



Good Shepherd Charger News

"CHOSEN" 1 Peter 12:9-10

All School Newsletter
January 20, 2023

Charger Headlines...

Calendar of Events

Saturday, Jan. 21-Friday, Jan. 27

- National Lutheran Schools Week

Sunday, January 22

- Faculty sings and band plays in both church services

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

- Girls Basketball AC @ Trinity Edwardsville 6:00 p.m.
- Boys Basketball A Team SIJHSAA Tourney 6:15 p.m. @ St. Boniface, Edwardsville vs. St. Paul, Highland

Thursday, January 26

- Chapel Service 8:25 a.m. (Gr 2-8)
- Chapel Service 8:50 a.m. (ECC-Gr. 1)
- Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m. in church
- Girls Basketball AC Home vs. Zion Belleville 7:00 p.m., 8th Grade Night

Friday, January 27

- Boys Basketball AC Home vs Holy Cross 6:00 p.m., 8th Grade Night

Sunday, January 29

- Open House for Prospective Students 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information:
gslcs.org/calendars



OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

GSLs will be holding an Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Preschool through Grade 8. Invite your friends and neighbors to tour the school, meet our teachers, and find out more about Good Shepherd and all it has to offer!



GOOD SHEPHERD NIGHT AT PAPA JOHN'S (Beltline)

Order from Papa John's on **Monday, January 30th** and up to 25% of your order will be donated back to our school! Offer valid only at the 501 Beltline location. Call or order online at PAPAJOHNS.COM. Enter our promo code online, SSG005, or mention Good Shepherd when ordering.



GSLs RESALE SHOP

Mark you calendar for the **GSLs Uniform Resale Shop** being held on **Saturday, February 4th** from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the school cafeteria. Setup will be on **Friday, February 3rd, 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 Terry at 314-809-4258 to volunteer to help.



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.



LIFETOUCH SPRING PICTURES

Lifetouch will be taking spring pictures of our Preschool and Kindergarten students on Thursday, February 2nd. Grades 1-8 pictures will be taken on Friday, February 3rd. Standardized dress is **not** required for spring pictures. You can order online using our school ID - EVTOWN7R3
Basketball and Cheerleading Pictures will also be on Friday at 7:00 a.m.



Charger Headlines Continued...

PASTOR'S CORNER

Worship services on Saturday at 5:30 pm

Worship Services on Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with Bible Study at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The teachers will be singing at all three services as we begin National Lutheran School's Week.

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.**

SPELLING BEE

This year's spelling bee will be in the church sanctuary beginning after chapel (9:00 a.m.) The order of participants will be: 7th & 8th, 6th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Parents are welcome to attend.

6-WEEK STEM CLASS FOR 2ND & 3RD GRADERS

We are looking for an adult assistant (or two) for a possible afterschool STEM program. Sound like you? If interested, please contact the office for more information. No technical aptitude or experience required! We are planning for the class to be held on Thursdays starting Feb 23rd through March 30th from 3:15 to 4:15. An enthusiastic GSLS parent is ready to lead the class (who is a mechanical engineer) and has plenty of materials to make (and brake) things. Another adult is required to make this class a reality. Please contact the school today to volunteer!

CHARGER BUCKS-SCRIP PROGRAM - Check this Out!

- Fresh Thyme Market is now available in \$25 and \$100 amounts
- 5% earnings on gift cards to MotoMart (can be used at all locations).
- Visa gift cards can be used to pay bills or pay any vendor that accepts VISA.
- Starbucks Fans - Load your Scrip purchased gift cards into your Starbucks app and receive benefits from both!
- Pay your Kohl's charge with Scrip purchased gift cards.

50% of your credits earned may go toward the reduction of your tuition or you may donate your credits toward Good Shepherd Lutheran School's General Fund. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Something to Consider...

Right Choices

Will God tell me if I'm making the right choices?

I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother. Philemon 1:10-12,16

Why are the right choices often the hardest ones to make? It would not be easy for Onesimus to return to the master from whom he had stolen money and run away. Onesimus' owner, Philemon, had to decide whether to take his runaway slave back as a fellow believer. Paul advised both men to make the right choices. When you know the right thing to do, God will confirm it deep in your heart, and other trusted people around you will agree with it. It may not make it easier, but knowing what is right can give you the courage to do it. The Bible calls this wisdom, which comes from the Word of God.

Blessings on your 2023!

Robert Mayhew, Principal



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 Daniel L., Ayden LP., Alexis M., Bhavneet S., Hailey S., Natalie S., Rylen T. and Vanessa V.

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...

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

The 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

Send in your class basket items now!

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.)



2023-2024 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 opened 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. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew.



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.

MELHS OPEN HOUSE

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come tour the campus, meet the teachers, chat with administrators and get answers to your questions about everything from academics to extracurriculars to tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email



Celebrating **39** Years of Christian Education

**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 Disciplers 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



**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 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 4 weekly school newsletters the month following the auction.
- Listed as a 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.

Tier Two Sponsorship - \$500

- Featured on the school's public Facebook page during the auction.
- Featured in 1 weekly newsletter the month following the auction.
- Listed as a Silver Sponsor 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 a 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.

Tax ID: 37-0841452

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School

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

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www.gslcs.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

Pastor:
Michael Watter
618-44-3151

Principal:
Robert Mayhew
618-344-3153

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?

You or your company is invited to help us by:

- Donating items or services to the auction.
- Donating cash for the cause

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 donations 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.

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K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- <https://online.factsmt.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.