



Good Shepherd Charger News

“CHOSEN” 1 Peter 12:9-10

All School Newsletter
December 16, 2022

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 17 - Monday, January 2

- NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 3

- All classes resume
- Registration and Reenrollment for 2023-24 School Year Begins

Wednesday, January 4

- Girls Basketball B Team @ Holy Cross
Tourney TBA

Thursday, January 5

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr. 3-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 2
- Boys Basketball AC Home vs. Dupo 6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball B Team @ Holy Cross
Tourney TBA

Friday, January 6

- Boys Basketball B Team @ Holy Cross
Collinsville Tourney TBA
- Girls Basketball B Team @ Holy Cross
Tourney TBA

Saturday, January 7

- Boys Pee Wee Basketball 8:00-10:00 a.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



OUR THANKS AND PRAYERS FOR YOU

The faculty and staff wish you and your family a healthy and safe Christmas and New Year! We are thankful you have chosen to be a part of our school family and thank God for each of you. May your celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, be blessed with joy, peace, and good health. We also want to sincerely thank you for your generosity of cards, gifts, party supplies, yummy food and volunteer time. Your support is a gift to us!



REPORT CARDS

Please look for an email from your child’s teacher on January 5, 2023 to see their 2nd Quarter report card.



GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL ALUMNI NIGHT

All Good Shepherd Alumni are invited to the annual Alumni Recognition on Tuesday, January 17th in the gymnasium. The Chargers Boys “A” Basketball team hosts Zion Bethalto at 7:00 p.m. Alumni will be recognized at half time. The band will perform and we hope you will plan to join us!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

A big “thank you” to everyone who helped make the Gingerbread House a special event for the students! An extra thank you to Tiger Plumbing for providing cloth bags for our students to carry their purchases! Everyone’s participation is sincerely appreciated!



Hundreds of items pass through the Gingerbread House. If you have received a damaged gift, please contact the school office and we will work out a solution for you.

While doing your post-holiday shopping, donations of tissue paper and bows would be appreciated for next year’s Gingerbread House. Donations may be brought to the school office. Thank you in advance!

CHARGER BUCKS-SCRIP PROGRAM

Gift cards will be available for purchase in the connector hallway before and after Sunday School on Sunday, December 18. During the Christmas break, you can order from the app or online at any time and have cards sent to your home or phone. To easily order online click this link- [SCRIP](#)

Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

Christmas Eve Service 4:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Service 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Service 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Communion Day Service 9:00 a.m.
Midweek Service December 28th at 6:15 p.m.



ESSAY WINNER

Each year the Lutherans For Life Council of Federation Presidents sponsors a national essay contest for students in two categories. One category includes students in grades 6-8 and the other in grades 9-12. A national committee selects one winner to be the National Essay winner in each category. For a student to qualify, they must either belong to a Lutheran church or attend a Lutheran school.

Last year's GSLS valedictorian, Alyssa, won first place for her essay titled: The Blessing of Life. Congratulations, Alyssa! (Hope you can attend Alumni Night in January!) For more details about LFL and to read Alyssa's winning entry, use this link:

<https://lutheransforlife.org/article/2022-lfl-national-essay-contest-winners/>

THEME SHIRT OR CHARGERWEAR DAY

Friday, January 6th is the next opportunity to wear your theme shirt "Chosen, 1 Peter 2:9" to school! You can also wear any Good Shepherd Charger shirt with traditional bottoms.



EMERGENCY CLOSING

If school must be closed due to weather, parents will be notified by text - (Parent Alert).

In addition, you can listen to your radio or TV for: *Good Shepherd, Collinsville*. Good Shepherd Collinsville's name will be listed. Watch local TV Stations - **KMOV (4), KSDK (5) or FOX 2** Listen to Radio Stations - **KMOX (1120), WIL-FM (92.3), WRYT (1080)** Good Shepherd



Collinsville **DOES NOT** follow Collinsville Unit 10's plan for late starts or closings. If school is in session, Good Shepherd will start at the regular time. If you decide to pick you child up early due to weather, please call the school office in advance.

Something to Consider...

Jesus' Birth
Why was Jesus' birth so different?

The Savior has been born today in Bethlehem. And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger! Luke 2:11-12

God often accomplishes his plans in unexpected ways. God used the census of a heathen emperor to bring Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. Maybe that is also why he chose to have Jesus born in a stable rather than a palace, why he chose tiny Bethlehem rather than the capital Jerusalem, and why the news of Jesus' birth went first to shepherds rather than to kings. God may have done all this to show that life's greatest treasure salvation through Jesus is available to all. It may also show that the lowly and humble are just as important to God as the rich and famous.

Blessings on your journey of Christmas!

Robert Mayhew, Principal



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty prays for our students and their families. In the New Year we will be praying for Kaleb G., Cooper I., Elle J., Prabhgun K., August K., Sydney L., Meghan M., Caleb M., Reeve M., and Nolen P.

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

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.

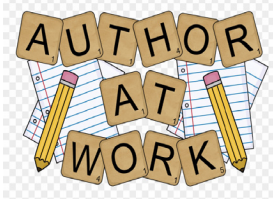
Charger Headlines Continued...

HAT, SCARF, AND MITTEN TREES

Thank you for the generous donations of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for those who need them in our community! You warm the hearts and bodies of God's people and help give them a nicer Christmas and New Year.



YOUNG AUTHORS BOOKS



Students in 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade are required to participate in writing and illustrating a book as part of the Young Authors program. Kindergarten through 8th grade students are invited to get creative and also write a book. Books are due by January 31, 2023, unless otherwise stated by your child's teacher. Any questions may be directed to your student's teacher. Happy writing!

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR REENROLLMENT

Reenrollment for next school year begins **January 2, 2023**. **You will be receiving an email this afternoon from Mr. Mayhew with more information.**

Beginning January 2nd, we ask all parents to go into your Parent Portal in FACTS and make sure everything listed is correct including addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, financial information, and activities in which you want to volunteer. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Osborn in the office 618-344-3153 or josborn@gslcs.org

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School will be available January 2nd through FACTS. (See LESA flyer following this page.)



LESA is sponsoring a virtual event on Tuesday, February 28th titled, How to do a Financial Scholarship in FACTS. This will prove extremely helpful if you have not applied in the past. More information will be available in January.

HELP US #REMOVETHESUNSET

As you may know, thousands of families rely on tax credit scholarships to help their kids. Without the program sunset being removed, kids and families will face uncertainty or be unable to attend the school they love. Will you contact your legislator asking them to protect tax credit scholarships and #RemovetheSunset? If you have not already done so, you can write to or call your legislator by clicking [here](#) and choosing either the letter or phone icon at the top of the page. Pre-written messages and scripts are provided. Thank you!



K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmtg.com/ga/inst-application/inst/4FG82>

Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$35)

Step 3: Submit **ALL 2022** tax documents

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application

Step 4: CHECK EMAIL

- FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond as soon as possible and **check your junk folder** for FACTS emails.
- Tips on uploading a document can be found at www.lesastl.org

Required Documentation

- 2022—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2022 W2
- Business Income docs
 - ⇒ Schedule 1—5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
 - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

Do You Qualify?

Families will qualify for some level of assistance from LESA if **at least 10% of income from 2022** is used to cover the cost of their child/children's Lutheran K-8 net tuition.

Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: mgersman@lesastl.org

Website: lesastl.org

Deadline: April 10, 2023

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

LESA provides financial resources for children in need to obtain Lutheran Christian education in the St. Louis area. We promote and advocate for efforts to improve the sustainability and quality of Lutheran Christian schools.