



Charger
Christmas
E-Newsletter
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NOT
ASHAMED
ROMANS 1:16



OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!!!
A special E-Newsletter to highlight our
Christmas Concert and Christmas Parties
here at Good Shepherd!

Luke 2:10-16

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

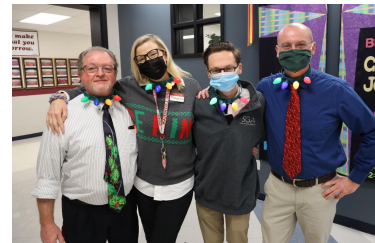
15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Merry Christmas from the Good Shepherd Staff!
We consider it an honor to serve our students by teaching them quality academics as well as strengthening their faith in God. We pray your family had a faith-filled Christmas Season and has a Happy New Year!!



Click here for our Staff and Classroom Christmas Greetings [GSLS Christmas Greeting](#)



[Caption]



Every GSLS Class sang songs of praise to God for sending His Son Jesus to be our Savior at our Christmas Concert on December 12th. Everyone did a great job! Pictures and video links are below.

Pre K-3 students blessed our hearts by singing about their Savior



Pre K-4 students joyfully sang songs about Jesus Birth



Click here for video of:
[4 Pre K Christmas Concert](#)



Pre K-4



Pre K-4



Pre K-4

Our Kindergarten classes about worshipping the King!

Click here for video of:
[Kindergarten Christmas Concert](#)



1st - 4th Grade sang about Jesus coming to save us!

Click here for video of the
[1st-4th Grade Christmas Concert](#)



Beginning Band Click for [Beginning Band Christmas Concert Video](#)



5th - 8th graders sang of God's love for us through Jesus Birth!

[Click here for video of 5th-8th Grade Christmas Concert](#)



GSLs Band... Click for [Charger Band Christmas Video 12/21](#)



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!

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



We mailed 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



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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 8th 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 7th grader, says, "Besides learning math and science, I'm learning honesty, selflessness, how to be a good friend, and how to serve." Kyle, an 8th 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. 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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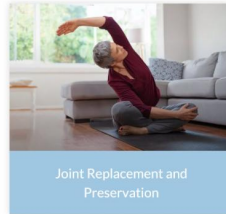
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our VOLUNTEERS!**



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 .

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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**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 *GSL*S: Praying before and after sports games...



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

Proud of the Charger Marching Band for playing in the Collinsville Lighted Parade on Saturday, December 4 under the direction of Mr. Stegman.





Our students had a wonderful time celebrating Jesus' birth and fellowship with their classmates in their classroom parties.



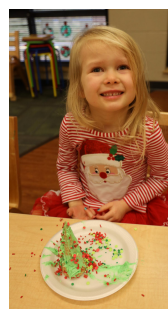
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Pre K-3 - Jackson



Pre K-4 - Klaas



Pre K-4 - Nobbe





Kindergarten - Krause



Kindergarten - Sengele



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade - Gain



3rd Grade - Pritchard





4th Grade - Batty



4th Grade - Maske



5th Grade



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade





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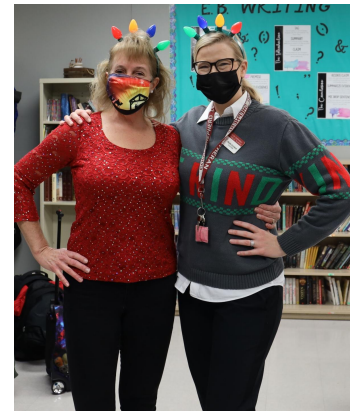
Christmas Triplets!!!



Christmas TWINS!!!



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STAFF
Spotlight

Mrs. Lisa Jackson
Pre K-3/4 year olds

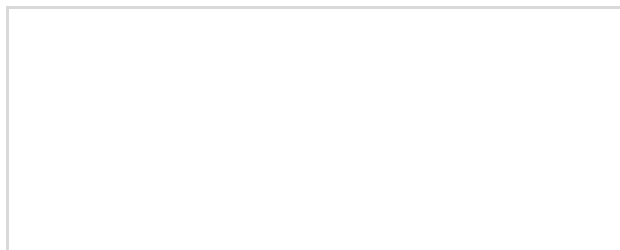
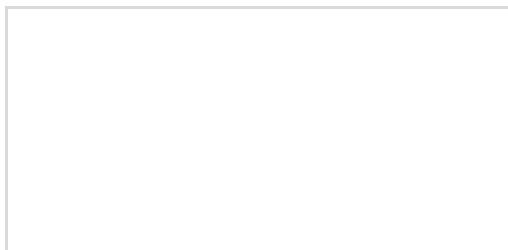


This month our Staff Spotlight falls on Mrs. Lisa Jackson, who teaches our Pre K-3/4 class. Lisa graduated from SIUE with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, with a Special Education letter of approval. She has taught for 20 years, 15 in Pre-K and 5 in Kindergarten. This is her 6th year at GSLS.

She says what she loves most about teaching here at Good Shepherd is the dedicated and devoted faculty and staff. She has worked at four different schools in her career and has seen that this is by far the most selfless group of teachers she has met, and she enjoys collaborating with them.



She feels our school is important to our community because it gives parents a choice about where to send their children. We offer a place that imparts the Christian faith and educates with a different value system than the public schools do. She knows this is a very important aspect to consider when raising a child. We also provide a different education than the public school and that diversity in education is a good thing for our community. It isn't all "cookie cutter" learning.





She is grateful for our donors and know they are important to this school because they help keep the school open. Donations can help keep the school affordable for many people. Updates and improvements to the facility and to the curriculum can also regularly occur. Lisa knows that an educated community is a productive and informed group of people.

Her favorite Bible verse, especially for preschoolers is: I am with you always. Matthew 28:20 because it is simple, to the point, and comforting. Lisa will be retiring after this year, and we will miss her fun and creativity. She has been a real blessing to us the last 6 years!

Previous Videos: [Click here to play the 13 Flag Memorial Video](#)

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

[Chargers Marching Band](#)

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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