



Charger  
E-Newsletter  
#4  
12-5-21

NOT  
ASHAMED  
ROMANS 1:16



We pray you had a  
Happy Thanksgiving!



Our prayer is that you will  
have a blessed Advent as you  
prepare your hearts for the  
celebration of our  
Savior's birth!



Here are our hardworking, fun middle school (5th to 8th grade) teachers. They provide an excellent education to prepare our students for high school and have the patience it takes to work with middle school students, who are learning many important life skills, as they travel the road to young adulthood.

From left to right, read why they LOVE their jobs:

**Mr. Keith Rincker-8<sup>th</sup> Grade** "I love that I can weave my faith into everything I teach here at *GSLS*!"

**Mr. Mike Krueger- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** "What makes teaching and coaching in the upper grades (5-8) here at *GSLS* special is the opportunity to see the students grow socially, emotionally, academically, and most of all spiritually!"

**Mrs. Melissa Hasamear -7<sup>th</sup> Grade** "I love seeing the progress my students make as writers."

Mr. Caleb Betts-6<sup>th</sup> Grade "I love working at GSLS because of how kind and wonderful the students are."

Click here [GSLS Promo Video 2021](#) for the GSLS promo video! This highlights our school and all that God is doing here. Please pass this link along to prospective families who are looking for an **AMAZING** school!

The 4's PreK classes are talking about Community Helpers. We had three parents visit the classrooms to share information about their jobs in the community. We thank them all for their service and for coming to teach our students about Community Helpers!



Pre K4 had a great visitor come and teach about the body! Andrew Dorough (father of Charlotte)



He is a chiropractor who helps young babies' necks develop correctly. This is important for them to be able to swallow correctly.





Mrs. Victoria Sitzman (mother of Damian) is an emergency room nurse. She brought in a skull model to show what protects our brain, showed a picture of a heart and explained its function, and let students use a stethoscope to hear each other's heartbeat.



Nurse Sitzman also donated two nurse outfits for our classroom to play dress up with, two stethoscopes, and a blood pressure cuff! Students also received a Band-Aid.



Nick Parrish (father of Daxton) flies airplanes for the Air Force. He helps get packages to people who don't have post offices.



They air drop the boxes. He also helps transport people to meetings at various locations.

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



Pastor Aaron Mueller, who is a former GS member. His daughter, Reeve, is a 5th grader at GSLS. He serves as the pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Glen Carbon, IL. He talked about God's gifts to us and our thanksgiving and praise back to God.



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.



Students learn all the core subjects.



All ages learn computer skills.



Students have the opportunity to learn either Spanish or German.



We have vocal choirs for all grades





6th graders make DNA strands in science.



Students run the 50 yard dash as part of the PE curriculum.



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 would like a letter and return envelope mailed to you. We truly appreciate your support! God is doing **AMAZING** things here. Thank you for partnering with us so that our school will be able to continue providing a "life-changing" education for our students! You may use this link to make an online donation: [GSLs Website](#)

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 6th 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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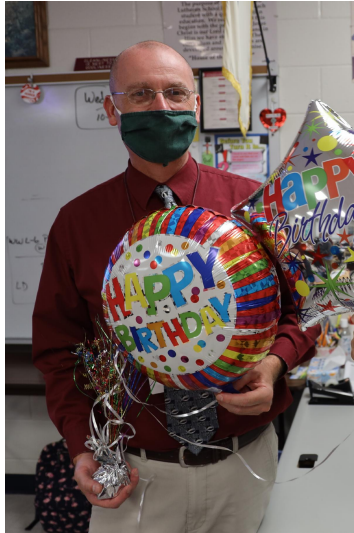
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**We thank them for their support!**

Our students sang and wished our October and November Birthday Teachers & Staff a very



BLESSED year ahead!!



Last month, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated Mr. Krueger's birthday.

[Click for Mr. Krueger's birthday video](#)



We also surprised Mrs. Hites on her birthday!

[Click for Mrs. Hites' 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 [nstallard@gscls.org](mailto:nstallard@gscls.org).

Learning through ART!

At GSLS, we love art!

All classes use a variety of materials to create artwork.



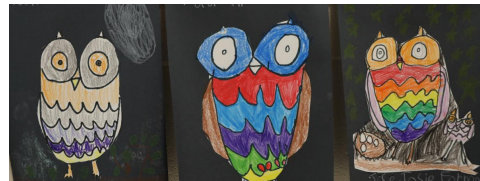
Pre K-3 created a starry sky to remind us that Abraham saw many stars for his family for generations to come!



Pre K-4 decorated fun fall trees using the letter "T."



Kindergarten created concentric circles with leaves.



1st graders learned what owls eat and why owls are considered nocturnal creatures.



2nd graders constructed dioramas after studying animal habitats in science.



3rd graders studied Christopher Columbus and created artwork of "Ships of the Salty Seas". They used watercolors and black construction paper to make a frame so their artwork looks like a ship in a bottle.





4th graders created "Stick Person" art.



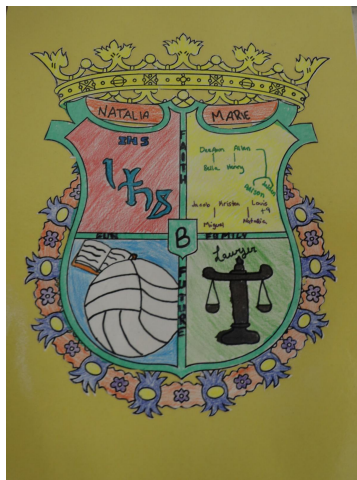
5th graders created "Bible Story" pictographs.



6th graders designed maps from the story "My Side of the Mountain."



7th graders fashioned the "Luther Rose" crest out of rice and various shapes of pasta.



8th graders produced "Family Crests" (sharing their family, faith, future and fun!)



8th graders also used string to decorate bottles.



At *GSLC*, we honor all the branches of the US Military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy! We are thankful for their service, both in the past and present. We continue to remember them by praying for the POW's, the families of those who have lost loved ones while serving, and for veterans who are suffering physically or mentally as a result of their faithful service.

You are remembered and loved!

May God bless America and keep our military safe!



Praying for the POWs



Air Force



Army



Coast Guard



Marines



Navy

### Veterans Day artwork in our hallways



The Charger Marching Band did a GREAT job marching in the Veterans Day Parade! Thanks to Mr. Stegman for all his amazing work directing this band and to all the parents who helped along the parade route! Thank you veterans!

Click here to watch the video:  
[Charger Band in Veterans Parade](#)



The Veterans Day program on 11-11-21  
 Thank you, Mrs. and Mr. Rincker, for organizing the program,  
 Mr. Stegman for directing the band, and to all the students who played



instruments and sang. You did a great job honoring our US veterans!



Part 1--GSLs Veterans Day Program on 11-11-21... the Honor Guard, Star Spangled Banner and both kindergarten classes singing "Thank You"

Click below for video:  
[Part 1 Veterans Day Program](#)

Part 2-- The Veterans Day Military Salute to all five branches of the Military- Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Navy, & Air Force

Click below for video:  
[Part 2 Honoring 5 Military Branches](#)



Part 3--Mrs. Rincker sharing the story about "Quilts of Valor" & "In Flanders Field" sung by the 7th-8th grade choir

Click below for video:  
[Part 3 Quilt and Flanders Field](#)



Part 4--Our students singing "We Honor You" and "Thank You" to the veterans; everyone signing "God Bless America!"

Click below for video:  
[Part 4 Kids Choir singing 3 Patriotic Songs](#)



We were honored to have all five branches of the US Military represented at our Veterans Day program!  
Thank you all for your service!!







God Bless America!

Air Force



Army



Coast Guard



Marines



Navy

Our students are so proud of their parents and grandparents who serve/have served in the military.



There are so many ways to support our school!  
You can donate online at our web site: [GSLs Website](#)





Good Shepherd  
Lutheran School

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Quality, Christ-Centered Education- Grades PK3 to 8th Grade

Student success is a top-priority of 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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If you need more information, contact Gail Mayhew ([chargerbucks@gslcs.org](mailto:chargerbucks@gslcs.org))

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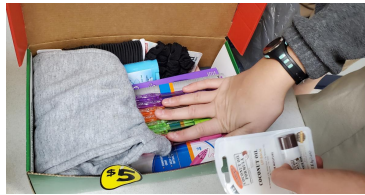


## WHY we do WHAT we do!

*Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*



Our 7th grade students in Mrs. Hasamear's class had an opportunity to share God's love and His message of Salvation by participating in the Operation Christmas Child Program. Each prayer group purchased gifts for a child in need. They packed these gifts into a shoebox that will be delivered to a child in a remote country, who will be ministered to and taught the Gospel message. You can learn more at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lyl5q6RDBbI>



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Our students all enjoyed their Thanksgiving parties! We were featured in the Edwardsville Intelligencer! Click here:

[GS in the Intelligencer](#)

Hear why our students are thankful to God for all their blessings of family, food, warm homes, and this school.



Click on links below to see "Thankful" videos

[We are Thankful Video #1](#)



Thanksgiving parties-a time to give thanks and have fun with friends!



Pre K 3 Turkey Hats



Pre K 4 Turkey Creation



Kindergarten Turkey Math



Kindergarten Fall Bingo



1<sup>st</sup> graders made Native American vests and performed a Thanksgiving program that told the story of the first Thanksgiving.



2<sup>nd</sup> graders made a Native American wigwam out of smaller tetrahedrons that each student made.

[Click here to watch the 1st Grade Thanksgiving Story Video!](#)

1st Grade Thanksgiving Program



3<sup>rd</sup> graders made delicious cornucopia snacks to eat.



4<sup>th</sup> grade classes made Turkey Wobblers and raced them in the hallway.



5<sup>th</sup> grade wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving!



6<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated with donuts and blue Kool-Aid.



7<sup>th</sup> graders had fun posing with Thanksgiving props.



8<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed a party with snacks.

Below are five links to videos we made for



**Giving Tuesday!**  
Click and listen to what students just LOVE about GSLS! We thank you for your support!  
If you are so inclined, please use the link below to donate online.  
[GSLS Website](#)

- Click on each link to watch the videos:
- [GSLS on Giving Tuesday #1](#)
  - [GSLS on Giving Tuesday #2](#)
  - [GSLS on Giving Tuesday #3](#)
  - [GSLS on Giving Tuesday #4](#)
  - [GSLS on Giving Tuesday #5](#)
  - [GSLS on Giving Tuesday #6](#)

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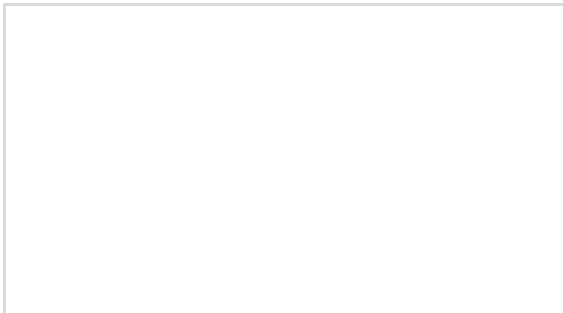
**Congratulations** to the following students who were selected and participated in Illinois Music Education Association All District Ensembles on Saturday, November 6, and Saturday, November 20!  
We thank Mr. Stegman for teaching our Charger musicians!

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., Owen T.

All District Elementary Chorus:  
Maria A., Brayden B., Liam D., Caroline F., Reeve M., Aaron R., Owen T., Lily W., Cali W., Teagan W.

All District Junior Chorus:  
Kylie B., Grayson G., Emily K., Alex R., Grace P., Kaitlyn P., Kaitlyn P.

All District Junior Band:  
James A., Dean H.







**A big thanks to our students and families who helped make the Bobo's Pizza Fundraiser a huge success! We raised over \$11,600! Whoo-Hoo!**

**The pizza party winners were:**

Adalie T, Addilyn O, Alex R, Alyssa S, Andi H,  
Caleb B, Caleb M, Camryn B, Caroline F, Caroline P,  
Claire D, Colton W, Cooper B, Errolyn K, Gavin S,  
Henry B, Hudson Y, Hunter B, Ian R, Jake R,  
James K, Kristina M, Kylie H, Landon S, Maddox J, Myla G  
Noah N, Parker L, Reyna C, Roman C, Savannah G, Sephora L,  
Sophia A, Teagan C, Violet M, Woody M.



**Students who sold over 35 Bobo's items got to enjoy a pizza party AND have a chance to be in the Money Machine! Lots of fun!**

**Pizza Party & Money Machine Winners were:**

Aiden L, Amelia W, Brooklyn M, Charlotte D, Easton G,  
Gabe N, John A, Oliver B, Owen C, Owen T, Matti C, Reagan A,  
Richard V, Tinley F, Tucker B, and Weston F.

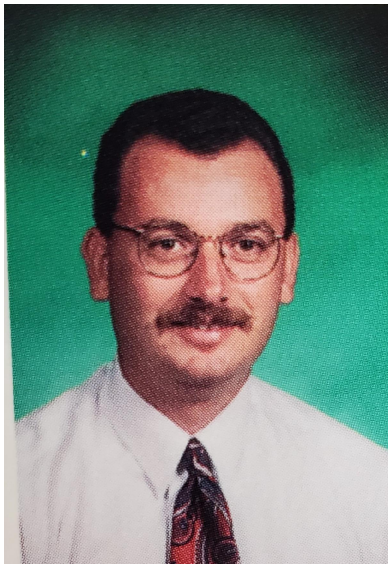


Click and watch the video of the Bobo' Pizza Party and Money machine fun!  
[Video of the Bobo' Pizza Party and Money Machine](#)

# STAFF Spotlight

Michael Krueger graduated from Concordia Teaching College with a BS in Education. He has been teaching for 30 years, and we have been blessed to have him here at GSLS for all 30 years!

He is the first teacher our students have when they move up to middle school and start changing classes for various subjects. He enjoys helping them navigate these early middle school years. He teaches: 5th grade Bible/LBH, Language Arts, Science, PE/Health, Art, 6th grade Electives (Semester 1-Learning Strategy through Games, Semester 2- Illustrating Poetry) 7th grade Regular and Advanced Math, and 8th grade History.



Mr. Krueger says, "What I love most about teaching here is that God's Word permeates the fabric of this ministry, as it should! You see it in academics, arts, and athletics. Everything we do is meant to serve and glorify God by serving the people He has guided into this school." He feels we need to intentionally be certain that God's Word is the foundation of ALL activities at GSLS as it is His Word that does the work!

He believes that the ministry here is necessary to the community for one central purpose--There are lambs and sheep who need "to be fed" and states that "God has blessed this church and school with this great opportunity."





Coach Krueger coaches our fall Cross Country team. They had a great season! He is thankful for donors because the ministry here is an ongoing process. Its past connects to its present which connects to its future. God has blessed this ministry in its past, during our present times, and will faithfully bless our future. Donors help the future through their contributions of time, talent, and treasure as God directs us in His Word. Being a donor is part of being a good steward of the blessings God has given to every person.



His favorite Bible verse is 1 Timothy 4:12. He loves to remind his students that their role in ministry isn't a future thing ... it's a NOW thing! "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." We are so grateful for 30 years of wisdom and ministry from Mr. Krueger. Click here for his video:

[Mr. Krueger 5th Grade Staff Spotlight Video](#)

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Previous Videos: Click here to play the 13 Flag Memorial video:

[13 Flags for US Military VIDEO](#)

Click here for the "Marching Band" video:

[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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