



Charger  
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NOT  
ASHAMED  
ROMANS 1:16

We pray you had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**A great mindset to enter the 2022 NEW YEAR!!**

Hello, and welcome to Flight #2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time.

All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be stowed SECURELY away, as they will not be needed on this flight! Should we lose altitude during the flight, just reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith.

Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers around you.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

Our Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff.

Destination FAITHFULNESS!

*Make it a great year by keeping your eyes on God!*

**Hebrews 12:2-3**

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

**ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION**

The 2022 Annual Benefit Auction for Good Shepherd Lutheran School, our school's largest fundraiser, is quickly approaching!

The online auction begins on Sunday, March 13th, and ends on Saturday, March 19th.



The Auction Committee is asking for assistance from our GSLS family to help us acquire a variety of donations in order to make this auction successful! Some examples are gift cards, condo rentals and hotel/resort stays, sports and other tickets, food/gift/spirits baskets, jewelry, purses, meat bundles,

and creative experiences, to name just a few.  
We are also looking for business and individual Auction Sponsors. (See below)

The next auction meeting is Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you there! Unable to attend the meeting, but willing to help? Please contact Co-Chairs Rob Pickerell (618.830.2231/[rpickerell@charter.net](mailto:rpickerell@charter.net)) or Jennifer Pickerell (618.830.8121/[jpickerell@charter.net](mailto:jpickerell@charter.net)) for more information!



Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Collinsville, IL  
2022 Virtual Auction  
Sunday, March 13 to Saturday, March 19, 2022

#### Sponsorship Levels

##### **PREMIER PARTNER - \$500**

- Featured on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of approximately 1,500 connections) the week before and during auction.
- Featured in one of the weekly school newsletters.
- Listed as Premier Partner on the auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over that week to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.
- Premier Partner recognition from auctioneer on March 19.
- Company marketing materials included with each winner's package.

##### **SUPPORTER - \$250**

- Listed as Supporter on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of approximately 1,500 connections) during auction.
- Listed as Supporter on the auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over that week to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.
- Supporter recognition from auctioneer on March 19.
- Company marketing materials included with each winner's package.

Sponsorship questions? Contact Jennifer or Rob Pickerell, Auction Co-Chairs, at [rpickerell@charter.net](mailto:rpickerell@charter.net)/618.830.2231 or [jpickerell@charter.net](mailto:jpickerell@charter.net)/618.830.8121. Deadline to submit sponsor information is Monday, March 7, 2022. \*\*Tax ID: 37-0841432\*\*

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for our Auction  
in March!  
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who would love to be  
known as a  
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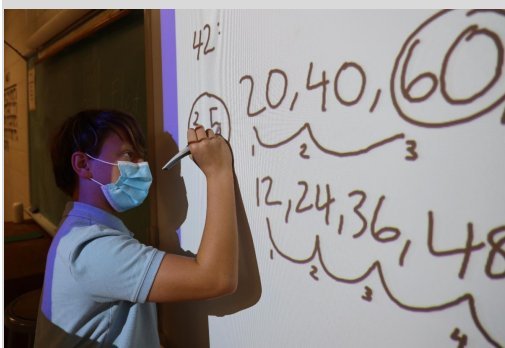
Click here for the [GSLs Promo Video 2021!](#) This highlights our school and all that God is doing here. Please pass this link along to prospective families who are looking for an AMAZING school!

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





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 at 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.



Students from 4th-8th grades participate in band.



In gym class, students learn a variety of sports and more importantly, teamwork!



We have mailed 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](#)




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." Kylie, 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:

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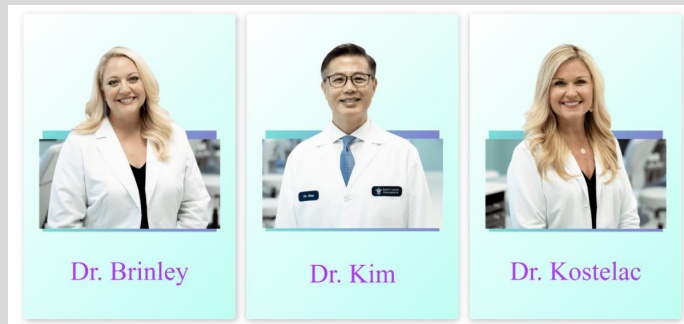


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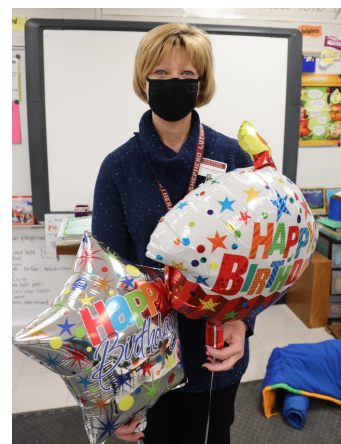
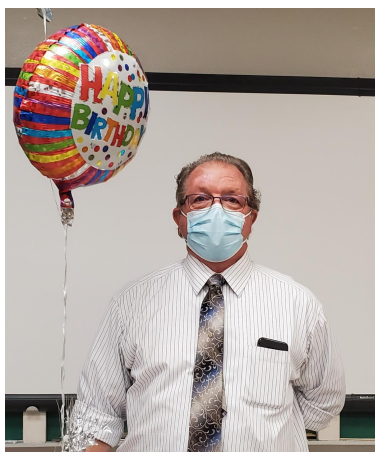
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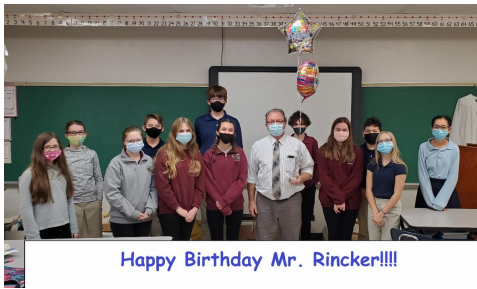


Our students sang and wished our December Birthday Teachers a very BLESSED year ahead!!



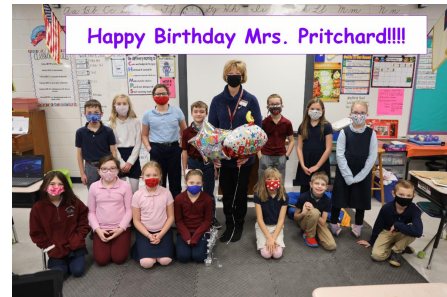
In December, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated Mr. Rincker's birthday!

Click for:  
[Mr. Rincker's Birthday Video](#)



Last month, the 3rd graders sang to Mrs. Pritchard!

Click here for:  
[Mrs. Pritchard'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 [nstallard@gslcs.org](mailto:nstallard@gslcs.org).



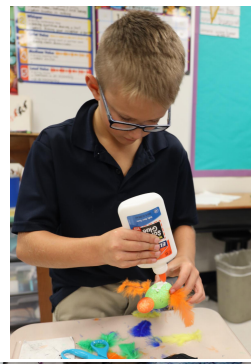
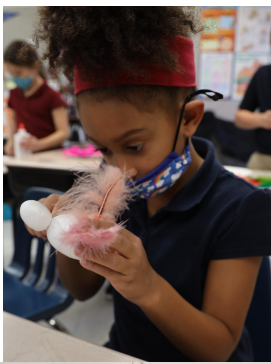
### Learning through Science

At GSLS, we love science. All classes use a variety of methods and materials to learn about the world God made.

Mr. Betts' 6th grade class used licorice, mini marshmallows, and toothpicks to create DNA strands.



What makes a bird a bird? What are its features? Where should the wings go? Where are the eyes on a bird located? How long should the legs be? Recently, the third graders explored these questions and built a bird as a STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) project.




### GSLs CHANGE DRIVE


The School Change Drive will be held Monday, January 10th, through Friday, January 21st. Please consider donating your change to this cause. The money collected will benefit our school auction in March. Students will receive special dress days for each level their grade reaches. (We accept dollar bills and online donations as well!)



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






**Good Shepherd Lutheran School**  
Please Support Our School



**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.

### Business Sponsors

If you are a business, we have three ways you can support our school **AND** get valuable advertising!  
Click this link for the [Business Sponsor Flyer](#)

## Charger Bucks - Scrip

Purchase gift certificates through the Scrip/Charger Bucks program for numerous vendors and earn **rewards** for your family and for *GSLs*.  
Our code is: F8CLL9AF2577

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!

If you need more information, contact Gail Mayhew ([chargerbucks@gslcs.org](mailto:chargerbucks@gslcs.org))

or click below:

[Scrip Ordering Link](#)

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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."*



In December, our Early Childhood Education Classes learned about baby Jesus being born in Bethlehem to save us. As a Christmas service project, the students collected baby sleepers to donate to families in need. Pictured above is Mrs. Jackson's class. They collected 38 sleepers to give away.

Altogether, the four ECE classes collected over 90 sleepers! We know that teaching these 3-5 year-olds about giving to others at a young age cultivates a servant's heart for their whole life! Great job little Chargers!

Also, the whole school collected hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to keep those in our community warm this winter. Our trees were fully decorated with donations!

Way to go, Chargers!



Baby Clothes Collection



Giving Tree



Helping others stay warm!

# Merry Christmas! Our Savior is Born!



Our students enjoyed singing and playing for our Christmas Concert! We were also featured in the Edwardsville Intelligencer! Click here:

[Concert in Intelligencer](#)



Pre-K Singers



1st-4th Grades



5th-8th Grades



Beginning Band



Charger Band



Charger Band

They also enjoyed Christmas parties with food, fellowship, and fun games!



1st Grade Party/Book Exchange



Light-Up Shirts



Feliz Navidad!

Click on links below to see "Christmas Concert" videos:

[Pre K Christmas Concert](#)

[Kindergarten Christmas Concert](#)

[1st-4th Grade Christmas Concert](#)

[5th-8th Grade Christmas Concert](#)

[Beginning Band Christmas Concert Video](#)

[Charger Band Christmas Video 12/21](#)



Mrs. Robison's first grade class celebrated Epiphany by making crowns to look like Wisemen. Then they followed Mrs. Robison, wearing her star shirt and carrying a star, all around the school looking for Jesus. When they found Him, they gave Him gifts like the Wisemen did of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then they pretended to have a dream warning them not to go back to King Herod, but to go home a different way. Back in the room she read the story again to them and they enjoyed chocolate candy wrapped in a gold foil.



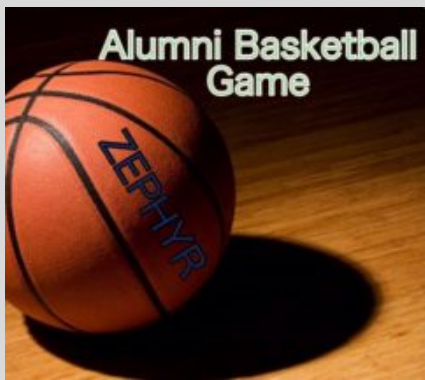
In December, the 1st and 2nd graders sang Christmas arols for the Senior Luncheon.



**Congratulations** to these three band students (pictured left to right) James Adle (8th chair trumpet), Kate Mueller (1st chair clarinet), and Dean Hemmer (7th chair trombone), for being accepted into the elite 2022 All-Illinois Junior Band.



The AIJB is a 72 member "all-state" band of 7th and 8th grade students, mostly from the Chicago area (only 8 students from south of Springfield this year). This is the first time GSLS has had students accepted. The students prepared music over the summer and recorded a rigorous audition in the fall. Students are only accepted based on their audition, which is blindly evaluated by professional instrumentalists. The students will travel to the University of Illinois to practice in the historic Harding Band Building with Barry Houser (director of the Marching Illini), tour the John Philip Sousa Museum and Archives, and perform a concert in the world class Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.



We want to invite all GSLS alumni to come to the Alumni Basketball Games on January 11 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. If you were a band member, feel free to bring your instrument and join in with the Charger Band! (Meet at 6:15 p.m. in the music room downstairs for a quick practice.) We look forward to seeing YOU there!

### GSLS Resale Shop--February 5



Mark your calendar for the GSLS Uniform Resale Shop being held on Saturday, February 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the GSLS cafeteria. Setup will be on Friday, February 4th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event and to donate gently used standardized-dress clothing.

**We also need lots of shoppers!**

Please contact Debra Downing at [debradowning2008@gmail.com](mailto:debradowning2008@gmail.com)

with questions or to volunteer to help.

## Open House



Good Shepherd cordially invites you to an Open House for prospective students and their families. Our 3 Open Houses, on January 30th, February 27th, and March 20th from 1-3pm, will provide an opportunity to meet and interact with the teachers, principal, and Board Members, as well as tour our beautiful facility. We look forward to sharing our dynamic learning environment with you!  
"It's a great day to be a Charger."

Our Charger basketball teams are off to a good start! We are very proud of all the players for working hard, improving their skills, and showing great teamwork on the court!

## Charger Girls C-Team



Our C-team girls are in 5th-6th grades and are coached by Pastor Wycoff and Mr. Franklin.



## Charger Girls A-Team

Our A-team

girls are in  
7th-8th  
grades  
and are  
coached by  
Mr. Kreher.



## Charger Boys C-Team



Our C-team  
boys are in  
5th-6th grades  
and are  
coached by  
Mr. Whitehead,  
Mr. Brunton, and  
Mr. Robinson.





## Charger Boys A-Team

Our A-team boys are in 7th-8th grades and are coached by Mr. Mayhew.



## STAFF Spotlight



Mrs. Jennifer Batty graduated from Concordia University River Forest in December of 2000 with a



Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Speech and Theater. She has been teaching for 21 years.

We have been blessed by having her at GSLS for 16 of those years.

She currently teaches one of our two 4th grade classes, but in the past has taught 2nd and 3rd grades as well.

She says she loves sharing her faith and the Bible with her students and also enjoys seeing them get excited when they finally grasp a concept that was difficult for them at first. Mrs. Batty loves reading to her students and having them become immersed in the story. She has a unique reading area with fun chairs and pillows to encourage reading.



Mrs. Batty believes that our school is important to this community because we are sharing Jesus with the students every single day. In sharing this faith and love, she knows that we are also training the students to be strong leaders. Our students pray for our community and its workers, and also discuss ways to help in the community, even at their young ages. She knows all of this will help our students continue to be part of the community as they grow up in life.

Over her years here, Mrs. Batty has seen that Good Shepherd has a strong support system from the wonderful and caring families. These families donate supplies, time, and talents to make our school strong. They make sure the teachers have the things they need to teach effectively. Donors help us stay current with technology and textbook needs. She makes sure her students realize what a blessing donors and donations are for our building, staff, and students.





Mrs. Batty enjoys sharing Jesus every day with her 4th graders and teaching them how to share Jesus and His love with others. She teaches her students that this faith is the basis for everything in their lives, and that they need the support of God--not just in school, but also at home, and in every other aspect of their lives. Mrs. Batty teaches her class that math, science, history, and all the other subjects are important for supporting themselves and their families someday, but their faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus is the only thing that will matter at the end of their lives.



Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 27:1  
"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

We are so very blessed by her wisdom and enthusiasm  
for our 4th graders here at GSLS!

[Click here for Mrs. Batty Staff Spotlight](#)

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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](#)

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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