Attending a school where my mother taught was nice and it was great to see her teach the younger students. I attended MELHS and then EIU (Eastern Illinois University) and will graduate in 2023 with a degree in CDS (speech pathology) and Spanish. I know I will love that job because I love giving back to my school and I love working with kids. Currently I work part time as



moment and understand what is being taught. I love my family which consists of my younger sister, Kristina, my mom who is the first-grade teacher at Good Shepherd, my dad who works at Ameren in St. Louis, and our puppy Sandy who my parents got to replace me when I left for college.

a desk assistant, nanny, and mentor for college students with autism.



"My favorite thing to do is travel. I enjoy experiencing new places and hanging out with my friends and family. I also love being in nature and enjoying God's creation. I am so thankful for my time at GSLS because I received an amazing education while also growing in my faith. I had so many great role models to show what makes an amazing teacher."



"I also enjoy modeling and taking spin classes at the gym. I love my family who are all tall and so can be easily spotted in crowds, and they are also very faithful. I am grateful for my time at GSLS because some of my classmates there are still some of my closest friends. It also helped to prepare me for a life of faith."

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[13 Flags for US Military VIDEO](#)

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[Chargers Marching Band](#)

[Click here to see Pre K4 Music Time:](#)

[Pre K4- Music Class](#)

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!**



6th Grade:  
Mr. Caleb Betts ... 8-25-21

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