



Good Shepherd Charger News

"CHOSEN" 1 Peter 12:9-10

All School Newsletter
January 13, 2023

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 14

- Boys Pee Wee Basketball Gr. 2-4
8:30-9:45 a.m

Monday, January 16

- NO SCHOOL, MLK Holiday

Tuesday, January 17

- Boys Basketball AC vs Zion
Bethalto 6:00 p.m. ALUMNI NIGHT,
Band Plays

Wednesday, January 18

- Girls Basketball AC vs Unity ESTL
6:00 p.m.
- Empower Illinois Scholarship
Reservation Opens at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr.2-8
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 1
- Boys Basketball AC vs St. Boniface
6:00 p.m.
- Girls Basketball AC @ Zion,
Bethalto 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 20

- Last day of Change Drive

Monday, January 23

- Book Fair 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Science Fair 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



NO SCHOOL



On Monday, January 17th, we will be observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Please pray for our country and peace around the world.

BOOK FAIR IS BACK - IN PERSON!

We are excited that our in person book fair is back! Our school book fair, provided by Blue Ribbon Reading (known for family friendly titles) will be Monday, January 23-Friday, January 27. Students will make wish lists during the school day on Mon., Jan. 23rd. We will kick off the book fair with a family night on Monday night from 6:00-7:00 pm in the library. Families can visit the book and science fairs at the same time. Tues.-Fri. the book fair will be open before school from 7:45-8:15 am and after school from 3:15-4:00pm. Credit cards, cash, and checks will be accepted.



SPRING RESALE SHOP OPEN - FEBRUARY 4

Mark you calendar for the GSLS Uniform Resale Shop being held on Saturday, February 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the school cafeteria. Setup will be on Friday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and the sale (5th Grade Parents). We also request gently used standardized dress clothing, and of course, shoppers! Please text Lisa at 314-809-4258 or with questions or to volunteer to help.



ALUMNI NIGHT

Tuesday, January 17th is **Alumni Night** at our AC Boys Basketball Game vs Zion, Bethalto. We welcome all alumni and look forward to their return to GSLS! The band will play and will include any alum who wants to join in. All will be recognized during half time of the A Game.



2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR RE-ENROLLMENT

Parents, please let the office know ASAP if your child will not be attending next year. **The deadline to avoid the re-enrollment charge is Thursday, January 19th.** To check on re-enrollment, please 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, contact Jennifer Osborn 618-344-3153 or josborn@gslcs.org questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.

Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

Recently Good Shepherd and other congregations helped raise funds for a new ultrasound machine for Mosaic Crisis Pregnancy Centers. On Sunday, January 29th, at 2:00 p.m., we will have a brief service of dedication. Representatives from Mosaic will also share information about their work of saving the lives of the unborn. The Mosaic Mobile Medical Unit will also be here for attendees to tour.



TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for LESA's Building Blocks Assistance and Good Shepherd Church and School are available NOW through FACTS. (See LESA flyer following the newsletter.)

Empower Illinois Scholarship Application is a two-part process. **Reservations are required prior to applying and will be available on January 18th at 6:30 p.m.** This is a time-stamped event. Go to www.empowerillinois.org for Step-by-Step Instructions. Applications completed before January 27th will have the best chance at receiving a scholarship.

GSLS CHANGE DRIVE

The Good Shepherd Lutheran School Change Drive continues through Friday, January 20th. (Checks and dollar bills are also accepted.) The money collected will benefit our school auction. Students will be receiving special dress days for each level their grade reaches. (See flyer for details.)



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Good Shepherd will be participating in the National Lutheran Schools Week January 23-27. **See flyer that follows for fun dress days and themes.**

SPRING PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Lifetouch will be taking spring pictures on Thursday, February 2nd for Preschool and Kindergarten students. Grades 1-8 pictures will be taken on Friday, February 3rd. Standardized dress is **not** required for these pictures. Order forms have been sent home this week or you can order online using our school ID: EVTDOWN7R3



In Our Prayers This Week

Each week the faculty will be praying for the students and their families. Next week we will be praying for Alexis K., Jacob K., Parker L., Anthony M., Violet M., and Katherine M.

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

Something to Consider...

Better Choices

How can I make better choices this year than I did last year?

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased." He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Luke 19:5-8

Zacchaeus had clearly made some bad choices, the people in the crowd called him a "notorious sinner." But after Jesus spent some time with him, Zacchaeus life changed, and he wanted to make better choices. Our choices reflect the kind of people we are, and this is often influenced by whom we spend time with. Zacchaeus began to change when he spent time with Jesus. That is the best choice you can make too!

Blessings!

Robert Mayhew, Principal

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...

GSLS 39th VIRTUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Our online auction begins Monday, March 13th and ends on Saturday, March 18th. The committee is asking assistance from our GSLS families in helping acquire a variety of donations! 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. Please see donation forms following this newsletter.

Sponsorships are also welcomed and encouraged. The Sponsorship form also follows this newsletter. Please contact Michelle Matuszewski at 618-973-3493 or matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com or the school office for more information!



AUCTION CLASS BASKET LIST

3 year old Preschool = Art Club (arts and crafts)

4 year old Preschool = Friends of Animals Club (anything pet related)

Kindergarten = Future Builders Club (building blocks, Lego, Magnatiles, etc.)

1st Grade = Gamers Club (games and puzzles)

2nd Grade = Science Club (anything science related - books, experiment kits, slime kits, etc.)

3rd Grade = Adventure Club (camping, hiking, and outdoor equipment/supplies, etc.)

4th Grade = Drama Club (anything for movie lovers; snacks, movies, gift cards, entertainment items, etc.)

5th Grade = Sports and Rec Club (anything sports related - footballs, basketballs, jump ropes, sporting goods, bleacher seat cushions, etc.)

6th Grade = Community Club (gift cards to your favorite local restaurants, shops, local goods, etc.)

7th Grade = HomeEc Club (baking and cooking gear, recipe books, cooking utensils, etc.)

8th Grade = Gardening Club (gardening gloves, knee pads, pots, seeds, garden decor, etc.)



NEED HELP APPLYING FOR A LESA SCHOLARSHIP?

LESA will host a virtual application event on February 28, 2023, 12:00-7:00 p.m. titled, "How to do a Financial Scholarship in FACTS." Anyone needing assistance with the application, have application questions, or have questions about required documentation for the application is encouraged to sign up for a 30 minute virtual meeting. An email with a link for you to sign up for your time will be provided later this month.

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!

CHARGER BUCKS - SCRIP

Weekly orders will be placed on January 23rd and 30th, with delivery on Friday of the same week. Thank you for using the app and continuing to place orders. Save tuition dollars and earn money for the school!



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.



Auction Change Drive



To benefit the education at Good Shepherd

Dear families:

Please start collecting all your loose change for our annual change drive. We will be collecting the change from January 9-20.

The grade who raises the highest dollar amount, overall, will receive a pizza and ice cream party. There will also be special dress days as the grades reach each goal level.

Thank you for supporting our children!



1st level

Free bottoms
w/standardized shirt

2nd level

Pajama day

3rd level

Free dress/Hat day



Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 39th Annual Auction March 13-18, 2023 (Virtual)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business/Donor _____

Contact Name (if different from above) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

DONATION

Item/Package Description _____

Approximate Value _____

_____ Item/Gift Card Included with this form

_____ I will send/deliver my donation to Good Shepherd by Wednesday, March 1, 2023

_____ Please arrange to pick up my donation

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR DONATION TO:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Attn: GSLS Auction

1300 Beltline Road

Collinsville, IL 62234

The donation deadline is Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Please contact the school office at
618.344.3153 with questions. ****TAX ID: 37-0841452****

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School

Church: (618) 344-3151
Fax: (618) 344-3378

1300 Belt Line Road ♦ Collinsville, Illinois 62234
www.gscls.org

School: (618) 344-3153
Fax: (618) 344-3156



Dear Business Representative:

It has been said, "A good beginning has no end." It is the goal of Good Shepherd Lutheran School to provide that vital, "good beginning" to hundreds of Metro-east young people, age three through those in grade eight.

As a successful business person, I am sure you understand the importance of a good education - one which refines the spirit as it challenges the mind.

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- John 10:11

I invite you to support our cause and the children we serve by contributing toward the Good Shepherd School Auction. This entertaining Virtual fund-raising event will be held, March 13 through the last day Saturday March 18, 2023.

May we ask for your help in making this a successful event?

Pastor:
Michael Walther
618-44-3151

- You or your company is invited to help us by:
- Donating items or services to the auction.
 - Donating cash for the cause

Principal:
Robert Mayhew
618-344-3153

Past auctions have included such items as trips (short and long), tickets to sporting and theatrical events, products manufactured in the area and much, much more. Of course, the value of your donation is tax-deductible. My office can provide a receipt at your request.

While items will be accepted through the day of the auction, to have heard from you by Wednesday, March 1 would allow us to effectively advertise your items.

The best way to support our students is to attend the auction virtually, enjoy the evening and take advantage of the opportunities available. It is an enjoyable experience. This is our second virtual auction for our school.

Please respond to our volunteer representative or contact my office if you feel led to support the Good Shepherd School Auction.

Sincerely,



Robert Mayhew
Principal

Please visit us! I invite you to contact me at our main campus at 1300 Belt Line Road in Collinsville. You can call the number given above. It would be my pleasure to share with you the school's special mission and provide a guided tour of our facility.

➤ TAX ID: #37-0841452



Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Collinsville, IL
2023 Virtual Auction
Monday, March 13 to Saturday, March 18

Sponsorship Levels

PREMIER PARTNER - \$1,000

- Featured on the school's two Facebook pages (with a combined list of almost 1,500 connections) during the auction.
- Featured in one of the weekly school newsletters.
- Listed as Premier Partner on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

SUPPORTER - \$250

- Listed as Supporter on the Handbid auction website; bidders view each time they open the website over those two weeks to bid. The site can display a company logo or your business name.

Sponsorship questions? Please contact Michelle Matuszewski, auction volunteer, at matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com or 618.973.3493. Deadline to submit sponsor information is Wednesday, March 1 2023.

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**Making
Disciples
for Life**



**NATIONAL
LUTHERAN
SCHOOLS WEEK** 2023

Matthew 28:18-20

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be participating in the National Lutheran Schools Week for January 21-28. The following is the schedule of events. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

Monday, January 23 - Theme: Making Children Disciples for Life

Dress up: Wear your favorite team apparel (jerseys, hats, etc.)

Science Fair Night in the gym from 6:30-7:30

Tuesday, January 24 - Theme: Making Families Disciples for Life

Dress up: Comfy Cozy Day

Movie Day - each class will have a movie in their room

Wednesday, January 25 - Theme: Making Disciples for Life in the Church

Dress up: Mismatch Day

Assembly - Juggling Jeff in the gym at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 26 - Theme: Celebrating Disciples Who are Making Disciples for Life

Dress up: Career Day

Spelling Bee: Begins at 9:00 in the church - more info to come

Friday, January 27 - Theme: Making Disciples of All Nations for Life

Dress up: Country Day (dress from your favorite country, country western, country club)

Faculty v. 8th Grade Volleyball Game - 2:15 p.m. in the gym