



# Good Shepherd Charger News

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All School Newsletter  
January 6, 2023

## Charger Headlines...

### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, January 8

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

#### Monday, January 9

- Girls Basketball AC vs Holy Cross,  
Collinsville 6:00 p.m. Band Plays

#### Monday, January 9-20

- GSLS Change Drive

#### Tuesday, January 10

- Boys Basketball AC @ Zion Belleville  
6:00 p.m.  
- Girls Basketball A Team Class S  
SIJHSAA Regional Tourney @ St. Paul  
Catholic Grade School, Highland vs. St.  
Boniface, Edwardsville 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, January 12

- Chapel 8:25 a.m. Gr.2-8  
- Chapel 8:50 a.m. ECC-Gr. 1  
- Boys Basketball AC @ Trinity,  
Edwardsville 6:00 p.m.  
- Girls Basketball AC Home vs Trinity,  
Edwardsville 6:00 p.m., Band Plays

#### Saturday, January 14

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

#### Monday, January 16

- NO SCHOOL, MLK Holiday

For more information:  
[gslcs.org/calendars](https://gslcs.org/calendars)



### 2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL 2022-2023

#### High Honor Roll with Distinction

8th Grade: Isaak B., Grayson G., Dean H., Grace P., Kaitlyn Pe., Kaitlyn Pi.,  
Alex R., Ben S., Connor S., Natalie T., Autumn W.

7th Grade: Marion H., Lauren K., Dylan L., Calista S., Lily W., Bradley W.,  
Josie W.

#### High Honor Roll

8th Grade: Anna A., Bradley D., Lilly G., Emily K., Hayden S., Jacob S.

7th Grade: Conner L., Ryan P., Owen T., Teagan W.

6th Grade: Robert A., Matthew B., Brayden B., Rory D., Liam D., Brodie F.,  
Caroline F., Kaleb G., Cooper I., Elle J., Prabhgun K., August K.,  
Sydney L., Meghan M., Caleb M., Reeve M., Jake R., Hunter S.,  
Alyssa S., Chance S., Noah W., Cali W., Jack Z.

5th Grade: Will B., Isabella B., Caleb B., Matti C., Owen C., Zion C., Ella F.,  
Myla G., Agnes H., Sydney H., David K., Alexis K., Jacob K., Elise L.,  
Natalie M., Violet M., Katherine M., Piper M., Charlotte P., Nate P.,  
Caroline S., Levi T., Adalie T., Amelia W., Isaiah W.

#### Honor Roll

8th Grade: Ava G., Andrew L.

7th Grade: Wyatt K., Brady R.

6th Grade: Nolen P., Donovan T.

5th Grade: Daphne F., Nathan G., Ava H., Sephora L., Parker L., Brayden P.,  
Kaelyn S., Adrian V.

### 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 will be available on January 18th at 6:30 p.m.** This is a time-stamped event. Go to [www.empowerillinois.org](http://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." An email with a link for you to sign up for your time will be available later this month. This event will be extremely helpful if you are not familiar with the process.

# Charger Headlines Continued...

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Join us for Adult Bible Study on Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m. All are welcome. We meet in the church lower-level at 9:15 a.m. We also have Bible study for all ages, infants to high school. This Sunday all our classes will be studying the Baptism and the Temptation of Jesus.



## 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

## GSLCS CHANGE DRIVE

The Good Shepherd Lutheran School Change Drive will be held Monday, January 9th through Friday, January 20th. Please consider donating your change to this cause. (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.)



## CHARGER BUCKS - SCRIP

Weekly orders will be placed on Jan. 9th, 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!

## 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 GSLCS! 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. Pass the word!

## 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.



## 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 Sydney H., David K., Elise L., Sephora L., Natalie M., and Charlotte P.

Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving.

## Something to Consider...

**The End and the Beginning**  
What should I stop doing and what should I start doing in order to end this year well and begin the new year?

**May I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Revelation 21:6**

**Stop looking back with regret. Stop thinking you can't overcome a bad habit or addiction. Stop thinking God doesn't care. Stop blaming yourself or others. Stop doing what you know you should not do. Stop doing too much. Stop doing too little. Start each day with God in prayer and Bible reading. Start showing more grace and forgiveness. Start a good new habit. Start obeying more grace and forgiveness. Start repairing hurt relationships. Start trusting God to show up in your life every day. This is a good time to commit to stopping and starting and to remembering that God is the one constant that will never change all year. He loves you and will always be at your side. May God bless you on your continuing adventure with him in the coming year.**

**Blessings on your New Year!**  
**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...

### HAT, SCARF, AND MITTEN TREE

So many warm hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves were received! Children and adults in our community were blessed by your generosity! The teachers from Head Start were genuinely thrilled to receive them for their kids. The Collinsville Food Pantry was having their annual giveaway the next weekend, so they were excited to be able to include your donations with the food! On behalf of each of them, sincerest thanks!



### SPRING PICTURE DAY

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 will be sent home next week or you can order online using our school ID: EVTDWN7R3

### YOUNG AUTHORS BOOKS

Information can be found on the counter in the school office for any student interested in writing a Young Authors book. Deadline for entry is January 31, 2023. Happy writing!

### GOOD SHEPHERD 1/4 ZIP FLEECE AND POM CAPS

Purchase your new fleece and pom caps in the school office now!



### GSLs 39th VIRTUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

The 2023 Annual Benefit Auction, our school's largest fundraiser, is quickly approaching! The online auction begins on 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.

There are a variety of ways to help with the Auction. **To find out more, please plan to come to the auction meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.** We hope to see you there! Unable to attend the meeting, but willing to help? Please contact Michelle Matuszewski at 618-973-3493 or [matuszewski.michelle@gmail.com](mailto: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.)

*Celebrating* **39** *Years of Christian Education*



# 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](http://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](mailto:mgersman@lesastl.org)

Website: [lesastl.org](http://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!



1<sup>st</sup> level

Free bottoms  
w/standardized shirt

2<sup>nd</sup> level

Pajama day

3<sup>rd</sup> level

Free dress/Hat day





# Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 39<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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